

Disaster Preparedness Committee Meeting

August 12, 2024 at the Fire Station

PRESENT: Jacob Anderson, Jim Cook, Paul Oppenheim, Phil Roning, Doug Sherrill, Gregg Opsall, Aaron Reynolds, Rick Anderson and Scott James (Remote)

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM by Chairman Jacob Anderson

Jacob introduced Scott James and gave him an overview of Anderson Island

Points made by Scott (Founder of Bainbridge Prepares and author of *Prepared Neighborhoods*)

1. Bainbridge Island uses the “Dunker” plan for Wildfire evacuation
2. Only island in Kitsap County
3. Developed a “Seasonal Plan” accounting for “tourist season.”
4. They have assembled a flotilla of boats reminiscent of the “Mosquito Fleet.”
5. Volunteers have been officially certified as “Government Volunteers.”
6. They recruited their Yacht Club leadership for their flotilla
7. They have developed a Digital Replication Kit for Standard Operating Procedures.
8. CERT Training: Community Emergency Response Team.
9. Scott asked about our Community Organizations. He felt that Riviera Staff would provide the best way to staff our emergency response team.

Jim Cook described the AI American Legion: 125 members, 15-25 Active Volunteers, Hot and Cold sheltering at the Community Club. Other facilities: Archival Building, Fire Stn.

10. Bainbridge has mapped out “Disaster Hubs,” with a maximum walking distance of 2 mi. for every resident. Communications gear has been installed at all hubs.

Gregg Opsall reported that AI Hams had mapped out the island, recording high and low spots.

11. Scott referred to Seismology maps available from UW, and described the SEICHE Effect a Tsunami which is trapped between two barriers on the sound. . . . perhaps Pt. Defiance and the southern border of the sound. The Tsunami is expected to reflect back and forth for as long as 7 days, rendering navigation virtually impossible for the first three or four days. Coast Guard has stated that they will not put even their biggest boats out in the sound for three days.

12. Bainbridge has developed plans for care of animals, including household pets and livestock. A “Protein Posse” has developed plans for feeding the population in the aftermath of a disaster.

13. Several Non-Profits have taken the lead on this, including “Friends of the Farms.”

14. Scott stressed the need to recruit and coordinate with experienced healthcare givers. Community Healthcare Advocates seems like the ideal way to accomplish this on A.I. He suggested selecting a coordinator and calling a meeting of all healthcare professionals, active and retired.

15. Many Bainbridge volunteers have received Wilderness First Responders (2 weeks) and Wilderness First Air (2 days) training.

16. Goal: to ensure that every household can feed itself for a month, following a disaster.

17. He suggested appointing the island’s “Most Gregarious Person” to spearhead the neighborhood mapping project.

18. He discussed establishing an island-wide mesh network ... Starlink seems promising. Free Island-wide Wi-fi was mentioned as something they are contemplating.

Jim Cook suggested recruiting passionate frontmen (or women) for different areas.

Aaron reported that Russ Rodocker has developed a Water Disaster Plan.

Recommend everyone keep a 30-day emergency supply of their meds.

Safety Preparedness Fair at the Fire Station September 14.

Hazardous waste disposal fair September 9 or 16???

ACTION ITEMS;

- a.) Identify possible landing sites after EQ
- b.) Explore merging or steering AIQOLC (a 501 c. (3)) into Disaster preparedness
- c.) Schedule Scott James for a presentation to the community
- d.) Consider Russ Rodocker’s involvement/interface with the committee
- e.) Include Kathy Nussbaum as a committee member
- f.) Outreach to Yacht Club
- g.) Outreach to Community Health Care Advocates

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM