

Current public safety projects of the Emergency Preparedness Committee

A. In concert with the KPD (Ofc. Brad Harms, Chief Walt Schuld) and indirectly the CCC:

1. Working with the owners of Sunset View Cemetery to arrange to open their gate on Sunset/Franciscan in case of emergency; provide keys to gate lock (if possible); provide two reflective signs within the cemetery to indicate exit route at T-sections (nominal cost).
2. Work with Ofc. Harms to identify community members who may be able to assist with opening access routes, directing traffic, and performing other emergency functions.
3. Work with Ofc. Harms to develop a series of block meetings to develop awareness about public safety and evacuation procedures (nominal cost for informational brochures, etc.).
4. Work with EBMUD to arrange the potential for local residents to open the access road west of Summit Reservoir to allow passage of emergency vehicles, and to gain access to the grassy area on the Reservoir for use as a Temporary Refuge Area (nominal cost). Ask EBMUD to consider replacing or mowing the tall grass in that area and also assuring that there is an adequate supply of water for people who may need to shelter there.
5. Ofc. Harms has determined that the bollards that block access routes (e.g., Kensington Park Drive, Windsor Road) must be removed, at least during fire season. The KPD has keys to all of these except the one by Hilltop School. The bollards need to be replaced with chains that hold signs prohibiting entry except in case of emergency. We have been asked if we can help with the costs (nominal).
6. Chief Schuld has asked if the KFPD can assist financially with the procurement of blue evacuation signs to be placed at critical intersections. We have asked for more information about the number of signs, their placement, and their cost.

B. Other actions of the EPC (not exhaustive):

1. Investigate the procurement of signs designating paths as evacuation routes.
2. Investigate the procurement of siren-announcement devices to complement existing emergency warning systems.
3. Investigate the possibility of providing emergency radios to Kensington households.

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