



SECTOR CHIEFS' & DIRECTORS' TRAINING

Monday, November 11, 2024, 9:00 am, Foothill Center

Welcome and Sign-In

Mike Ramer called the meeting to order at 9:00am. There were 57 people present. Directors present who have been approved by CBOD were Mike Ramer, Diane Finley, Ed Munoz, Kyle Finley, Fran Schumaker, Parthenia Hicks, Mike Gilbert, Ken Colaizzi, Daniel Grim, Irene Browne-Grim, Marie Colaizzi. Village personnel: Matt Hildago (Public Safety) and Julia Meadows (Asst. General Manager).

Guest: Theresa Ostrander (Villages General Manager)

EPC Chairman: Mike Ramer read a prepared statement in which it was announced there will be a new chapter of EPC. Mike Ramer, Diane Finley and Ed Munoz are stepping down as current volunteer chairpersons. There is a transition team in place to assist in creating a new leadership structure. This team will include Diane and Kyle Finley, Fran Schumaker, Ray Blinde and Daniel Grim. The team will work in coordination with the GM's Office and Public Safety to transition EPC and give shape to the new Villages Emergency Response Program. This program will include an emergency action plan involving federal, state and city resources. EPC will continue to function as is until the new program is in place. All volunteers are encouraged to remain in place and give their full support.

Villages General Manager: Theresa Ostrander: Theresa thanked Mike, Diane and Ed for the great job they have done. The Villages is looking to hire a staff person to take this on under Public Safety. Job description is in progress.

Q&A: Mike Ramer, Theresa Ostrander and Matt Hildago

During the Q&A portion the following was discussed.

- Theresa Ostrander has managed many CERT groups across the country and has a background in search and rescue as well as wilderness training.
- The current Chairs and the past Chair put in 25-30 hours a week while in this volunteer position. At times they put in almost the same time as during their work careers. It is an overwhelming task and too much for a volunteer position.
- Our current EPC volunteers on the transition team will be part of shaping what EPC becomes over the next few months.

- We need all EPC volunteers in your positions including our Area Reps. Somethings will change but a lot of things will not. EPC has grown.
- Suggestion: to advertise in the Villager for EPC volunteers.
- The transition team will serve on the panel which will hire the incoming position.
- The core of EPC will stay “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” and be emphasized.
- The current Village Alert system is a hybrid system. We do have a software system in place that is tied to our database which is being investigated as an alert system.
- Current emphasis is right now the leadership of EPC is changing not EPC itself.
- Follow the current EPC plan in place.
- Unable to determine at this point if the change will increase HOA.

Respectfully submitted by,

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EPC Secretariat/Data