

MINUTES OF THE  
TRAINING WORKSHOP – CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 26, 2006

The training workshop of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Steve Messina at 5:41 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at the Benicia Fire Department, 150 Military West, Benicia, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Hughes, Patterson, Schwartzman, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

HOMELAND SECURITY AND SEMS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Jim Erickson, City Manager - Welcome on emergency preparedness & importance of being ready. Takes Council and staff to be prepared. We're doing a lot already under Ken's leadership & will be doing more.

Tony Ferrara, Chief Training Manager CSTI/OES, and Mayor of Arroyo Grande Introduction of Council & Staff. All Department Heads present

Mr. Ferrara - He has 20 years with State of California and 8 years ago became involved in City politics. Prior to that, 20 years with LA Sheriff Department. He liked the setup of our EOC and the plan; it's as well, if not better, than most cities our size.

Discussion of Homeland Security and SEMS for elected officials: the move is to integrate Homeland Security and OES per the Legislative Analyst's Report. See attached slides.

Ken Hanley - Next major step is revised plan adoption and Council members going to Emmitsburg.

Vice Mayor Schwartzman - Investigate volunteer medical & temporary business district like Los Gatos.

Council Member Patterson – The City should prepare a rebuild plan including circulation so ready to start recovery right away. Tony's answer: In Emergency Plans as hazard mitigations. Laws have changed so no longer can rebuild in same hazard area, i.e., flood plains. Now hazard mitigation grants allow review of hazards & rebuilding. See hazard mitigation section of OES.

Jim Erickson - Continuing eligibility for funding we did basic SEMS & NIMS training. It's important to familiarize all employees with fundamentals.

Mike Alvarez - asked about training staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.