



**OperationOC  
Monthly Operational Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 3, 2011**

Meeting Location: Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope, Tustin, CA

**Attendance**

Andrew McCardell, Anaheim First Christian Church; **Annie and John Hung, Saddleback Church/Lake Forest**; Bernie Koch, The Crossing; Bob Wright, Second Harvest Food Bank; Charlotte & Dennis Duffy, Yorba Linda Friends Church/Friends Disaster; Don Thorpe, Calvary Chapel West Grove; Jason Wickham, The Coalition of OC Community Health Centers; Jim Russell, Refuge Calvary; Joey Beason, Cottonwood Church; John Daniel, OperationOC; John Salinas, Catholic Charities of OC; John White, St. John Neumann Catholic Church; Judy Cole, Hope Force/OperationOC; Karen Thompson, OperationOC; **Kristine Ulit, Newport Harbor Lutheran Church**; Lee Sandusky, Mariners Church; **Linda Pringle, Vineyard Community Church**; Lori Mayfield, NPSC; Peter Allen, Hope Force; Robert Ward, Vineyard Christian Fellowship Anaheim; Rodney Jennings, Vineyard Christian Fellowship Anaheim; Roger Tierney, Focus OC ; Ryan Beihl, Saddleback Church/Anaheim; **Tami Day, Lutheran Church of Resurrection/Huntington Beach**; Tino Suffi, Vineyard Christian Fellowship Anaheim; Tom Cowart, Christian Mission Church; Valerie Wolf, OperationOC; Vicki McGuinness, OperationOC/Hope Force International; Vincent Gerace, St. John Neumann Catholic Church; (**Bold** = new)

**Welcome, Introductions**

Request was made to update the DP&RP Service matrix sheet. Future updates can be provided online in the DP&RP Shared Dropbox folder.

Request was made for partners who have not yet submitted the Plan of Cooperation to speak to church leadership about formalizing their participation in the Partnership. The written agreement is a significant preparedness step, communicating the strength of the Partnership to the Orange County Operational Area.

All partners are requested to complete Live Scan background check (free at OCRM) and photo ID for badges; contact [Vicki](#) to schedule an appointment.

All partners are encouraged to complete [ICS-100](#) for an overview of the Incident Command System and to get ready for **ICS Jeopardy at next month's meeting!**

**Training** – The full training calendar is available at [www.operationoc.org/Training.aspx](http://www.operationoc.org/Training.aspx)

Partners are encouraged to notify Vicki of any SoCal training opportunities for posting on the website.

ICS 100 & 200 in-person class offered at NPSC in San Juan Capistrano October 26-27 from 9-5 & again on November 12 & 13. To register, email Lori Mayfield or call 800-513-4014.

CPR /AED training: Sat, October 22, 8:30am – 2pm at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Huntington Beach. Call for space availability, 714-962-5005.

## Reports

Irvine Disaster Prep Expo took place in September at the Irvine LDS church. Partners reported the event was informative and well organized with an estimated attendance of 1,500.

Hope Force Training: Vincent Gerace shared his experience, including how attendees were encouraged to challenge how they view themselves in order to be better prepared to help others in need.

Potential 2012 trainings: February – available if your church wishes to host, November – Long Beach. If your church is interested in hosting, email [Vicki](#).

Citizen Preparedness Drill: Roger Tierney of Focus OC reported that the event was successful in bringing several organizations together for practice in providing mass feeding, medical and search and rescue activities.

National Preparedness Month: Several partners reported activities and exercises held at their facilities.

## Planning

Partners with a designated Program Coordinator for the Salvation Army *Preparing Together* program (<http://www.preparingtogether.org>) will be provided with a free 1<sup>st</sup> Starter Kit. Contact [Vicki](#) if you are interested.

Partners were strongly encouraged to [register](#) for and participate in **The Great California ShakeOut**, 10/20 at 10:20 am.

## Upcoming Meetings

COAD-OC, Thurs, Oct 13, 10a – 12n, Red Cross, 600 N Parkcenter Dr, Rm 208, SA; enter on N side of bldg  
Roger Tierney spoke about the benefits of attending this informational meeting and joining COAD-OC (Collaborating Organizations Active in Disaster-Orange County) to establish partnerships between government and community-based organizations. Members will be allowed to gain access to the restricted area of the new COAD website which will provide information on plans, training, etc. Membership applications were available.

