

Minutes Conference 21st March 2009 5.30pm Disaster Recovery Dinner and Exercise.

Mayor Bob Parker mentioned about the bags with free special torch.

Mentioned there was a 7.9 earthquake in Tonga followed by a Tsunami Alert.
Today an eye opener for all. How vital the whole Civil Defence system is.
Now reporting back time and all are in their groups.

Group 4

Task of Intelligence

Findings, current situation USAR, 128 Missing people from Hospital. 355 others from Area.
Triage: no radio communications. 18 Casualties. Welfare: 40 people displaced, and others
needing accommodation.

1 truck arrived but contents unsuitable for distribution. Volunteers arrived and jobs given out.
15 missing from HazChem.

Welfare needed accommodation: significant increases in this number expected. More trucks
expected. Trapped & missing people.

Question 5: Role of Community board and CD.

We should all be aware of local CD areas. Remind community constantly. You own CD may
be inoperative. Be aware of disabled and foreign people in your areas.

Gather as much local info in your local area/streets.

If leaving home, leave message in letterbox at home. Constantly ask for batteries.

Be aware of specialised individuals: Medical, and other people who can be of use in an CD
emergency.

Group 1

Initial Search and rescue Task

Assess & prioritise where to concentrate first efforts : Reconnaissance: Magnitude 8
earthquake: Mall, Hospital, residential hall, collapsed bridge, HazChem.

The above were all put in order of Reconnaissance priority

First Priority: was the hospital

Second priority Mall, numbers of people :Fire

3rd Residential Hall: Elderly people

4th Student Hall Numbers of people

5th HazChem: Priority here – to check the safety and status of chemicals and effects to the
community.

6th Collapsed Bridge. Not as high because no people as risk, but later aware, reduced traffic

Response to Questions:

Identify valuable organisation in areas. What in particular does community board have to
bring into the area?

COMMUNITY BOARDS had majority of knowledge and to involve non members in greater
awareness of CD and public.

Group 2

Casualty Collection Point.

Recorded staff on site and then assessed casualties.

Patients went onto board, with details etc. Treatment great. All contributed well.
Learnings: We as a community need to have a greater understanding of systems, courses.
Work alongside existing systems and assist where can.
Ensure CD is along rest of community
Need to motivate community in greater preparation for an event.
Need to work with the specialised people in the community in preparation for event.
As we may be on our own for a long time.

Group 3

Support Welfare Centre

Was good learning for all.

Showed clearly a critical role for all Community Boards, and the resources that they have for an emergency. Especially where people don't have English as a first language.

Go back home and check what facilities you have at home, as this is extremely important.

Group 5

Logistics

Issues: aware of recording everything as accountability

The Community Boards be aware of neighbourhood support groups and ensure they are aware and what they could offer in the way of information etc. Drawn on when needed

COMMUNITY BOARDS's need to encourage residents to build resistance.

Water probably low and something to go home and check.

Group 6

Telecommunications

Became aware that so many will be unaware of what we have in the community and how it all will be affected. Thank you for organising the conference and bringing us all together m, giving us an idea of what is happening.

Group 7

Task of dealing with donated goods.

Untold goods pouring in (clothing bedding)

Dealing with vans full. Pulling out of van, categorising to useable, and unusable.

Ending up with pillows Blankets, and some usable clothing. And also lots of rubbish.

Aware of two more B trains arriving from Auckland. – Became aware of need to sort and more room to do this task.

All Community Board's should be devising a plan, and then executing. Personal, business.

And a full community plan.

Know your neighbours and neighbourhood support groups. Get messages to your residents through media and emergency groups. Use your community groups, services groups, churches.

Ensure Sector Posts are able to operate

Need to have education/training before the event. A lot a Community Boards will be aware they don't have training . More Money is needed for these.

Group 8

Public Information

Thank organisers for exercise and experience.

Charged with Public Information to media and general public

Some info provided not true, so need to verify accuracy of info and aware of source.

Cannot rescind info once released to public via media.

Learning:

Felt essential, check always own family safe first. Then go forward to a Centre, Sector post or HQ where needed/required.

Possibility of Community Boards becoming more active.

Training Capacity: Should be compulsory training for each elected official on election.

