

Emergency Preparedness Review – Oceanside, Oregon

February 6, 2021

PURPOSE

To assess the current level of emergency preparedness in the Oceanside community, identify deficiencies and broadly outline recommendations to the ONA membership regarding the elements to be addressed in an Emergency Plan for Oceanside. After community input and approval, the Board will recruit individual teams to develop preparedness action plans in each of these recommended areas. The ultimate goal is to assemble and implement a comprehensive and practical emergency preparedness plan tailored to Oceanside’s specific risks, circumstances and resources.

BACKGROUND

In late 2019, Jerry Keene, President of the Oceanside Neighborhood Association (ONA) set about establishing several committees to explore and address certain areas of concern to Oceanside residents. Committees included Emergency Planning and Procedures, Building Height Regulations, ONA Bylaws Update, Community Internet Access, Lighting Standards, and Roads.

The Emergency Planning and Procedures Committee was charged with assessing the current status of emergency preparedness and identifying what resources were available to assist in correcting any deficiencies.. “Let's not reinvent the wheel if work has been done and appropriate resources are out there” Jerry said.

Residents, Jeannell Wyntergreen and John Prather both agreed to serve on the committee. ONA Secretary Rob Hoepfer serves as the liaison to the ONA Board.

The team began researching available resources and conducted several interviews with local individuals involved with emergency planning. Then, COVID-19 hit and further progress was all but put on hold.

This document is prepared to provide an update to the community and to seek input and future community engagement.

Resources identified and meetings held thus far are included on the attached bibliography page.

CONSIDERATIONS – POTENTIAL DISASTERS

Wildfire	Tsunami	Earthquake
Wind/Winter Storms	Flood	Public Health Incident
Earth Movement/Landslides	Terrorism	Cyber Attack

EMERGENCY PLAN COMPONENTS/ANNEXES IDENTIFIED

The following areas have been identified as deficient or nonexistent. It is expected that the Board will identify an overall coordinator and assign each of these areas to committees for detailed review and development, ultimately incorporated into an Emergency Preparedness Plan.

1. Communication, Direction, Control and Coordination
 - a. Oceanside Emergency HUB -Focal point for the collection and passing of information between captains under Map Your Neighborhood, first responders, residents, homeowners and visitors.
 - b. On-going coordination with the Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District.
 - c. Short wave/Ham Radio Operator/satellite phone coordination.
 - d. Community Mapping – Using available templates/designs and resources (Map Your Neighborhood, etc.) recruit volunteers who are willing to act as “block captains” to identify permanent residents, second home owners and short term rentals. Captains to also monitor and provide status information about their neighborhood/area as necessary to Oceanside Emergency HUB or similar entity.
 - e. Block Captains communications - “walkie talkie or similar device”.
 - f. Block Captains and other community members receive Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

2. Transportation

- a. Evacuation routes – both within (higher ground) and exiting Oceanside community
- b. Assembly areas
- c. Means to transport displaced persons to shelter areas.
- d. Helicopter transportation
- e. Other transportation resources.

3. Mass Care

- a. Identify temporary accommodations/shelter for displaced homeowners and visitors.
- b. Identify locations for community storage of supplies, food and drinking water
- c. Identify community food storage and supplies
- d. Identify community drinking water supplies
- e. Personal Go-Bags
- f. Short term rental Go-Bags

4. Medical

- a. Identify medical professionals both employed and retired in the community
- b. Acquire and stock critical medical and first aid supplies
- c. Communications with Oceanside Emergency HUB
- d. Transportation of medical personnel to emergencies
- e. Transportation of injured individuals.

5. Public Health

- a. Interface with Netarts-Oceanside Sanitary District (sewer system)
- b. Interface with Oceanside Water District
- c. Interface with Netarts Water District
- d. Note: Water provided by the Netarts and Oceanside Water Districts to residents then becomes waste water critical to NOSD's (approximately 150,000 gallons a day) waste water biological processing system. The Water Districts also provide hydrant water critical to the mission of the Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District in putting out fires.

6. Financial

- a. Identify resources to develop the initial plan
- b. Explore resources for acquisition of material supplies (food, water, food storage, first aid and medical)
- c. Resources to maintain preparedness (rotate consumables, CERT, communication equipment)
- d. Applying for grants, seeking private donations, and supporting fund fundraisers for emergency planning and preparations
- e. Use of existing non-profit 501(c)3 entity "Oceanside Protection Society" in conjunction with 6.d. above.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCE PROVIDERS

Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District
Oceanside Water District
Tillamook People's Utility District
Oceanside Neighborhood Association
Netarts Community Club
Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay
Cape Meares Community Association
Tillamook County Sheriff's Association – Emergency Management
Oregon Coast Repeater Group

Netarts-Oceanside Sanitary District
Netarts Water District
Tillamook County Emergency Communications District
Oceanside Community Club
Tillamook County Citizen's Corps Council (TC4)
Tillamook Department of Community Development
Oceanside Homeowner's Associations
Oregon Office of Emergency Management

BIOGRAPHY

Meetings

Meeting with Netarts-Oceanside Rural Protection District Fire Chief Tim Carpenter -February 6, 2020

Meeting with Cape Meares Community Association – February 20, 2020

Miscellaneous telephone calls

Known Existing Plans & Materials:

FEMA – Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101 Version 2.0 November 2010

Tillamook County Emergency Operations Plan

City of Manzanita Emergency Operations Addendum

Tsunami Evacuation Facilities Improvement Plan (TEFIP) Tillamook County Communities of Barview/Twin Rocks, Cape Meares, Oceanside, Netarts, Cape Lookout State Park, Sand Lake, Tierra Del Mar, Pacific City/Woods, and Neskowin 1st Draft June 2019

Community Annex F Oceanside

Community Overview

Existing Evacuation Facilities Project Identification

Wayfinding

Construction

Summary of 2018 Revisions to 2010 Oceanside Community Plan 7.4 Strategic Alliance/Emergency Preparedness

Additional Documents:

Get Ready Guide 2020-2021 – A Guide to Preparing for Disasters – A Columbia Pacific publication.

Prepare! A Resource Guide – American Red Cross Cascades Region – Serving Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Living on Shaky Ground How to Survive Earthquakes and Tsunamis in Oregon – Oregon Emergency Management.

Building and Strengthening Disaster Readiness Among Neighbors – Washington Council Citizen Corps.

Preparing for Disaster – Article in AAA VIA Magazine July August 2020.

Handout - Rockaway Beach Emergency Management – Emergency Radio Classes
David Elkins Emergency Manager City of Rockaway Beach

Pamphlets:

Tsunami! Know What to Do on the Oregon Coast – Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)

Tsunami Evacuation Route Netarts DOGAMI

Tsunami Evacuation Route Oceanside DOGAMI