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PLANNING, PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The April 1997 Focus sheet discusses the importance of leadership and organization in developing an effective neighborhood response team, including descriptions of the composition and the responsibilities of key sections and branches that comprise the team. Subsequent action sheets provide more detailed information on the functions and responsibilities of key branches in the operations and logistics sections.

This bulletin provides details regarding the make-up and responsibilities of some of the branches that comprise the planning/intelligence and finance/administration sections, as well as additional information on components of the logistics section.

PLANNING AND INTELLIGENCE

The planning and intelligence section gathers and disseminates information for use by neighborhood decision-makers and local governments.

The section is overseen by a chief and can include branches responsible for information gathering and analysis, plan development and documentation. Each branch is managed by a coordinator.

The situation status and analysis branch is responsible for collecting, verifying and analyzing information

from each section and branch to develop written assessments of the situation in the neighborhood. The branch also maintains maps and other displays used by the block captain, section chiefs and branch coordinators to determine priorities.

The situation status and analysis branch also coordinates the preparation of action plans. Action plans include identifiable and attainable objectives for each section and branch that fall within the overall priorities established by the block captain.

The advance planning branch analyzes facts, reports and other data, as well as opinions and assumptions to determine long-term needs and possible solutions.

Neighbors assigned to the documentation branch maintain records related to the neighborhood response effort.

FINANCE/ ADMINISTRATION

The finance/administration section is responsible for tracking the expenses of the neighborhood response team and documenting its activities. The section may include branches responsible for administrative tasks.

Responsibilities of the section include tracking paperwork related to equipment or supply purchases by the logistics section and providing administrative support to other sections.



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Depending on the size of the neighborhood emergency response team, the finance/administration chief may break the section into branches, with one responsible for purchasing and another responsible for copying and other support functions.

LOGISTICS

The logistics section is primarily responsible for obtaining needed resources such as personnel, supplies, tools and equipment.

The section is headed by a chief responsible for analyzing the requests for resources submitted by the other sections and branches that comprise the neighborhood response team. The chief of the logistics section also is responsible for ensuring that information about response activities is up-to-date. The logistics chief may use status boards and maps to meet this objective.

Other responsibilities of the logistics chief include providing operations summaries to other section chiefs and branch coordinators, as well as maintaining communications with the operations section to ensure that the resource needs of its branches are being met.

The logistics chief may be supported by branches within the section, each headed by a coordinator.

One key branch within the logistics section is personnel. This unit fills requests from the block captain and section chiefs to fill positions on the neighborhood response team. Neighbors assigned to this branch also may develop staffing patterns to ensure that fresh and adequate personnel are available to fill all key positions within the team.

The procurement branch obtains supplies, tools and equipment needed by branches and sections that comprise the team. During the

response, the procurement branch works with other sections to determine the status of current resource requests and ascertain the long-term need for additional resources.

The communications and transportation branches also play key roles in the logistics section.

The importance of crisis communications and the role of the communications branch will be examined in the fall bulletin.

The transportation branch coordinates the movement of personnel on the neighborhood response team and other residents of the community.

The ESP Focus and Bulletins are only suggestions for preparing your neighborhood. You need to use discretion and common sense in your relationships with neighbors.



WHAT IS ESP ?

ESP is an awareness campaign designed to increase earthquake preparedness. ESP was developed by the County of Los Angeles. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services and representatives from Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties assist in the development of campaign materials and in coordination of the campaign.

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