

Emergency Communications Committee Minutes

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 7:00 pm to 8:40 pm.

The meeting was held via ZOOM Online Video Conference

Members (9)	Call Sign	Attendance
Dru Anderson, Co-Chair	KG6LAD	P
Eduardo Arias, Co-Chair	KM6LSX	P
Bob Anderson	KC6ZWG	P
Ben H. L. Hu, Secretary	KK6HH	P
Edwin R Jones	W7WPO	P
Terry Kearney	KM6LTQ	E
Andrew Kirk	WB6CLS	P
Scott Overstreet	N6NXI	P
Jay Sutaria	KN6JAY	P
Sam Wood	K6MSR	P
Council/Staff		
Lisa Schmidt, LAH Council	Council Liaison	E
Associate Members (4)		
Neil Katin	K2LL	P
Peter Evans	AI6MV	P
Larry Carr	KE6AGJ	P
Robert Johnson	KG6UWZ	P
Guests (2)		
J Logan LAHCFD	Guest	P
Victoria Bebee, LAHCFD	KN6HOU	P

1. At 7:01 pm, Dru KG6LAD called the Zoom meeting to order. Ben KK6HH did the roll call. A quorum of members present was 7 out of 10. Later, Jay KN6JAY (at 19:07) and Andy WB6CLS (at 19:30) joined. The attendance then totaled 15, including 9 members, 4 associates, and 2 guests.
 - a. Dru advised that this Zoom meeting would be recorded. Recordings are first in Zoom cloud, which has limited storage capacity. They are later downloaded by town staff to Vimeo storage, where they remain available.
 - b. Scott N6NXI announced the sad news that Maynard Stevenson W7MVT became a silent key last Thursday (5/27/2021). Dru then called for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of an ECC founding member.
 - c. Dru introduced Lisa Schmidt as our new ECC Council Liaison. Lisa had swapped her Council Liaison assignment with Council Member Stanley Mok.
 - d. Sam K6MSR, moved to approve the May 4 minutes. Scott N6NXI seconded, and the motion was approved by 7 members present and abstained by Jay KN6JAY, who was not present in the May meeting.
2. LAH CERT Training/Activities/Special Events.

Victoria KN6HOU made a 4-slide presentation (Appendix 1) on the CERT activities. The highlights were:

 - Proposed a joint drill between ECC and CERT on 9/18/2021.

- Solicited an experienced Ham at Teen CERT to act as technical liaison/mentor for the Teens.
3. Planning and coordination with ECC (Goal #2), Victoria KN6HOU/Dru KG6LAD. Status update: Potential: Joint drill of Town Staff/ECC/CERT team.
Dru proposed July 22 (Thu) between 4-5 pm to have a joint drill with Town Staff/ECC/CERT teams. Neil responded that the drill had to be ended by 6:00 pm due to his schedule. It was decided to further discuss.
 - a. Dru stated that she and others noticed at the EOC during the last drill that the Town Emergency contact list and other postings needed to be updated. Neil K2LL EC also had suggested putting a notice by the packet station to make certain that the PC that operates the packed radio should always remain “on”.
 - b. Dru announced that at the July meeting, all committees are required to conduct the annual election of committee officers.
 - c. Larry KG6AGJ reported that he intended to refresh a new CERT recon team starting in September 2021. Additionally, he noted that he would be a great resource for emergency communication coverage as he had the privilege to have cell phone access via FirstNet for having been a volunteer firefighter.
 4. Committee Liaison: Councilmember Lisa Schmidt. Deferred due to flight delay. Update on status on her special council project: Fire Safety Task Force activities.
 5. Old Business
 - a. Follow-on status from May 4 ECC meeting: Next steps of a potential LAHEDN.
 - Peter AI6MV stated that the staff at Purissima Water district had been working on their aspect of the discussion regarding accommodating a wireless antenna installation of LAHEDN and considering responsibilities and site work detail.
 - Neil EC K2LL pointed out that there likely is a need for an updated installation bid, reflecting the site consideration updates.
 - Dru asked Neil to keep Dave WQ1K apprised of the status of LAHEDN. In later discussions, it was suggested that Peter, AI6MV, Scott N6NXI would be added to the off-line discussion of the proposed installation logistics.
 - There was no vote on the status-only item.
 - b. Eduardo KM6LSX reported that he had completed the recruiting appeal, and LAH town staff had submitted it to various social media sites and plans to repeat the posts soon. The item was information only, no vote needed.
 - c. Jay KM6JAY stated he had completed the inventory report and submitted it to the co-chairs. He suggested an annual inventory examination to keep the report updated. For equipment check-out, he questioned the efficiency of the paper forms and suggested an easier to track, online alternative. Dru opined that she would check with the Town Clerk to confirm whether online only without paperwork is acceptable to the Town. There was no action or vote, and the discussion is on-going.
 6. EC Report:
 - a. Neil, EC, K2LL reported that County EC training session posting is still being worked on for either remote vs onsite training as the COVID situation is improving in the County.
 - b. As the result of hotwash of last ECC drill, he suggested:
 - i. Use Monday night SPECS time slot to practice “Message Passing” monthly.
 - ii. Suggest practice of both Simplex radio and message relay.

