

Report on Wildcat Canyon High Transmission Line inspections (Peter Guerrero)

The July 19 *SF Chronicle* carried an article on the California Public Utilities Commission's new safety unit focused entirely on averting more deadly wildfires linked to aging equipment. This is particularly important in light of high voltage power lines, like those in Wildcat Canyon, being responsible for some of the most deadly recent wildfires.

Prior to this, The Electric and Communication Facility Safety Section (ECFSS) of the CPUC conducted regular audits of electric utilities and published the results of these reviews on-line. In searching this data base, the most recent audit I could find of PG&E's East Bay distribution system appears to have been conducted six years ago in 2014. Furthermore, I could find no audit inspection record of the high power transmission lines that cross our communities and the fire prone canyons of the East Bay Regional Park District.

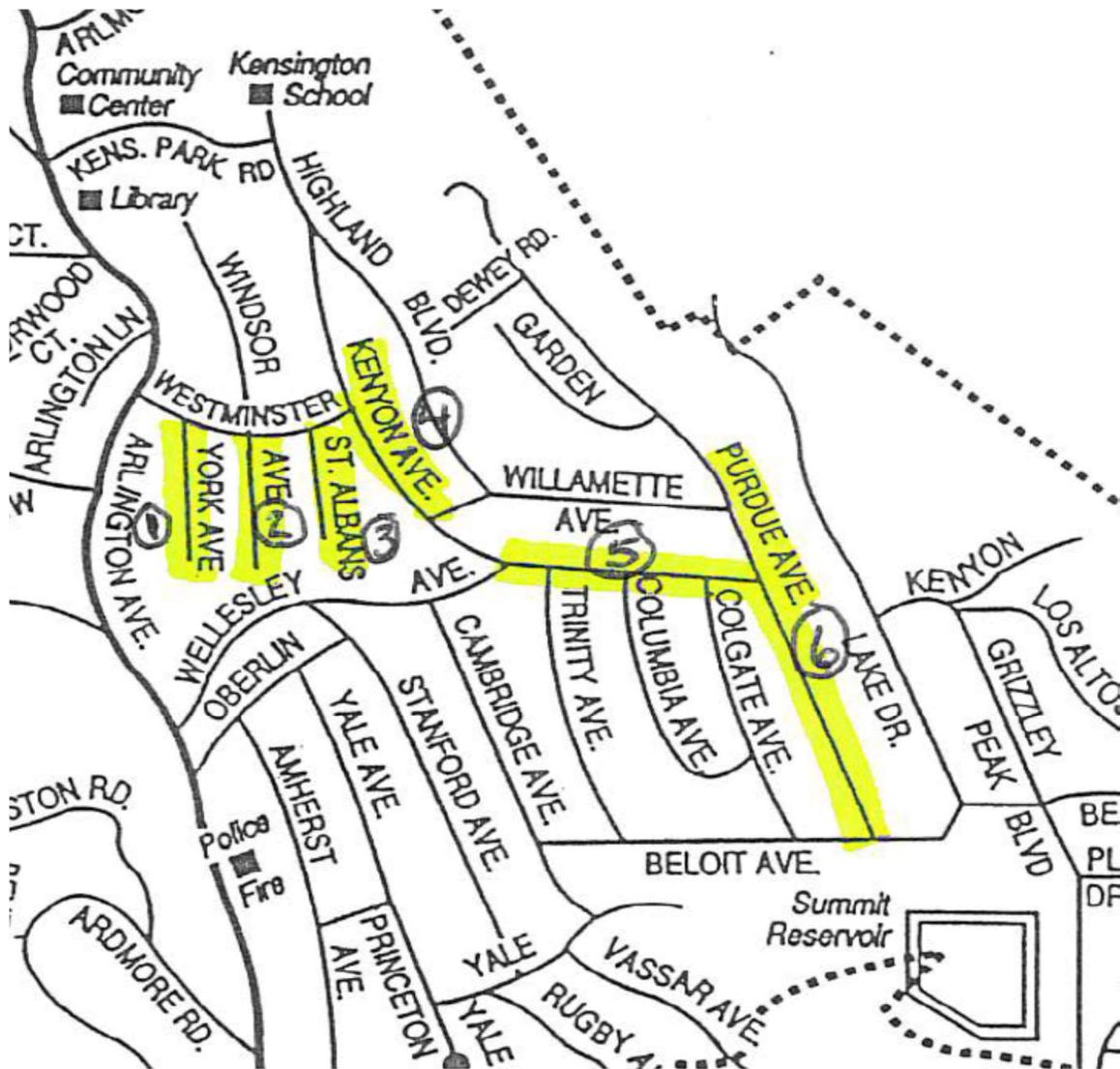
This does not mean more recent inspections and repairs have not been done. In 2019 PG&E developed a *Wildfire Mitigation Plan* in which it commits to:

...routinely inspect(s) its distribution, transmission, and substation assets using a variety of methods, including observations when performing work in the area, periodic patrols and inspections, and targeted condition-based and/or diagnostic testing and monitoring. ...Basic elements include travel to the asset, ground and air visual observation, detection and assessment of abnormal conditions, notification, prioritization and execution of repairs, and documentation needed for safe and reliable operation. In addition to these routine inspections, and as part of PG&E's risk-based wildfire safety efforts, PG&E is conducting accelerated inspections of overhead electric facilities in HFTD areas to facilitate a proactive approach to repairing or replacing components that are at-risk of initiating fires.

Recommended motion to KFPD Board to approve proposed parking orientation changes

1. The Board considers approving a request sponsored by the KPD and the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the KFPD, based on recommendations of the Traffic Evacuation study commissioned by the KFPD, to recommend to the County proposed parking orientation changes on six Kensington street segments. (ACTION)

2. The Board considers approving the production of an educational video, to be accessed on the websites of both Boards, with public safety officials explaining the need for evacuation preparations and how proposed parking changes implement that. (ACTION)



**Draft Proposed Job Description
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, KFPD**

The Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) seeks a part-time Coordinator of the implementation of Emergency Preparedness measures approved by the KFPD Board. Principal duties will be in three major areas:

1. Rebuilding of Kensington's CERT program, including not only earthquake preparation but emergency evacuation procedures, house hardening and safe vegetation practices, and neighborhood alert coordination;
2. Education of Kensington's public about emergency alert and evacuation procedures and advice, using District media, NextDoor, the Outlook and other outlets, in coordination with the Emergency Preparedness Committee;
3. Working with local and county officials to implement the District's goals of emergency preparedness and public safety.

The Coordinator will report to the District's General Manager through the EPC, which will set the immediate goals and objectives of the position, with the general supervision of the KFPD Board. This is a position of activism, communication, and education, not of administration.

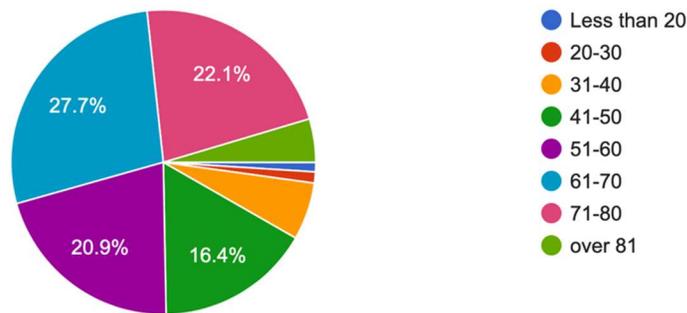
The successful candidate will have at least a Bachelor's Degree with a specialization (or substantial life experience) in public administration, writing, conservation biology, or any field related to public safety and communication. CERT expertise is required. Familiarity with District structure and operations is desirable but can be acquired on the job. Salary and hours, not to exceed 50%, are negotiable depending on experience.

Candidates will please submit a CV with personal contact information, along with a statement of no more than a page summarizing your training and experience and why you are the best fit for this position. Send to fire@kensingtonfire.org by [date]. The KFPD is an equal opportunity employer. [etc.]

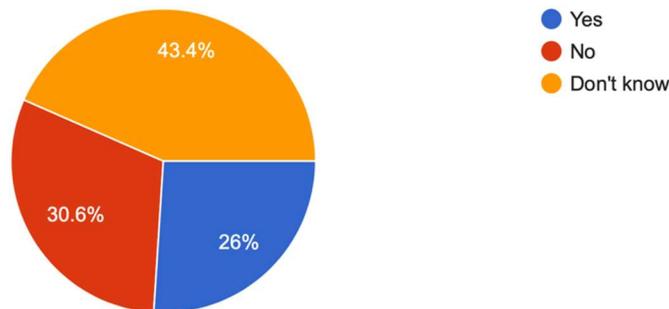
Orinda Virtual Evacuation Exercise Survey