Encourage people to go to centres in a emergency and help where able/can.

Ensure Info in accurate and correct.

Group 9

Reconnaissance.

We did the recc of building, where building safety compromised, casualties etc

Question 5: Be aware of Local knowledge, facilities and rethomes, hospitals, community groups etc. Aware that majority of Community Boards members not involved with CD

Group 10

Dealing with Spontaneous Volunteers

Be aware and ensure community is aware of facilities, training for all, good communication.

Try and get more active with CD

Lead by example, show others that you are involved first and invite others to join CD.

Mayor Bob Parker

Thanked ECan, CCC and other CD people for their time, today and in general.

St Johns, Fire Service, Red Cross, HDC, WDC, USAR, Ngai Tahu, Daikins, Lady Isaacs

Salmon, Independent Fisheries.

And yourselves for being here.

Minister of Civil Defence (Hon. John Carter) speaking.

Firstly, thanks for invitation to be here today. Bob & Joanne for leadership giving to this city and leadership for country. Thanks.

Acknowledge & Thanks, Kevin Winters, Major of Rotorua.

Acknowledge & Thanks Sir Kerry Burke,

Acknowledge Yvonne Palmer, Canterbury/

Acknowledge All Community Boards's and the contribution from all.

Acknowledge, John Keys, Thursday, & Rodney Hide on Friday speeches.

Thank you to all, for taking on this challenge today and taking on the commitment to be involved with CD.

When the disaster happens, The officials will not be the ones on the spot, it will be your residents, the individuals. Everyone thinks that someone else will save them. 48-72 plus hours will probably pass before this happens. CD and all must now work on structures and utilise organisations within community's. It will be the individuals in the community's that will be there for the emergency not the officials.

Thanks to the many volunteers who give their time to CD and recognise the effort put in by those people. Raises awareness within community.
Recognise how important it is to acknowledge and recognise those volunteers are to the community and the future survival of the community.

Thanks for inviting and thanks for your company.

Yvonne Palmer stood up and thanks minister for coming and gave a gift.
A DVD video was played
Mayor Kevin Winters Promoted Rotorua as the next venue for the Community Board Conference.

Yvonne Palmer, Chair, NZ Community Boards' Executive Committee

Thanks to Helen & Rochelle of Conference Innovators. For all their efforts toward organising the Conference. Their efficiency, innovativeness, were so welcome.
Flowers were given to these ladies with another thanks.

Thanks to Mayor Bob for keeping an open door with organising this event & to the Deputy Mayor
Wine from Pernard liquor.
Thank you.

It's been a real team effort. To Rotorua, please contact us should you need any assist for organising your conference as have learnt many of the things you should and shouldn't do.

Show the remuneration Authority that 75% of your work is outside of committees.
Yvonne advised she is sitting down and welcomed Mike Cohen as Chair, and Lyal Cocks as Deputy Chair.

Mike Mora, Chair Organising Committee.

Thanks Yvonne and all your efforts, and a small gift was handed over in appreciation for all her hard work. All giving standing clapping ovation followed by all singing "For she's a jolly good fellow". Glasses were charged and toast given to Yvonne.

Thanks to all for coming, Community Board representatives, Mayors, Representatives for coming today.

Mayor Bob Parker introduced Mike Cohen

Mike Cohen mentioned about the efforts of organising a Community Board Conference. About making it as easy as possible for organising this conference.
One of the most important things to come out of conference is importance of working together.

Acknowledge and recognise the team of
Emphasis on training and leadership.

As many of the attendees were talking at this stage it became very hard to understand much of what he was saying.
Could only hear odd word.

Another gift was given to Yvonne on behalf of every and also a bunch of flowers
Another round of applause.

Yvonne than gave a gift to Mayor Bob Parker in appreciation for his work. (A gift that is 153 years old) and hope it stays in his family for twice as long.

Mayor Bob Parker introduced Paul Leslie of Telecom (Major Sponsor of conference)
Congratulated on quality of conference.
How importance of community boards are.
Briefly talked about the network and associated companies (Gen-I).
Introduced one of the Broadband Cabinet Telecom id installing around New Zealand.

Mayor Bob Parker advised all that dinner was now served and that all could rearrange yourself and groups to sit with your friends etc.