



# Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



January 17, 2019  
Meeting Notes

## I. Call to Order

Chief Eric Holly called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

## II. Public Comment

None

## III. Roll Call/Introductions

JPA Members: Stanislaus County, City of Modesto, City of Turlock, City of Newman, City of Riverbank, City of Hughson, City of Patterson.

Partner Agencies: Emanuel Medical Center, Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, Agricultural Commissioner, Latino Emergency Council (LEC), Advancing Vibrant Communities, Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources/Parks, Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Turlock Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District, Salvation Army, Stanislaus County Sheriff, Stanislaus County Public Works, Mountain Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency, California Highway Patrol, Stanislaus County Probation.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

Norma Torres-Manriquez, City of Riverbank moved, and Sam Rush, City of Hughson seconded approving the October 18, 2018 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

## V. Presentations

- a) Stanislaus County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) update – Chris Holmer with Stanislaus County OES provided an update on the revision process for the County EOP. The rough draft is completed, and meetings are scheduled in the coming months with the core and expanded planning teams. The EOP will be presented to the Disaster Council for approval as to form and November 2019 is the anticipated date to take the EOP to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- b) Pediatric Disaster Surge Plan – Shannon Williams, with Stanislaus County OES and Jana Mitchell, with Emanuel Hospital, provided a power point explaining the Pediatric Disaster Surge Plan. They discussed the need for pre-disaster planning for vulnerable populations and the planning process which included a core planning team of hospitals, EMS Agency, Public Health, and the Office of Emergency Services. They also collaborated with Madera Children’s Hospital,

Contra Costa County Public Health, Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, and the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. The planning team discovered that while all our hospitals use some form of pediatric triage model, they were all using a different assessment tool than our prehospital providers. The plan is to explore this more in functional exercises. The team also found that some staff, those that do not normally work with children, have some level of discomfort with potentially being used to assist with a pediatric mass casualty incident. The supplies in our EDs are very limited for pediatric traumas, since our local Eds don't usually have to deal with this scenario. Lastly, they learned that there are three types of injuries associated with a pediatric MCI: blunt force traumas, burns, and gun shot wounds. Using the information from the survey, a plan was completed and the next steps include Plan Review, developing a Training and Exercise Plan, conducting both Table Top and Functional Exercises, as well as a Full-Scale Exercise by November 2019.

- c) EOC Readiness – Chief Holly reported that Stanislaus County has been working on EOC readiness. If any of the cities have questions, we are available to share our knowledge for keeping our EOCs ready for emergencies, including fires, floods, mudslides, and severe weather. More information will be coming to the City Emergency Managers.
- d) Out of County Deployments (Emergency Management, Fire, Law, Medical Health, Volunteers/Team Rubicon) – Shannon Williams reported that she was deployed twice in 2018. Once to Shasta County for the Carr Fire, and once to Butte County for the Camp Fire. She worked in their Emergency Operations Centers, which she noted, were very different from Departmental Operations Centers (DOCs). Her biggest take away was that it was important to have processes in place to follow.

Chief Holly discussed how requests come in and explained that we use Emergency Management Mutual Aid (EMMA), which can only use public employees for reimbursement purposes. We use our Emergency Management Team as a resource.

Lt. Ron Reid reported that Law Enforcement provided Mutual Aid to Butte County serving 18 operational periods with 4 officers each and 5 operational periods with 6 coroners each. We also sent a drone, which was used with other drones to see how the areas looked after the fire. Several drones worked together, and all had to have special software downloaded. This was a challenge for law enforcement because of firewalls. Another challenge was letting people know not to self-deploy – only respond through proper requests.

Aaron Wilson, with Public Health, reported that coordination and credentialing was important, and that Public Health would like to look into credentialing. The shelters have people from all walks of life, some with homes, and some not. Some had mental health issues and psychological first aid was a need. One of the volunteers from our County opted to come home early. There is a need to redefine the deployment process and train staff to manage, including paperwork. Nurses and supplies were sent but other items might also be needed. Training is also needed

for demobilization. There were 16 volunteers that went through the Medical Reserve Corps. They are always looking for more people.

Robert Madrid from Team Rubicon shared that Team Rubicon is an International non-profit natural disaster response program designed to help homeowners. They are comprised of Veterans and first responders. Nine people went in teams of 3. His team went early and deployed a chainsaw team and they provided muck outs, sorting and sifting, debris management, incident management, and volunteer management. They maintained a help table at the LAC, provided 18 damage assessments, removed trees and help homeowners. He felt they could have been used more. The lesson learned was the importance of relationship building. They were deployed November 16 to December 2.

Chief Holly provided an overview of the California fires including the Waverly Fire, Ferguson Fire, Carr Fire, Hertz Fire, Delta Fire, Donnell Fire, Tulloch Fire and the Camp Fire. He noted that the Camp Fire cost \$30 billion and over 18,000 structures were destroyed. Stanislaus County BHRs was there for the fire fighters if they need to use their services. Some of the positions requested are those that we do not have. Each discipline did things differently and there is a need to address the confusion.

