



Directors' and Sector Chiefs' Training April 8, 2024, Foothill Center

Mike Ramer welcomed everyone, and asked Bob Dolci to do Roll Call. There were 44 people present. Directors present who have been approved by CBOD were Mike Ramer, Ed Munoz, Amy Meier, Fran Schumaker, Jean Corrigan, Mike Gilbert, Daniel Grim, Irene Browne-Grim, and Andrea Butler.

New Aid Stations

Ed thanked Diane, and Daniel and Irene Grim, for their help in getting the stations purchased and set up. Last week on Thursday and Friday installation began for Aid Stations in Sectors 1-13. The Grims transferred everything that was in the Stations and that was a big task. We thank them very much for their hard work. There are now 13 Stations up. The Club Board approved \$50,000 for these stations. The next stations will be put up in Sectors 14-25 and installed near the end of April and beginning of May. This size and style is something that Tuff Shed does not normally do so we are a Beta test. If this works out they will sell these size and types of sheds to the public. The stations themselves are fire resistant (not fireproof), leak proof, have new foundations and are brand new. In Aid Stations 11-13 shelves were not put on quite right so they will be corrected by Tuff Shed. Mike clarified that the canopy could not stand up on the shed. You can't see it but because of the slight slope inside it could not stand up. They decided to put it on the bottom.

Ed added that Mario from The Villages helped us out with installation, and he shepherded these through - many thanks to him. So, when you get an opportunity, those in Sectors 11-25 who do not have a Station yet, go check out the new Aid Stations 1-10! Question: Are the shelves adjustable? Mike - No. Question: I noticed in ours that the cribbing blocks were no longer there. Can you explain why? Mike: That is correct. We have been asked not to do that kind of work so that has been removed. Question: Was Sector 6's station moved to the new location? Mike - Yes, both Sectors 3 and 6 new stations were placed in the new locations. Question: Is this the same size as the one by the tennis courts? Mike said Where the canopy is located it would be difficult to take out and put back. Yes, you do have to move all those bins first. I know that is a pain, the only other option would have been to take everything out of the shed each time you put up the canopy. For most of our drills we are not using the canopies, it makes better sense to have more access to the bins than have the canopy accessible. Question: Is there a way to make it accessible on one of the shelves or to just pull it out? My suggestion is to go to the Aid Station, that it is not really possible. Every inch of space is pretty much used because they built it to meet our needs precisely. Question: Do we need to label the bins so that we can see them on shelves? Mike - Yes. Question: Bob Dolci said the initial plan was to have solar on the top of the shed. Is that still the plan? Mike - we are still talking about that. The solar pack needs to be replaced periodically and is very expensive, so it is more cost effective to replace the batteries in the Aid Station. Question: Is there a stretcher in the Aid Station? Mike - No, there is not, there is one in the VEOC so if needed you can radio in and request it. Daniel: There is a tarp inside the Station but no handle to carry someone. Richard, you are missing that item and most of the other stations have that item.

Recruitment

Mike shared we now have a team of 9 people to go into The Villages and knock on doors. We are using the new process in Cribari, have completed Sectors 14, 15, most of 16, half of 17 and moving on to Sector 18. We distribute the surveys and 4-5 days later we pick them up. Each team of two gets a list of names and addresses. It has worked a lot better this way. I went to one door and she handed the survey to me and said she is a registered nurse, how can she help? Immediately I contacted our medical team and said I think we have a good one. Cribari is huge. So now we have partners going out and meeting new people. Mike plans to do one orientation for the whole Cribari village. We have not seen many people coming to the orientations so he hopes by sending out 500 invites we will get a room full of people.

Suggestion: You might put the survey in their newspaper tubes. Mike – Cribari does not have newspaper tubes. I suggested putting under the door mat but then it rained so I am glad they didn't. I think it works better going door to door. Max I spend 5 minutes at a door.

Ed asked how many Sector Chiefs have had **Area Rep meetings** by a show of hands. How many have a plan to meet? Bob D. answered they did not get many responses from the phone so they will go door to door. Ed asked if they had any tips to lure them in. Suggestion made to have meetings in evening for those who work, and Ed agreed it might be useful if you have quite a few who work. Someone said they go out on Sunday afternoon and get a good response then. Ed said great, whatever works to get them up to date. Something to keep in mind.

Villages is hosting a **Club Expo on May 4** in Cribari Auditorium. This is an opportunity for clubs and committees to talk with people and answer questions about their Club. We will have a table that day and Diane and Ed will be working it. Hopefully, you can stop by and check it out. What time is the Expo? 10am -1pm.

For the **Emergency Preparedness Fair**, what has been done? It will be on August 10, 1-4 pm. We have reserved the auditorium, conference room and a couple of meeting rooms for presentations. The following are committed: Kaiser, PG&E, CalFire, Red Cross, San Jose Muni, CADRE, Department of Environmental Health, Villages Sustainability Committee and VMA. They are still looking for a contact at Office of Emergency Management/CERT and San Jose PD so if anyone has information on who to talk to there please come see me after the meeting. They are still trying to reach out to Station 11. Someone asked Mike to repeat the list and asked what CADRE is. Some said it is an organization much like EPC but out in the neighborhoods of San Jose. Question: Is that San Jose Muni golf course? Laughs! We are trying to get door prizes with go bags. We want to open one up and show what people should have in their own bag. Question: Do we have speakers? They are working on speakers. We reserved two rooms and plan to have the speakers there. Earthquake presentation last time was very well attended.

Question: Can you send out information on the Fair to the Area Reps ? **New process for communication** is after every meeting we send out to all of you the minutes and what I can put together is a flyer about events so that you have it all in one place. I know for the Preparedness Fair it will be in Fast Lane, etc. and a flyer all over the place so people can see it. Suggestion made that every new resident in the Orientation should be told about the Fair.

If you had already not seen it, the Villages is hosting a **celebration event for all volunteers**. Please send out to all EPC volunteers. I think we should make a showing and meet some of the other volunteers. We have over 450 volunteers in EPC. There is a new Sector Chief in Sector 21, Judy Leonard.

Next meeting is May 13.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
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EPC Recorder/Administration