Joint Emergency Preparedness Workshop
Featuring the City of Simi Valley
Opening Remarks

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If You Have Questions / Suggestions During This Presentation

*Please submit questions using the Zoom Q&A Feature*
Workshop Agenda

1. Local Hazards
2. City & County Coordination
3. Evacuations & Sheltering
4. Alert & Warning
5. County Planning Efforts

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Simi Valley, CA
Easy Fire 2019
Been There, Done That!
Hazards We Face

- Agricultural / Biological
- Coastal Erosion/Sea Level Rise
- Dam and Levee Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Landslides and Mass Movement
- Severe Weather (e.g. cold, heat, wind)
- Severe Storms
- Terrorism
- Tsunami
- Wildfire
- Mass Casualty Incident
- Cyber Attacks
- Extended Utility Outages
All Disasters Are Local

Local

State

Federal
How Simi Valley Manages Emergencies

Mercury Spill 2015

Northridge earthquake 1994

Topanga Fire 2005
State Emergency Management System

- Field Response (car accident, fallen tree, gas leak, police action)
- Local Government (isolated wildfire, flooded road, HazMat spill)
- Operational Area (wildfire spreading, small earthquake)
- Regional (large earthquake, multiple wildfires)
- State (COVID-19)
Emergency Response

911
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Dispatch
How Responses Begin

Dispatch

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Officers
City’s Resources

City of Simi Valley Police Dept
City of Simi Valley Public Works Dept
City of Simi Valley City Manager’s Office
Contracted agencies (VCFD, Animal Control)
Ventura County partners (OES, Human Services Agency, Red Cross)
MOUs with neighboring Cities
Technology and equipment
Simi Valley OES
Emergency Operations Center

*After an earthquake, all City employees will report to City Hall.*
Disaster Volunteers

Disaster Service Workers

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Example of Escalating Incident

May 11 – 15, 2015
Exceeded City’s Capabilities

05/11/15 @ 1100: Simi Valley Police responded to a 911 call complaining of sickness and silvery metal in the street.

05/11/15 @ 2300: US EPA assumed command of incident due to their expertise with mercury and toxic materials.

05/17/15: Area was reopened to the public.
Responding Agencies

- City of Simi Valley Police Dept.
- City of Simi Valley Public Works Dept.
- City of Simi Valley City Manager’s Office
- City of Simi Valley OES
- Ventura County Fire Dept. (Initial Response IC)
- Ventura County Resource Management Agency/Environmental Health
- City of Ventura Fire Dept. (HazMat)
- City of Oxnard Fire Dept. (HazMat)
- County of Ventura Public Health
- County of Ventura Emergency Medical Services
- County of Ventura OES
- America Red Cross - Ventura County
- US EPA - Los Angeles Office (Incident Commander)
- Simi Valley Unified School District
- State of California EPA
- State of California Dept. of Toxic Substance Control
- State of California OES
Operational Area Event

- Incident crosses jurisdictions
- Each City manages its own response
- County EOC coordinates resources, priorities and communications between Cities
How You Can Help

Stay informed via VC Alerts and Simi Valley Police Dept Nixle

Take CERT training now offered online via vcfld.org/cert

Apply for the City’s Disaster Service Workers team

Make a plan now with your family

Visit Readyventuracounty.org for tools & tips

Apply via svpdjobs.org to become a police officer or dispatcher
Emergency Operations Organizational Structure
Ventura County Operational Area

**County EOC**
(County Emergency Operations Center)

**ICP/ACPs**
(Incident/Area Command Posts)

**FEMA JFO**
(Joint Field Office)

**CalOES SOC**
(State Operations Center)

**JIS**
(VC Joint Information System)

**CalOES REOC**
(Regional EOC)

**MAC Group**
(VC Multi-agency Coordination Group)

**AOCs/DOCs**
(VC Agency/Dept. Operations Centers, County Executive Office)

**City EOCs**

**Special District and NGO EOCs**
(e.g. NBVC, CSUCI, Red Cross, Office of Education, VCTC, water & sanitary districts)
Evacuation Terminology

Conditions exist that SERIOUSLY IMPERIL or ENDANGER the lives of those in the defined area.

The danger is IMMINENT!

Evacuation Order (Mandatory)

Residents with disability, access or functional needs should consider evacuating early.

Evacuation Warning (Voluntary)

The threat to lives is not yet imminent, however residents should prepare to evacuate.
How will you be Notified?

- **Door to door notification / Hi-Lo Siren tone**
- **Phone call or text from VC Alert**
  - Citizens opt-in
  - Listed & unlisted telephone numbers
  - Cell phone data
- **VCEmergency.com**
- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)**
  - All phones within a select geographic region automatically receive notification
  - No registration required
- **Emergency Alert System**
Where can you Go?

