



City of Westminster

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June 1, 2011

Orange County Grand Jury C/O Diane Howard
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA. 92701

Re: OC Grand Jury Report "Disaster Preparedness: Is Orange County Ready?"

Dear Members of the Grand Jury,

The City of Westminster received your letter requesting follow up on recommendations from the 2009-2010 Orange County Grand Jury review of our Emergency Operations Center and CERT Volunteer assessment. In 2010, the City's Emergency Operations Coordinator resigned her employment shortly after her communications with you and the Grand Jury recommendations were never communicated to her replacement, Cyn'd Moranville. Because of this, I regretfully inform you we did not accomplish the tasks prior to the April 30, 2011 deadline.

As you may be aware, on March 12, 2011, the Police Department moved into a new police facility which houses a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Concurrent with the opening of the new EOC facility, we have planned an EOC tabletop exercise to take place in August 2011. This exercise will include supervisory and field level staff, as well as CERT volunteers. In addition to the construction of the new EOC facility, we have recently accomplished the following:

- Successfully recruited 15 citizens to attend the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy. Upon the completion of their training, we will have increased the number of CERT participants qualified to participate in the table top exercises to 18.
- Successfully obtained a Con Ex Box in which to store emergency supplies for the Police Department and City personnel.
- Obtained emergency rations of food and water were purchased for city and emergency personnel (enough food and water to feed 162 people for three days), in addition to the food currently stored in our storage rooms.

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- Opened a new EOC facility, complete with several new emergency HAM radios and Win Link System. All communications equipment has been installed and will shortly be fully operational.
- Our police personnel have attended four (4) Town Hall Meetings at local mobile home parks and presented information on emergency preparedness along with information about CERT and the upcoming CERT Academy.
- Advertised in the Community Services Recreational Class Schedule regarding future CERT Academies.
- Distributed flyers at various locations throughout the City to inform citizens about the CERT Academy.
- Attended two (2) Kiwanis meetings with CERT members and presented information about emergency preparedness and the upcoming CERT Academy.

The City of Westminster will inform the Orange County Grand Jury when the required responses have been completed in August, 2011.

Sincerely,



MARGIE L. RICE

Mayor

cc: Westminster City Council Members
Mitch Waller, City Manager – City of Westminster
Ron Coopman, Chief of Police – City of Westminster