- iii. Suggest everyone take or retake the County's message passing course. Peter AI6MV added it is essential to practice constantly to improve the skill after taking the course.
7. Health and welfare check-in. Dru inquired about the well-being of all attendees and received mostly positive responses.
8. Adjourn. At 20:39, Bob KC6ZWG moved to adjourn, both Scott N6NXI and Eduardo KM6LSX seconded, and all acceded by a voice vote.
9. **Reminders:** See online schedules for activities in the following:

LAH town events: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/calendar.aspx>.

EMERGENCY ALERTS: LAH: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/101/Emergency>

AlertSCC: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx>

CERT activities: LAH County Fire District:

<http://www.lahcfd.org/community-programs/public-classes>

County ARES/RACES courses & events:

<http://www.scc-ares-races.org/aresraces.htm>

SPECS Monday Night Net information:

www.Specsnet.org Northern SCC ham activities/Monday night net script.

Respectfully submitted: Ben Hu KK6HH, ECC Secretary

Appendix - Victoria Bebee's slide presentations on 6/1/2021



LAHCFD CERT
PROGRAM GENERAL ANALYST
UPDATE

ECC Meeting 6.1.21

The slide features a logo for LAHCFD CERT (Los Altos Hills Community Emergency Response Team) at the top center. Below the logo, the text reads "LAHCFD CERT PROGRAM GENERAL ANALYST UPDATE". At the bottom center, it says "ECC Meeting 6.1.21". On the left side, there are decorative vertical orange lines and several orange circles of varying sizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❑ **June 2 @ 7:00p- CERT General Meeting/ game night** at the Assistance League of Los Altos (169 State Street, Los Altos) Patio
Link to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cert-general-meeting-and-game-night-tickets-156290590363>
- ❑ **June 3 @ 7:30p- Los Altos Prepares- Extra Time:** Emergency Preparedness for those Access and Functional Needs and presentation:
Link to sign up : <https://www.losaltosca.gov/police/page/los-altos-prepares-training>
- ❑ **June 7th @ 7:30p- Pets and Emergency Preparedness**
Link to sign up : <https://www.losaltosca.gov/police/page/los-altos-prepares-training>
- ❑ **June 16th @ 7:30p- Haywired: a Disaster for wired and Wireless Voice and Data?**
Link to sign up : <https://www.losaltosca.gov/police/page/los-altos-prepares-training>
- ❑ **June 23rd @ 7:30p- session with Dr. Yu on COVID 19**
Link to sign up : <https://www.losaltosca.gov/police/page/los-altos-prepares-training>
- ❑ **June 23rd @ 6:00p- SCCFD CERT Refresher: Light Search & Rescue**
Link to sign up;
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-cert-refresher-light-search-and-rescue-operations-tickets-134591020365>

BE READY BE PREPARED CLASSES BY SCCFD IN OTHER LANGUAGES

June 17th 2 6:00p- Santa Clara County Fire Department will present a "Be Ready: Be Prepared" class in Cantonese. 準備好來參加!

Link to sign up;

<https://www.losaltosca.gov/police/page/los-altos-prepares-training>

August 5th at 6:00p- Be Ready be Prepared in Spanish: Estar Listo: Estar Preparado, Listos CA.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/curso-por-internet-estar-listo-estar-preparado-listos-california-tickets-148403327347?>

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH:

What can our groups do to educate our community on emergency preparedness during September?

Be part of our Emergency Preparedness Fair - Sept 25th (Tentative)

Drill in September alongside LAH CERT Activation Drill – (Tentative- September 18

Teen CERT Liaison from ECC to start Teen HAM?