## **VI. Agenda Items**

None

## **VII. Informational Items**

- a) Type III Emergency Management Credentialing  
Chief Holly reported that information submitted to us has been forwarded to CSTI and we are waiting to hear from them. Training will continue.
- b) Emergency Management Training and Exercises (TEP)  
Shannon Williams noted that there is an IS 402 Elected Officials class scheduled for February 6, and also a Disaster Recovery Cost class scheduled for April 11 and 12. A schedule of all upcoming training will be available soon. Additional information is available at the [stanoes.com](http://stanoes.com) website. OES is looking to develop a more robust training program and they want to host a workshop in February. Shannon will send out a doodle pool and identify what training and exercises we want to provide in the next couple of years.
- c) City of Turlock Emergency Preparedness Group  
Chief Brian White reported that three years ago staff realized they would be challenged if there was a big incident. Kelly Marshall with Stan State, Jana Mitchell with Emanuel Hospital and Jason Hicks with TID worked together with the City of Turlock to identify key companies and partners that could assist in a disaster. They hold quarterly meetings and there are 35 members in the group. There is a lot of appreciation from those participating and it is a good opportunity to know what resources are

available. They share information and training and build relationships. There meetings are luncheon meetings from 11:30 to 1:30 and the participating agencies host, or the Salvation Army provides the meal as an exercise. Trainings include checking in, meeting at TID, touring the Turlock EOC, and how CSUS is a back-up EOC. This program fosters positive working relationships. Jana Mitchell added that it is important to know whom to contact in a disaster. It is the biggest benefit and increases the comfort level. Jason Hicks explained that the program goes beyond public agencies and includes Foster Farms and Blue Diamond Almonds as well as dairies and partners that may have other resources. This group has created a spin-off group addressing Hazmat issues and includes those plants that have Hazmat teams. Contact Chief White if you are interested in joining the group or have questions.

### **VIII. Operational Area Discipline Reports**

a) Cal OES:

Not in attendance. Chief Holly noted that we have a new Inland Region Deputy Regional Administrator Director. Tom Graham has been assigned to the north branch of the region, which includes Region III and a portion of Region IV.

b) Cities:

Ceres: No representative.  
Hughson: Nothing new to report.  
Modesto: Nothing new to report.  
Newman: Nothing new to report.  
Oakdale: No representative.  
Patterson: Nothing new to report.  
Riverbank: Nothing new to report.  
Turlock: Nothing new to report.  
Waterford: No representative.

c) Public Health:

Jim Ferrera, Aaron Wilson and Shannon Williams provided a How-To Guide describing the Emergency Medication Point-of Dispensing (POD) program. In the event of a public health emergency in the Central Valley, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency/Public Health, working with the California Department of Public Health, is ready to act quickly to distribute life-saving medications to every person in the county.

Dr. Vaishampayan discussed the Health and Safety which requires all of the cities in Stanislaus County to appoint the County Health Officer as their own Health Officer or get their own. Cities need to adopt this. Modesto did this in the 1950s, but all cities need to renew this. She has language available and will send it to all of the cities, city managers, and emergency managers. It will take effect when it is adopted by each city.

d) Agricultural Commissioner:

Dan Bernaciak noted that Exotic Newcastle Disease is now called Virulent Newcastle Disease. It has been found in multiple flocks in Southern California and Ag and the USDA is monitoring. It has spread to commercial flocks so it is a bigger concern.

e) Fire:

Chief White reported that all skilled nursing centers, as well as dialysis locations are required to have a relationship with Fire, but it is not feasible, so a coalition has been created which includes Stan State, TID, and the City of Turlock. Chief Holly reported that he and Shannon are working on training classes for fire agencies. New information will be available at the next Chiefs' meeting.

f) Law Enforcement:

Nothing new to report.

g) Public Works:

Darren Teeples noted that it has been pretty quiet. There were a few slides in Del Puerto Canyon. Sandbags are available for possible local flooding.

h) Utilities:

Jason Hicks with TID reported that the winds are of concern and they have ramped up in preparation of power outages, but they have not materialized. There has only been one outage. Olivia Cramer, Utility Analyst-Hydrologist with TID noted that Don Pedro Reservoir is at 779 feet with 22 feet of space to reach 801.9 feet. They are expecting an increase of five feet.

i) Other Agencies:

Latino Emergency Council (LEC): Dale Butler noted that they have a meeting tomorrow at 8:15, 1514 H. Street, Modesto. Calvin Curtin with TID will present on extreme weather and what to do when power lines are down.

Advancing Vibrant Communities: Rev. Michael Douglass noted that AVC was in their 17<sup>th</sup> year of existence.

**IX. Announcements**

- a) 2019 Op Area Council Meetings – April 18, October 17 (NO meeting in July)

**X. Meeting Adjourned** – Norma Torres-Manriquez with the City of Riverbank motioned and Keith Bowen with the City of Newman seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at **2:55 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by: Chris Holmer**