1,785 responses as of 7/20/2020 @ 0800

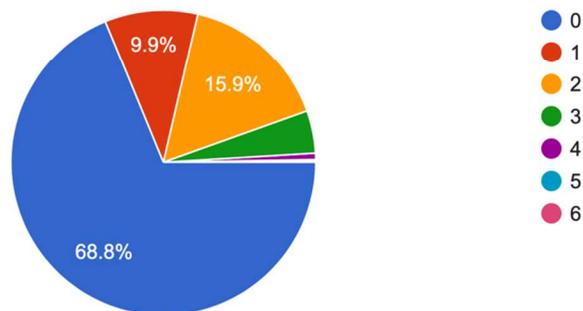
Your age:
1,692 responses



Are you a member of one of Orinda's FireWise Communities?
1,746 responses



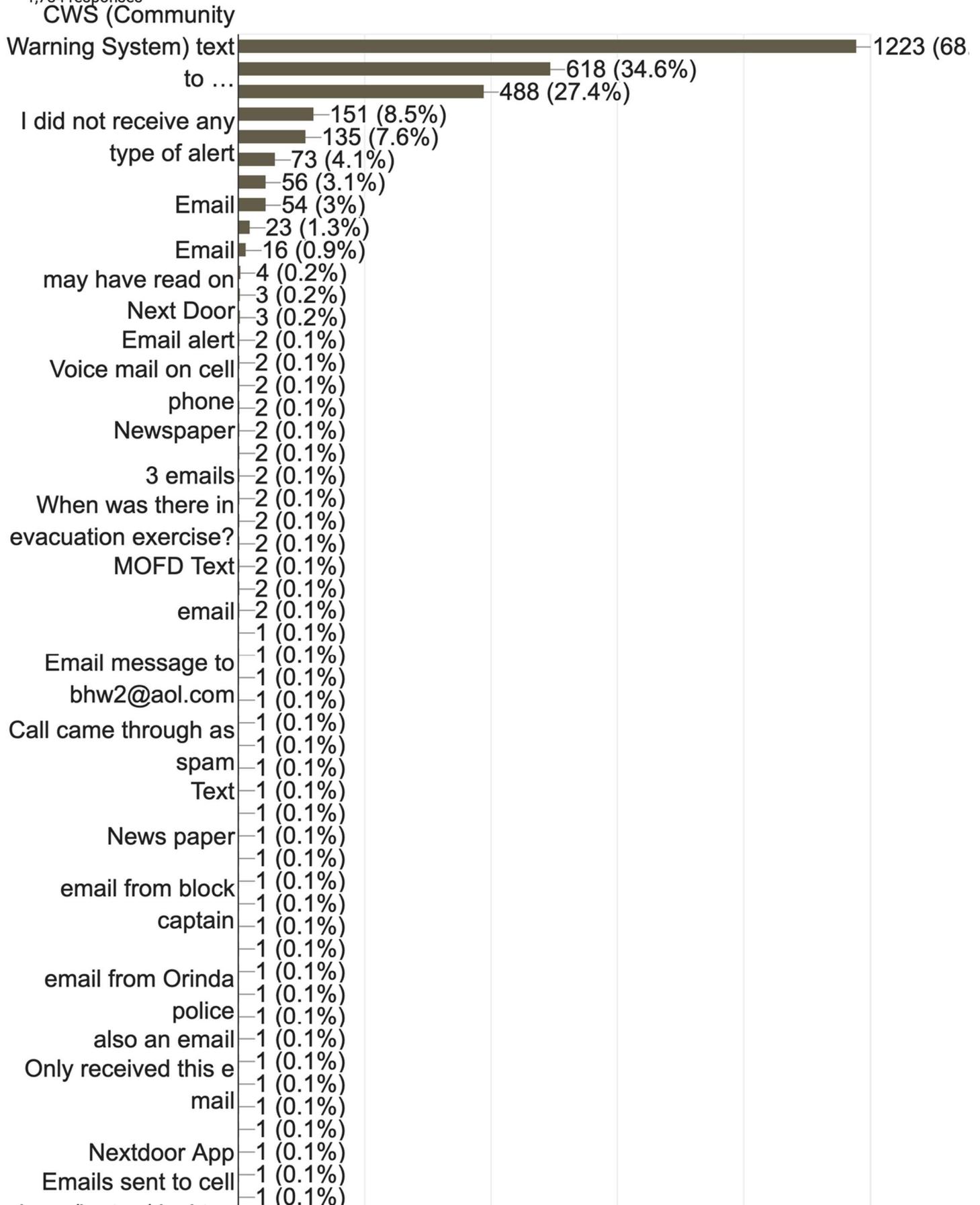
How many school age children live in your household?
1,784 responses



