

Minutes for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council (LBNC)  
Special Joint (EP) Emergency Preparedness/EP Communications and LBNC Board Meeting  
Flyaway Bus Terminal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Community Meeting Room  
Saturday, November 9, 2019, 9:00 AM

1. **Call to Order** at 9:10 AM by Committee Chair, Linda Pruett. There were 20 people in attendance. Instructions were given to the scribe.
2. **Welcome – Introductions.** Attendees were asked to give their name, community they are from, CERT training level, Red Cross and other affiliations, and Ham radio call sign. **Minutes:** 09/14/2019 were unanimously accepted as corrected May 11, 2019 minutes are outstanding.
3. **Committee Reports**
  - a. LAPD SLOs were not available.
  - b. Public Safety, Chair James Brown, was not available.
  - c. EP Communications – Dan Tomlinson was not available. Linda Pruett reminded of the FRD/GMRS and Ham Net check-in each Sunday morning.

**Confirmation of Emergency Preparedness Committee Members – Linda Pruett**

Dave Brown	Rick Pederson
Michelle Dornfest	Mary Pennomon
Bill Hopkins	Linda Pruett
Sandy Joseph	Linda Schwering
Gary Kay	Dan Tomlinson
Heidi Okuhara	

4. **Public Comments Non-Agenda Items**
  - a. Brent Lowensohn – He lives in the S.E. Valley and received notice of possible evacuation during the Basin fire. A result of attending the Valley Disaster Preparedness fair, he purchased Thermo Gel. Apply with a garden hose or pump as a retardant. A kit covers 2,500 square feet.
  - b. Sandy Joseph – She also received a Basin fire. It was the first time she was prepared for FIRE. Fortunately, evacuation was not necessary.
  - c. Linda Pruett – Food drive at SOS store from 9/3 - 11/30/19. Donate 20 canned food items and receive a 15% product discount.
  - d. Heidi Bokhara– KTLA5’s Rich on Tech recently featured a phone attachment that allows satellite messaging when cell signals are lost (see SatPag.com).
  - e. Bill Haller – He announced he is running for Council District 6. He has his petition and hopes to be on the 2020 ballot for L. A. City Council.
  - f. Dave Brown – Fine mesh stainless steel cut to fit outdoor home vents helps to keep ash from fires from reaching the attic.  
October 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Northridge Fashion Center, 9400 Shirley Avenue

5. **Multiple Programs**

**a. October 12, 2019 Valley Disaster Fair Review – Bill Hopkins**

The Saturday Fair was preceded on Thursday by large wildfires, evacuations, and highway/road closures. The Salvation Army was deployed and not available for food service. The Fire Department was absent and working the fires. Some exhibitors were not available, but there were many good displays.

Approximately 4,000 people attended. Free family EP kits were distributed. Although air quality had improved, N95 dust masks were made available to those attending.

Michelle Dornfest reported that featured speakers LAPD Chief Michael Moore, and Diana & William of C.E.M. P. were able to attend; excellent speakers, and TV coverage.

Next year, the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is scheduled for 10/10/2020.

**b. EP Emergency Evacuation Binder – Linda Pruett**

An example of an Emergency Go Binder was displayed passed around to attendees for viewing. Templates for binder pages can be printed at home. Go to: [www.foodstoragemoms.com](http://www.foodstoragemoms.com) and scroll down to the emergency binder pages. Make a great tool having important information needed in case of disaster or evacuation.

**c. Brent's Box – Brent Lowensohn**

Attendees were given the opportunity to review his newly-patented item. This is a system to help in emergencies. It is an Emergency Response Kit Box. This 'box' has sub-container module boxes. Each module is identifiable: ICS, Operations, Logistics, Planning, and Administration. Vest, cards, action instructions, and an Organization Chart are included. A multipage detailed booklet was distributed for review. Funding and marketing of this item is still needed, as well as for fabrication and distribution. Discussion followed. The feedback was positive.

**d. EP Items for the Holidays – Jeff Edelstein, SOS Survival Store**

Jeff brought several items to consider for gift giving: pet kits, collapsible water bowls, car leash, pre-made EP kits (about \$25), Zombie kits (starting at \$40) solar panel Biolite 5 and portable charger. Stocking stuffer ideas: window break/seat belt cutter, radio, storage bags (\$6-7), energy bars (\$1.00 ea.), Power zone Bright Light (\$40), and dust masks.

Emergency preparedness classes make great gifts for the holidays. Update food and water supplies annually.

Text 888777 to sign up for alerts in order to be prepared to evacuate. A SOS gift guide and evacuation check list were distributed. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual SOS Parking Lot Sale is scheduled for April 24 and 25, 2020.

6. **Remember the Animals** - Operation Blankets of Love. Linda Pruett reminded the group to bring contributions of clean/new blankets and towels for dogs and cats in the Shelters, and also for pets owned by the Homeless. Other needed items: collars, leashes, food and treats, stainless steel food bowls, crates, igloos, carriers, and other cat and dog related items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Schwering

**Next Meeting is Saturday, December 14th, 9 AM at the Fan Nuys Flyaway**

**Please note: No meeting in January 2020**