OCEMO, Thurs, Nov. 3, 9a-12n, location TBD. Information on how the county works in a disaster. Attendees include emergency managers from cities and special districts. Partners are encouraged to get to know your city emergency managers.

## Announcements

Monthly radio net, 4 pm today

CESA Annual Statewide Conference, Oct. 3-6, San Diego

4th Annual South Orange County Disaster Preparedness Expo, October 22, 9am – 12pm.

Located at Village on the Greens at Oso Viejo Park, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo.

This is a big event and a good way to network. OperationOC will have a booth at this expo.

27th annual Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Academy, Oct. 26, Anaheim Conv. Center.

A limited number of \$50 [scholarships](#) are available; limit one (1) per church or school.

Bruno Serato from Anaheim White House Restaurant is a finalist for the CNN Heroes Top 10 (remarkable everyday people changing the world) with a grand prize of \$250,000 for their charity. He has been providing meals to homeless children for years. He has also awarded fund raising luncheons worth \$4000 to local charities 1/wk over several years. Partners are encouraged to vote for Bruno or another favorite finalist at [http://heroes.cnn.com/vote\\_en.aspx](http://heroes.cnn.com/vote_en.aspx). Can vote 10x/day until Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Announcement Round Table

Don Thorpe suggested focusing on teaching members of the congregation to provide for themselves by learning to shelter in place, thus allowing churches focus on the community

Lori Mayfield spoke about her recent deployment with Samaritan's Purse related to the New Jersey floods to assist with rebuilding damaged homes. She was also able to provide crisis intervention counseling as a chaplain.

Joey Beason discussed Samaritan's Purse and their provision of tools and materials to teams in Japan to assist with the recovery effort. He also shared Cottonwood Church's ShakeOut event.

Don Thorpe will be presenting a disaster preparedness event at Calvary Chapel West Grove on 11/5/11.

Tami Day announced that Lutheran Church of Resurrection/Huntington Beach will be providing CRR and AED training in October. See training above.

Annie and John Hung asked for prayers for support and safety for their upcoming mission to Taiwan to children in prisons where they share the gospel and give hope.

Roger Tierney mentioned the OCHCA sponsored POD flu clinics planned for 10/21/11 in Anaheim, Placentia and Dana Point. First come first served.

Charlotte & Dennis Duffy discussed Yorba Linda Friends Church's pledge for 200 schools in India and the work YLFC is doing to help other churches develop disaster response teams. They will be presenting a workshop on the topic at the Red Cross DPA on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bernie Koch discussed The Crossing's plan to surprise all church staff with an earthquake simulation prior to the ShakeOut to motivate preparedness.

John White reported that those who use St. John Neumann facilities will be provided emergency information and staff members will be provided with an emergency kit for their cars in preparation for ShakeOut.

Jim Russell spoke about Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. Call 714-432-7030 for information related to Orange County opportunities.

Lee Sandusky spoke about the role of ham (amateur) radio operators in emergency situations and encouraged partners to take classes if interested. He will notify Vicki of upcoming classes to be posted to the website.

### **Adjourn to Chapel**

Discussion regarding the placement of the most recent month's minutes on [www.operationoc.org](http://www.operationoc.org). It was decided to post the minutes in two places on the Monthly Meeting page: Minutes from Latest Meeting and Archive.

Vicki demonstrated the My Safe LA video and the ShakeOut Drill Manual for Nonprofits, both available at <http://www.shakeout.org/resources/> in preparation for the Great California ShakeOut, 10:20 am on 10/20. All participated in a mock earthquake exercise.

Vicki discussed using [Dropbox](#) for disaster communication. OpOC documents will be stored in a shared folder on Dropbox. Documents will include a directory of DP&RP members and areas of service (service matrix), the OpOC EOC phone directory, ICS chart, Plan of Cooperation, Framework, and more. You can open a Dropbox account free online. To gain access to the OpOC documents, you must be listed as a contact on the DP&RP Service Matrix. An invitation will be sent to those who have completed the Partner Info Sheet and are, therefore, listed on the matrix.

### **Prayer Update/Needs**

Joanne Gray – family health issues

Stephanie Neu's brother

John and Annie Hung for mission to Taiwan

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Next Operational Meeting: **Monday, Nov. 7**, 12 noon-2:00 pm, at the Village of Hope Chapel