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Did you receive notification of the exercise by (Click all that apply):

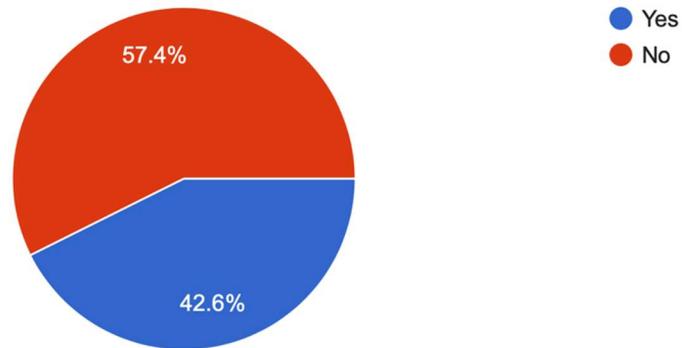
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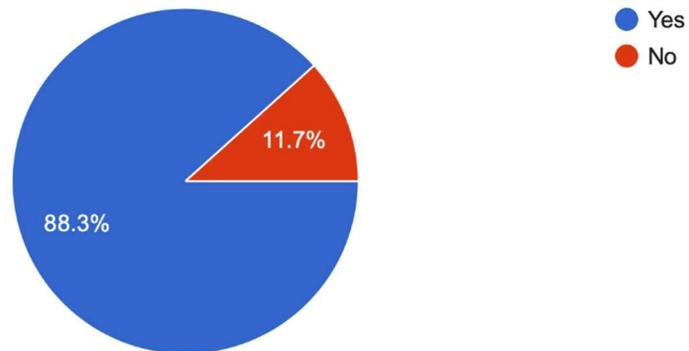
Before the evacuation exercise, had you packed a "go bag"?

1,738 responses



During an actual emergency would you be willing/able to check on any neighbors before leaving in your vehicle?

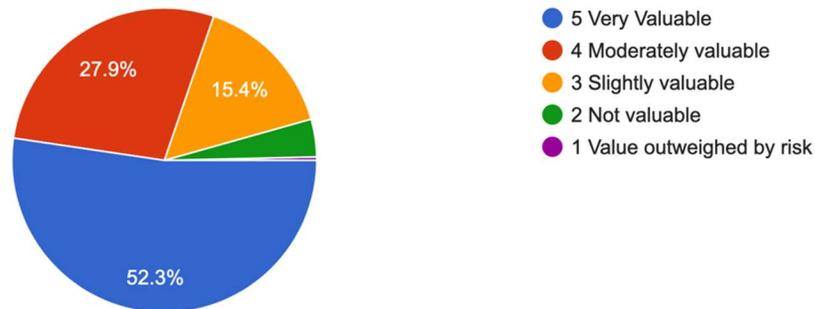
1,699 responses



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How would you rate the value of the evacuation exercise on a scale of 1 to 5?

1,651 responses



Questions, comments, or suggestions? 658 responses

Who would we contact in the case of an emergency Evacuation with ?? Or if we need help. Are there point people in each neighborhood to filter information to.

thought I'd signed up to be notified

I thought there would be more to it than just a survey.

Send the actual evacuation process.

Call to cellphone showed up as SPAM risk so easy to ignore

No

We were out of town

The call on my cell phone came through as spam. The number showed as +10000000000000.

When I saw that it came up as spam, I didn't answer the phone so maybe that can be rectified.

Received email that this would occur today but then did not receive any notices!

We have many older adults in our court that we check in on. But they also don't have computers or cell phones. Just a heads up

I didn't know this was happening

Caller ID identified the call as "Spam Alert," which isn't ideal.

I have been receiving alerts before. Not sure why I didn't get the text yesterday

I did not do the evacuation exercise but I got the text so I filled out the survey

There was no notice re the emergency radio or land line phones. I think they should also be used

The voicemail message to my iPhone was listed as "potential spam". I answered anyway to check if it was the cws alert. I guess I can go back and list the caller as not spam. But this may be a different number the next time when the alert is for real?

I received my alerts almost 20 minutes later than my other neighbors. This needs improvement, as the "virtual" fire originated very close to my home.

