

Tuolumne County Health Care & Safety Coalition

– Evacuation & Shelter Workgroup –

Meeting Minutes 5/16/2019

In Attendance:

Item	Discussion
Welcome & Introductions	Began meeting at 2:40 PM. Those in attendance had introduced themselves at the regular HCSC meeting. Michelle reminded those in attendance that this working group was formed out of the larger coalition to focus on sheltering and evacuation issues.
Report on Fire Safety & Evacuation Community Meetings by Liz Peterson	Seven meetings were held in March and April and over 800 people attended all together. The main message included things the community can do to prepare themselves. CalFire presented on hardening your home, defensible space, etc. The Sheriff's Office talked about evacuations and how they work. SO is responsible for evacuations but works in collaboration with fire departments. The Sheriff will not predesignate evacuate routes. Evacuations will happen earlier and more often. Community members were encouraged to sign-up for the Citizen Alert program: https://member.everbridge.net/index/1332612387832200#/login Animal Control spoke about preparing pets and livestock, but also prioritizing personal and family safety over livestock. Forest Service spoke about the many projects they're doing to protect our communities. Sonora PD and FD participated in the meeting(s) in Sonora; they will work with the County to share messaging during disasters. There is an effort for local communities to become Fire Wise. ICES, Red Cross, CERT, and the Fire Safe Council all had tables with information. GIS staff put together maps of 22 communities. Community members are encouraged to print the map for their neighborhood and to identify various evacuation routes: https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/1169/Community-Maps
State Shelter Site Assessment	Red Cross will be putting on a shelter training for the County and partners during the last week of May. Cal DSS started an initiative in April to identify the top ten shelters in each county. Engineers come on site visit to determine where portable bathrooms and showers can be placed, what kind of hookups they need, etc. An aerial map is made of each facility. Will be visiting Tuolumne County in June, hopefully.
Closing Information	Suzan shared that Infant Child Enrichment is part of a statewide network of child resources and referral agencies. Some other agencies have been putting on full day trainings on preparedness for childcare facilities and families so they can hear about resources available to them. Would love to do one in Tuolumne County.

2019 Meetings/Calendar. Regular meetings scheduled every other month.
HCSC website: www.TuolumneHCSC.com

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