

Introduction:

Our mission “*Promoting Emergency Preparedness through Proactive Community Outreach*” is so large and so important at times it is difficult to realize the impact of our efforts. Thus, it’s important to take stock of our achievements and evaluate our success over a yearly basis. This 2009 Annual Report gives us the opportunity to evaluate our progress in 2009 and articulate our goals for 2010.

2009 Deliverables:

- COPE Preparedness incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 in 2006 and completed the 3 year legal process to finalize the Federal IRS nonprofit determination in 2009;
- The April 4th *Community Continuity* Summit brought together over 120 community leaders and identified community issues that resulted in consensus of future goals. *Community Continuity* was an excellent collaborative effort of the board, a committee of community leaders and in partnership with the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department;
- COPE Preparedness initiated and introduced in partnership with the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department the specific Harbor Area Hazard Analysis. This document is posted on the COPE Preparedness website at www.COPE-Preparedness.org;
- COPE Preparedness made the transition to a new and more descriptive name and developed a new logo and name identity;
- COPE Preparedness updated the website and added a “*Donate Now*” link;
- COPE Preparedness became a voting member of the Los Angeles Emergency Network (ENLA) which identifies us within the structure of FEMA as a VOLAG (voluntary agency whose mission is related to emergency management);
- COPE Preparedness continued to represent the stakeholders of the City of Los Angeles on the CCAMSC S3 Subcommittee of the Area Maritime Security Committee(AMSC);
- COPE Preparedness accepted the role of Coordinator for an H1N1 Point of Distribution (POD). COPE recruited, organized and directed 60 volunteers to man POD’s in partnership with the County Public Health Dept. and City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department;
- COPE Preparedness wrote the Harbor Area Emergency Preparedness Initiative that will assist in describing our mission and goals (posted on www.COPE-Preparedness.org)
- COPE Preparedness applied for and is expecting to achieve designation as Citizen Corp for the harbor area;
- COPE Preparedness promoted its mission of preparedness at over 50 community meetings and maintained communication with its database of over 6000 community members through regular email communications.

2010 Initiatives:

Community Continuity, Phase II, III and IV; Phase II “*Getting Down to Business*” will be scheduled in early spring. *Lt. General Russell Honore* is our confirmed Keynote speaker. COPE expects to achieve a strong commitment from community members in the planning of the event and the recruitment of participants.

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN); Subsequent to the outcomes of Phase I of “*Community Continuity*”, COPE partnered with LA EMD to pilot the program in the harbor area. The MYN program relates to the original goals and objectives of COPE which was to establish a block by block preparedness program. Additional grants have been received from State Farm Insurance and Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital to implement the 2010 initiative.

Volunteer Recruitment; One of the most heartening developments of 2009 was very strong volunteer committee work. Community members met bi-monthly in order to assist with the planning of *Community Continuity*. COPE Preparedness distributed emergency preparedness information at booths at several fairs during the year manned completely by volunteers. Special recognition and appreciation goes to volunteers Colleen Trodahl, Christopher Meyers and Bob Brubaker.

Grants and Donations; In 2009 we made great strides towards measurable objectives and implementing deliverables such as *Community Continuity* and MYN program and community forums. In 2010 we will continue our forward momentum and to this end COPE will make corporate and foundation sponsorship requests to continue and expand our initiatives.

Board Development; Emergency Preparedness is gaining recognition as a priority for individuals, businesses and municipalities so our relevance is vital. We continue to expand our board with dedicated community leaders whose leadership drives our efforts. Thank you to our current board members; Carter Calhoun, Lonna Calhoun, James Davis II, Mike Feyder, Major General (Ret.) Peter Gravett, Steve Jordan, Robert Maynez, Esq, Chris Riccardi and Tom Villiger.

THANK YOU to our 2009/10 Partners:

Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital, State Farm Insurance, Port of Los Angeles, Major Survival, San Pedro and Peninsula YMCA, City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department

Respectfully Submitted By,

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