*Temporary Evacuation Points (TEP)*

- Initial locations where residents may be sent during an evacuation
- 7 locations throughout Ventura County
- Allows for streamlined evaluation and processing of displaced persons
- Staffed by Ventura County Human Services Agency and American Red Cross personnel
  - Determine the best resource for providing temporary shelter
- Ensures adequate space and social distancing are available
  - Motel sheltering
  - Congregate sheltering

There are over 100 predesignated locations we can use for emergency shelter
Get Connected To SVPD!

GET CONNECTED!

Simi Valley Police Department

Receive alerts for criminal activity, weather, severe traffic, missing persons and local events.
www.nixle.com/city/ca/simivalley

Learn about your law enforcement agency and current events.
Connect with us. Find out the latest.
Like us on Facebook.
www.facebook.com/SimiValleyPD

Social networking app made for sharing photos and videos.
See what Simi Valley Police Department has to share!
@simivalleypd

Twitter is an online news and social networking service interacting with messages known as “tweets”
Be in the know of our tweets.
@SimiValleyPD

Simi Valley Police Mobil App. Use the telephone directory to navigate around many City resources. Download from your app store: Android devices: Google Play – Apple devices: Apple Store

SOCIAL MEDIA DOES NOT REPLACE 911
How We Manage Information

The Joint Information Center

- **Data/intel gathering**
  - Track progress of incident (e.g. road closures, shelters)
  - Monitor social media for rumors and misinformation

- **Write/publish pertinent information**
  before, during and after an incident
  - Web pages / social media
  - Media interviews
  - Community networks (CEO Liaison)

- **Public Information Hotline**
  (805) 465-6650

The JIC acts as the hub for disseminating consistent, coordinated, accurate, timely, accessible, and complete information to the public during an incident.
Who needs information from the Joint Information Center?

- Community Members
- News Media
- Elected Officials
- Community Organizations
- Local/State Agencies
- Emergency Response Units
Community Engagement

year-round, not just during a disaster

Effectively reach communities and vulnerable populations

Vulnerable populations lack access to TV, internet, radio, cell, social media

- Older adults
- Low-income communities
- Monolingual non-English speakers; low proficiency or literacy in English
- People with disabilities including vision and hearing
- People who are unhoused
- Outdoor workers such as farmworkers
- Undocumented people

Trusted networks – CBOs and community leaders, Faith-based, Schools

Listen and discuss community concerns and fears

Incorporate community concerns

Connect to available resources

Increase trust with all government agencies involved

Continue working together and support
**County Disaster Preparedness**

**Before**
- Local Coordination
- Pre-staging and staff activation
- Continuous Process Improvement
- Local, State and Federal Partner Coordination

**During**
- Personnel Activation
- Community Liaison Outreach
- Public Information
- Coordination with the Board of Supervisors
- Partner Coordination

**Recovery**
- Recovery Activation
- Information and Resources
- One Stop Recovery Centers
- Economic Recovery
Emergency Operations Plan Update

- Addresses the County’s planned response to extraordinary emergency situations and natural, human-caused, or technological disasters
- Updated every 3 years
- Draft document is available on ReadyVenturaCounty.org
- Public comment review period closes 5pm on Friday, October 1, 2021.
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

- Inventories natural hazards, assesses risks, and develops mitigation strategies to reduce risks and expedite recovery from disasters
- A multi-jurisdictional planning effort
- Updated every 5 years
Why is the HMP Important?

• Helps prevent property damage and loss of life associated with natural hazards
• Demonstrates the county's and participating jurisdictions' commitment to reducing risk
• Serves as a guide for decision makers as they commit resources ($)
• Ensures communities remain eligible for FEMA funding ($$)
Update Milestones

• Steering Committee Formation

• Risk Analysis/Capabilities Assessment

• Public Outreach/Participation
  • Website/Social Media
  • Public meetings
  • Community Awareness Survey
  • Interactive Storymap

• Review and Adoption
  • Public comment period ~ Feb 2022
  • Review by BOS and submission to CalOES and FEMA ~ April 2022
Get Involved Today!

www.readyventuracounty.org

Follow the progress of the HMP update

View the Interactive Storymap!
- Learn about the hazards in your area
- Review the risk analysis results

Take the online survey!

Learn about hazard mitigation

Questions?
Contact Bonnie Luke
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Simi Valley’s Plans

The City is joining Ventura County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Visit www.readyventuracounty.org for updates
- Email comments & questions to hazmit@simivalley.org

The City will update the Emergency Operations Plan in 2022

- For updates and to review drafts, visit www.simivalley.org > Police Dept > Emergency Services > Emergency Plan
- Email comments & questions to sveop@simivalley.org
Questions?

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Preparedness is Everyone’s Responsibility

- Get a kit
- Have a plan
- Stay informed
- Stay involved

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