Took at least 1/2 hour after fire notification from PuksePoint

I got two phone calls labeled spam risk by my phone so did not answer the phone. I did get the texts

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I think having a text in advance of the exercise with some suggestions (like a go bag), might have been nice.

In real life situation, an Amber alert type audible signal would be helpful

Don't recall having ever seen the "evacuation exercise" so can't rate on scale.

Phone message identified as "Spam Alert," an obvious problem. Usually I wouldn't have opened it. Voicemail listed as "Unknown caller" which I would have deleted if I didn't know about test.

Nope

Would be good to know ahead of time what route to use to evacuate, if possible. We're on a dead end hill and would have to go down to Camino Pablo. Then which way to turn?

I do not live in Moraga, but help with amateur radio communications.

I was never alerted of this, I received something last night but no alert this morning

My neighbors knew about the fire from Pulse before I got the call or text. We are panicked and we're driving down to get more info as we all have large numbers of livestock out here and horses

The voice call to my cell phone was labeled "spam risk"

Received Exercise over but not exercise started message.

The message machine is weird since it is a computer it didn't know how to say Moraga or Orinda in a way I understood. It took me a moment to figure out what he was talking about.

I did not get any communication other than it was going to happen. I got no call text or email

I got several calls, even though I answered the second one.

The phone number showed up as 0000000 and therefore a spam risk on my phone. This might prevent some people from answering the call.

The recorded message comes from 0000000000 and the computer voice is very hard to understand

None

Need ideas of where to evacuate to and suggested routes from my home

I sleep with my cell phone in a different room as I get too many junk text alerts and they wake me up so I wouldn't wake up to your text in an emergency

I would like notifications on my land line 254 3842

Please check Happy Valley road by sundown. If those large tree stumps are left where they are now, they can easily roll, block the street, and cut off an escape route. This is a hazard. The tree service just left them precariously by the side of the road. Thank you

Please provide more resources on what I need to do for evacuation preparedness

I signed up for CWS. I can't imagine why I did not get an alert. I am quite worried about that I did not.

Curious on how to add phone call to my mobile. No calls came.

Text made only a small "ping" so unless I was close to my phone, I wouldn't have heard it. Voice mail had "unknown" so I usually delete it. And the voice mail "voice" was sooooo slow in repeating my cell number—19 sec to say 10 numbers. And rest of the message was not clear at all.

I would need a phone call because I am a heavy sleeper and slept through the test

Thank you so much.

My partner in my house did not receive a text message to his smart phone this morning although he did get the text message yesterday that there would be an evacuation exercise.

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Send information so I can also add my landline

My concern is that we have our cell phones on silent at night and also have it set in do not disturb mode where it will only ring through for designated numbers. We need a number for this kind of notification to add to the list of phone numbers that will ring through at any hour.

Phone call came up as spam risk on my phone. ID would have been helpful

It needs to let people know that in the event of an evacuation the direction to drive would be given.

The phone call came through as "potential spam" which I don't answer... could it be identified differently in the future so people like me would actually respond to it?

To be honest, my phone was off and I didn't hear but we did hear my hubs phone 👍

As the child of elderly parents who no longer drive and who live in Orinda, it is helpful to me to be notified in this way.

Have people add this contact and select emergency bypass on their apple phones so will alert when do not disturb is on

how do i get texts?

Phone is said SPAM. Ideally would identify as emergency notification

No calls were received on the land line. Some people do not use a cell as much as a landline. I think that we should be notified on both.

N/a

Very valuable. Trying to move Rossmoor to follow your lead.

Thank you.

Phone identified call as probable spam

I didn't receive a call/vm message on my landline 925-254-3397.

In the case of a real wild fire, maybe we should still place "evacuated" signs on our front door if all household members are safely out that way the fire department can get to those without a sign first- the elderly, disabled, or otherwise needing assistance .

Other than the notice we didn't see anything. Is that all we should have received? I slept until noon and had phone turned off so would not have received a notice. Evacuation planning is critically important!

Good idea to hold exercise. I worked in Iraq in 2003 and I participated in drills like this. The go bag question was an excellent one because it trigger a thought that we require one. I had one in Iraq.

The test was supposed to be at 7:30 and the alerts were 20 minutes late. The call came in as a spam call.

Got the alerts at 8 a.m. Hoping to do a full evacuation exercise at some point but I'm really glad we could do this. Thank you for putting this together! I was glad to see that the text message identified as coming from MOFD, since I also monitor my elderly parents' address in West CoCo County. (This was an issue with PGE power outage alerts last fall- did not identify what area the alerts covered.). On that note, if there is a fire, knowing the general area would be helpful if that is possible. Thank you!

