



# COMMUNITY CONTINUITY

Prepare, Protect and Sustain our Harbor Communities

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## EVENT SUMMARY-Outcomes and Deliverables:

**Phase I – OPENING THE DIALOGUE -                      Date:                      April 4, 2009**

**The Goal of Phase I was to:**

Identify hazards - motivate dialogue - survey readiness - promote preparedness – and move towards Community Continuity. Discuss the role of community organizations in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. Discuss what demands will be placed on community groups when disaster strikes; how they will cope and how can they prepare! Determine how community groups can be a conduit to stakeholders and each other to promote preparedness to strengthen community continuity?

Phase I fulfilled its objective by bringing in over 100 community leaders including:

- 3 Chamber of Commerce Presidents from San Pedro, Harbor City and Wilmington
- 8 Presidents and board members from local Neighborhood Councils
- 10 Homeowner Groups
- 5 Neighborhood Watch Organizations
- 14 Executive Directors and Board members of Non-Profits and
- 31 Leaders from various other Community Groups

Phase I provided the community with a specific harbor area Hazard Analysis;  
 Phase I provided useful information through its Keynote Speaker, Dr Lucy Jones and Panel of Experts;  
 Phase I resulted in the development of community mapping program to be implemented in Fall 2009;  
 Phase I recruited **42 new volunteers** who committed to participate in COPE Preparedness;  
 Phase I resulted in expanding Planning Committee participation in preparation for Phase II – *Getting Down to Business* in fall 2009.

**Evaluations from Phase I produced the following results:**

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	% SA + A
1	This Summit was effective for beginning the dialog about local hazards	52	5	1	98
2	The Summit provided me with important information about disaster preparedness	51	7		100
3	The Summit motivated me to take a leadership role with my organization	47	11		100
4	The Summit motivated me to become better prepared in your own household	49	9		100
5	It is important to continue with Phase II to IV	53	4		98
6	I would like to help in the planning of Phase II to IV	33	9	11	72
7	The Summit met my expectations	49	9		100
8	Yes, I will join a committee to help our community become prepared	36	11	11	81

Phase I conducted Focus Groups to analyze the status of emergency preparedness within community groups and gathered input regarding community concerns then compiled the data as identified herein.

**Phase I Focus Groups identified the community concerns and identified their priorities including:**

	<b>WHAT DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION AND THE COMMUNITY NEED?</b>	TOTAL
<b>PLANNING</b>	Improved Community Plan and Neighborhood Organization	14
<b>(39) Responses</b>	Evacuation Plan	6
	Additional and Improved Information	4
	Increased Signage	3
	Identifying Special Needs	3
	Sanitation Solutions	2
	Animal Control	2
	Medical Resources	2
	Proclamation	2
	Shelter Locations	1
		<b>39</b>
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	Community Leadership	8
<b>(34) Responses</b>	Improved Community Motivation	7
	Networking	4
	Build Trust with 1st Responders & Agencies	4
	Promote Individual Responsibility	4
	Volunteers	3
	Common Sense	2
	Engage Youth	2
		<b>34</b>
<b>EDUCATION TRAINING</b>	More Trained Community Members including (CERT)	11
<b>(33) Responses</b>	Fairs- Community Events	7
	Education	6
	Drills	5
	Checklists	2
	Shelter In Place Information	2
		<b>33</b>
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	Improved Emergency Communication Methods	16
<b>(33) Responses</b>	Media	6
	Websites	5
	Newsletters	5
	Speakers Club	1
		<b>33</b>
<b>TANGIBLE RESOURCES )</b>	Supplies, water, food kits	19
<b>(27) Responses</b>	Money	4
	List and Utilize Resources	4
		<b>27</b>

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