

Venice Community Resiliency Committee
Report on Preparedness Progress
August 24, 2019

Keith Harrison Chair of the Venice Community Resiliency Committee (VCRC) participated in the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA) Meeting at the the LA City Emergency Operations Center on Saturday 8/24/19. This report focuses on areas involving the Mayor's emergency preparedness initiative to support Neighborhood Councils to become disaster resilient and how the LA Emergency Management Department (LA EMD) and Department On Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) intend to implement the initiative. In addition it reports the status of the Venice Neighborhood Council's VCRC program and accomplishments as compared to the overall City of Los Angeles initiative.

LA EMD is emphasizing Ready Your Los Angeles Neighborhood (RYLAN) as the initial means to support Neighborhood Council (NC) emergency preparedness. LA EMD planning requirements for NCs are summarized below:

- **Promote RYLAN at all NC meetings and community events.**
- **Identify NC Preparedness Officer.**
- **Familiarize NC with RYLAN Website.**
- **Shadow EMD Staff at RYLAN Orientations**
- **Plan or hold a Block Party to introduce RYLAN to NC members.**
- **Conduct signups for RYLAN Orientation Meetings**
- **Identify RYLAN Orientation Trainers for Train the Trainer training in January 2020**
- **Register for Train the Trainer January 2020.**

The VNC through the VCRC has already achieved or is in process of achieving the previously outlined actions as follows:

Promote RYLAN at all NC meetings and community events:

RYLAN Orientations made at a Venice Neighborhood Committee Meeting and a VNC Board Meeting. RYLAN materials distributed at Venice Holiday Sign Lighting 12/18 and National Night Out 7/19.

Identify NC Preparedness Officer:

Subsequent to the meeting VNC President appointed VCRC Chair Keith Harrison as the VNC Preparedness Officer.

Familiarize NC with RYLAN Website:

VCRC Chair and Co Chair and members are familiar with the site.

Shadow EMD Staff at RYLAN Orientations:

VCRC Chair and Co Chair have accomplished this.

Plan or hold a Block Party to introduce RYLAN to NC members:

RYLAN will be featured at planned Emergency Preparedness Town Halls 9/26/19 and 10/3/19.

Conduct signups for RYLAN Orientation Meetings:

Planned for Emergency Preparedness Town Halls

Identify RYLAN Orientation Trainers for Train the Trainer training in January 2020

VCRC Chair polled members of VCRC for interest with good results.

Register for Train the Trainer training January 2020.

VCRC Chair has declared interest. Action pending specific on training by EMD.

LA EMD's plan is definitely incremental. It is based upon first the promotion of existing RYLAN training which consists of an Orientation Meeting, a Neighborhood Workshop, which is the actual planning meeting, and then an exercise of the Neighborhood Plan. Currently, all these events are taught by a small cadre of EMD staff. The change is in recruiting NC volunteers who will only conduct the Orientation Meeting with the promise that they will later be trained to do the Workshops and Exercise.

The designation of a NC Preparedness Officer is key to implementing this program. The NC Preparedness Officer is the authorized NC representative to EMD and DONE to coordinate train the trainer for RYLAN and other support for NC emergency Preparedness and resiliency programs.

As outlined before, the VCRC as part of the VNC has either achieved or is positioned to achieve all of the required actions in the EMD Plan.

The VCRC is dedicated to continue its progress towards assisting the VNC and the whole Venice Community to become disaster resilient.