I appreciate the text alert warning system. ThankYou for testing it. Please have the city do their part to fund more brush removal and tree trimming on routes of egress, chipping, and to ENFORCE mofd regulations for property owners so that Orinda is less likely to have a

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catastrophic fire. Please try to apply more leverage to PGE because they continue to cause dangerous fires here. Orinda's "downtown plan" will be useless if there are no residents or neighborhoods to come spend money in a "downtown". To the city: Allocate funds for better fire prevention and code enforcement before spending on more consultants for downtown planning.

Please add my phone number for texting purposes

Phone message was garbled and unintelligible

On our mobile phones your alert registered as "scam". We then listened to the voice mail which read as "unknown" and heard that it was the alert.

Need more emergency prep exercises

I am not aware of any evacuation exercise.

I did not HEAR the alert on my phone but SAW the alert about 5 minutes later. Helpful to know what channel on HAM should be on.

How and where do I sign up so I receive the alerts??

Did not receive a call on AT&T landline or on cell phone. The ding that text and email had arrived would not have awakened me or even necessarily alerted me if awake

Thank you for holding this drill. I am happy to live in a community which prepares this way.

This is a helpful drill.

Tell me what to pack in my "go bag" and where to put it.

My phone identifies this as probable spam

I have a cocker spaniel to get out of not home

Two things- I didn't answer the home phone bc it came across as spam risk. Anything you can do about that?? I did get the texts and the emails. Also I think I may have inadvertently signed up twice?? Is there any way to delete one of those?? I don't want to waste your resources!!! Thank you for your efforts to keep us safe!!!

Please find out why I was not notified.

What if you have guests at your house during evacuation?

Valuable because I had the goal of today to actually take action to prepare with my family- thank you!

The voice mail came in marked as spam on my cellphone so I did not pick up

2 problems: 1) The phone call said "spam risk" so in actual emergency I'd probably ignore it. 2)

Our town names were mispronounced which made me confused. I had to listen to the message more than once, slowing my response.

Good communication a warning siren in case phones go down would be nice

Please send alert via text or email so that we can take appropriate action

There are two or three possible evacuation route from our house. Will we be told which one to take?

I didn't know about the exercise

Cell call was marked as spam so I didn't answer it. Didn't get on my home phone probably due to same reason (I have automatic filtering turned on there to minimize robocalls). Didn't get notifications till 8:02 am even though exercise was supposed to be at 7:30 am.

I didn't receive a text and a lot of my neighbors didn't either.

Thanks!!!

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Need to keep 'Do not disturb' switched off during fire season. I received calls and texts and emails but didn't hear my phone because my 'do not disturb' was activated on my iPhone.

Do not know our evacuation route.

I registered all of my kids and husbands cell phones and no one else got an alert message but me. Also the voice message came in labeled as spam.

Love that you did this- but 8am on a weekend! Many people sleeping :(

I already filled this form out but I just listened to a voicemail left on my phone. I did not answer the call because it said it was "spam risk." If you expect people to answer a phone call you need to figure out a way to have that number come up as an Evacuation Message or Orinda Fire or something that is not coming through as "Spam."

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TO: Emergency Preparedness Committee
Kensington Fire Protection District

DATE: July 30, 2020

RE: Roles and Responsibilities of the Emergency Preparedness Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Mary A. Morris-Mayorga, Interim General Manager

Recommended Action

For information only, no action required.

Background

During the Board Meeting on July 8, 2020, President Stein reported that committee roles and responsibilities versus those of the General Manager were on the horizon as an upcoming project. The Interim General Manager is in the process of evaluating the current structure, designing the proposed structure, and beginning collaboration with committees. An Emergency Preparedness Committee is typically established by the Board of Directors to assist with emergency preparedness activities, primarily responsible for:

- Developing/updating an Emergency Preparedness Plan for discussion/adoption of the Board;
- Assisting and advising the Board to ensure that Kensington develops and maintains an appropriate level of readiness to respond to emergencies and disasters as identified in the Emergency Preparedness Plan;
- Providing suggestions for methods and infrastructure that support the Board adopted Emergency Preparedness Plan; and
- Reporting/referring back to the Board of Directors for actions.

It allows for some level of work of the Board to be completed in committee meetings prior to presentation to the Board of Directors to assist in facilitating efficient Board Actions/Meetings. Examples will be provided as work on this effort progresses.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact at this time.