

ACONA September 21, 2010

Ken Chow's presentation on listserves: Question about whether list serves can be used for watches to communicate with each other.

Comment: need to set rules on use.

Ken: Feels that criminals look for neighborhoods that are not tightly knit.

CERT training: Oct 16-23; 2 Saturdays plus evenings during the week.

South El Monte Oct-Nov.

Whittier: mid-November. Flyers available listing all training dates.

April Kelcy: Baja temblor propagating northwards. Showed a simulation from SCEC (Robert Graves) of what a huge San Andreas fault slippage could potentially do.

Open Discussion

Nixel: nixel.com: Anyone can sign up and can specify how focused the info is that you receive from the Sheriff's Department. (e.g., you can receive info just from/for Altadena). Your information is private. You can receive info by text, computer and mobile email.

Question about blasting out a voice message in case of an emergency.

Concern about getting barraged by messages.

Suggestion: ID emails with a code word or acronym in the subject header, to differentiate regular traffic from emergencies.

Suggestion: Avoid reply to all if you don't need everyone to see your response. For list serve, use reply to sender instead of reply to group.

Earthquake/emergency preparedness: How to get neighbors to know what to do.

Natalie: NET: Neighborhood Emergency Training -- 2-4 hours. CERT trained people can volunteer to be trainers. Provides basic information and acts as a "teaser" for CERT training. Handouts: booklets for Neighborhood Watch.

Sheriff's department message: police yourselves.

Suggestion: Use a blog or a list serve to report "tells" that the deputies see when they're driving around.

Suggestion: Set up a rotating schedule for people from your NW to attend the ACONA meetings if they become more frequent.

Next meeting: Monday, November 8.

Neighborhood associations vs. Neighborhood Watch: It's not always about crime.