

This document contains guidelines for operations of the Ocean Hills Country Club (OHCC) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Disaster Preparedness and Response Program.

1. INTRODUCTION

In 2009, a group of OHCC CERT¹ members, with input from the Oceanside Fire Department, developed the OHCC Disaster Preparedness and Response Program to help educate residents about disasters and what can be done to care for themselves, their families and neighbors should emergency responders not be readily available.

The Program was presented for review by the HOA Board of Directors at the October, 2009 meeting and office space requested for its implementation and direction by OHCC CERT members. The Board approved the group's request and assigned the old computer club room for this purpose.

1.1 OHCC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

The OHCC Disaster Preparedness and Response Program is under the auspices of Oceanside CERT² and management of the Oceanside Fire Department. The Program coordinates its activities with, but remains independent from, OHCC Contractual Patrol Services and Management.

1.1.1 OBJECTIVES

- a. Assist the community of OHCC prepare for, survive, and recover from a major emergency or disaster
- b. Provide residents with educational material and training opportunities concerning disasters, life-threatening conditions (the 3 killers), emergency medical aid, and the responsibility of every individual to be prepared
- c. After caring for self and family, assist as many neighbors as possible considering personal safety, training, and CERT operational guidelines³ until professional emergency service providers are able to respond
- d. Do the greatest good, for the greatest number of people, in the shortest amount of time
- e. Furnish as much accurate "status of emergency" information to professional emergency service responders as possible
- f. Provide assistance to professional emergency service responders

1.1.2 DESCRIPTION

¹ CERT is a nation-wide disaster preparedness program adopted and managed by the Oceanside Fire Department since 2005. Under the program, CERT members receive training in: Disaster Preparedness; Fire Safety; Disaster Medical Operations; Light Search and Rescue; CERT Organization; Disaster Psychology; Terrorism; and other disaster related subjects.

² For more information, please refer to <http://www.oceansidecert.org>

³ When rendering care at the scene of an emergency, participants will operate under the "Good Samaritan" law (H and S Code 1799.102) unless specifically activated as Disaster Service Workers by the City of Oceanside. See [APPENDIX A](#)

The Program complies with the implementation and training guidelines provided by CERT, FEMA and Department of Homeland Security, as applicable.

The Program consists of two parts: Disaster Preparedness, and Disaster Response.

Part 1- DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Includes Disaster Awareness, Resident Responsibility and Pre-Planning

- a. Provides residents with facts about what to expect during and after various types of disasters
- b. Emphasizes individual responsibility for disaster preparation
- c. Teaches life saving and decision-making skills
- d. Conducts educational presentations and workshops for residents
- e. Disseminates disaster related information in OHCC Newsletters

Part 2 - DISASTER RESPONSE

When a major emergency or disaster (also referred to as an Incident) occurs, the CERT Disaster Response Plan may be activated. Disaster response is self-activated...after CERT members and volunteers care for themselves and their families. There is no requirement or guarantee that this response plan will be put into action at the time of an Incident. Circumstances may arise which will prevent part or the entire program from being executed and members of OHCC CERT disclaim any liability resulting therefrom.

1.1.3 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The development, implementation, and evaluation of the OHCC Disaster Preparedness and Response Program is overseen by the OHCC CERT Planning Group (OCPG) consisting of 4 members of the Command Staff and 4 Team Leaders.

Operations of the Program conform to nationally accepted Incident Command System (ICS) which provides for:

- a. Accountability and clear chains of command
- b. Efficient communications
- c. Orderly, systematic planning process
- d. Flexible, pre-designed management structure that enables commanders to delegate responsibilities and manage workloads efficiently
- e. Modular organization based on size and complexity of the Incident
- f. Management by objectives

Appendix A

California Health and Safety Code Section 1799.102

1799.102. (a) No person who in good faith, and not for compensation, renders emergency medical or nonmedical care at the scene of an emergency shall be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission. The scene of an emergency shall not include emergency departments and other places where medical care is usually offered. This subdivision applies only to the medical, law enforcement, and emergency personnel specified in this chapter.

(b) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage other individuals to volunteer, without compensation, to assist others in need during an emergency, while ensuring that those volunteers who provide care or assistance act responsibly.

(2) Except for those persons specified in subdivision (a), no person who in good faith, and not for compensation, renders emergency medical or nonmedical care or assistance at the scene of an emergency shall be liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission other than an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. The scene of an emergency shall not include emergency departments and other places where medical care is usually offered. This subdivision shall not be construed to alter existing protections from liability for licensed medical or other personnel specified in subdivision (a) or any other law.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to change any existing legal duties or obligations, nor does anything in this section in any way affect the provisions in Section 1714.5 of the Civil Code, as proposed to be amended by Senate Bill 39 of the 2009-10 Regular Session of the Legislature.

(d) The amendments to this section made by the act adding subdivisions (b) and (c) shall apply exclusively to any legal action filed on or after the effective date of that act.