



Directors and Sector Chiefs Training October 7, 2024, Foothill Center

Welcome and Roll Call

Mike welcomed everyone at 9 am and explained that David Cook will take roll call by radio and Marie will keep a written record. First, Mike showed two videos on proper radio use. As the Communications Team radioed each sector, David verbally checked to verify that their radio batteries were working. He asked for Sectors 1-9 to go first, then 10-17, and finally 18-25 so there would not be a lot of background noise. There were 52 members present. Directors approved by the Club Board who attended are Mike Ramer, Fran Schumaker, Odette Rojas, Parthenia Hicks, Mike Gilbert, Ken Colaizzi, Daniel Grim, Irene Brown-Grim, Jean Corrigan, Linda McMullen, and Marie Colaizzi.

Villages Alert System

Mike explained that there are 474 volunteers in EPC, that 439 have been added to Cobalt, and 355 alerts were delivered. Of these 355, only 122 were opened within the first 30 minutes, by 5:45 pm 258 volunteers had opened the "emergency" alert. There is a lot of work to do to make this Alert system effective. First, all EPC members need to download the Villages app from the Apple or pertinent store for their phone. Mike verbally instructed how to set up the Village notifications to activate the alert on an iPhone and Android phone. He explained that Villagers could also go on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-4 pm to a WOW session at one of the Cribari card rooms to learn how to activate the alert; or, they could call Sabrina Malcolmson but need their Apple ID first. He said there will be another test alert within two weeks and before the EPC Annual Drill on Monday, 10/21. There is no voice option currently.

EPC Annual Drill

On Monday, October 21, at 4:00 pm EPC will send out an alert to begin the drill. He asked people to please not start early. Please tell everyone the drill will start at 4 pm. If you do not get an alert, please come anyway. We will not have scenarios set up this year. It will be a straight drill where you send out Area Reps and fill out forms. Please initially turn the radio on, wait for Roll Call from the VEOC, and send out your Area Reps. Please attend the Post-Drill Evaluation to be held in the Cribari Auditorium and ask your Area Reps to attend. Question: In a real emergency, is that how we do it? The answer is yes. Question: When we check out, how do we know if other sectors need help? The answer is do not leave, ask VEOC if help is needed elsewhere. If so, sign your Area Reps out on the In/Out sheet. When they arrive at the other sector to help, they need to sign in there. If you are a Sector Chief who needs help, please call VEOC and ask for help - "very short on staff." The VEOC will figure it out and get back to you with a solution.

Question: Are there Sectors without a Sector Chief? Yes, Sector 5 but they do have Area Reps. Mike asked a nearby sector, Sector 6, to help if possible. Question: Where do volunteers park in Cribari for the Post Drill Evaluation? The answer is to park on the streets and the two lots.

Mike clarified that, in a real emergency, if you have someone who needs immediate attention, please call 911, call the Sector Chief or the nearest AID Station. You are each other's best allies in an emergency. Also, if you need a replacement radio, we will have them at the VEOC at Cribari. If the radio is not working, please go to a nearby sector to report.

Next meeting will be November 11, 9 am, in Foothill Center.

Training concluded at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McMullen
EPC Recorder/Administration