

## **ACONA Meeting Notes, November 22, 2016**

Following introductions, the following topics were covered.

### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Drones**

Deputy Dan Paige, Altadena Sheriff's Station

#### **CERT**

Cert prepares citizens to respond to and cope with disasters.

CERT-trained volunteers supplement the response of the Sheriff's deputies.

There is a training course to become certified.

Second Wednesday of every month there is a CERT meeting conducted by the Sheriff's department.

CERT refresher classes are going to be offered in the community center.

Upcoming CERT classes:

Los Angeles County Fire Department: <https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/lacofd-cert-program/>

City of South Pasadena: <http://www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us/index.aspx?page=478>

City of Pasadena: email [lderderian@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:lderderian@cityofpasadena.net) – call (626) 744-7276.

Glendale Fire Department: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/fire-department/emergency-preparedness-response/cert-community-emergency-response-team>

Burbank Fire Department: <http://www.burbankfirecorps.org>

<http://www.burbankcert.org>

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

#### **Drones (UAS - Unmanned Aircraft Systems)**

If you are using them for personal use, not posting videos on public sites such as YouTube, there are few restrictions.

However there are no-fly zones on occasion, such as the Rose Parade, Rose Bowl games, active brushfire areas.

Drones flying in active brushfire areas cause all responding aircraft to be grounded until the drones are located and taken out of the air.

There has to be clear line of sight between the drone and the operator.

Sheriff's station is responsible for enforcing drone rules.

Regulations on drones: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/06/28/2016-15079/operation-and-certification-of-small-unmanned-aircraft-systems>

### **Map Your Neighborhood**

Steve Reagan

Three-year campaign to get Altadena neighborhoods prepared for disasters.

Double benefit: become prepared in the event of a disaster, and learn about your neighbors: community-building.

Nine-step program outlined in a handout called a "shingle." Each resident gets one.

Part of the program is development of a neighborhood skills and equipment inventory.

Neighborhood map showing water sources, gas shut-offs, generators, those who are elderly or have special needs.

## **Radio & ALERT FM (Altadena Local Emergency Radio Team)**

Nancy Darling

Meet every Monday night and practice on simplex (line of sight). The website [altadenaradio.com](http://altadenaradio.com) has information about radio types, mission statement of ALERT, where you can take the amateur radio operator test.

## **Community Standards District (CSD) Update**

Jim Osterling, Vice Chair of Altadena's CSD committee

Richard Marshalian, Regional Planning Assistant, LA County Department of Regional Planning, Advance Planning

Update of existing CSD, which was 25 years old. CSD committee had meetings for three years. Town Council approved the CSD which was then reviewed by the County. Asked for feedback from the community and worked hard to incorporate feedback from the community.

Focused on both commercial and residential portions of Altadena. Single biggest issue was fences and hedges.

New CSD permits Bed & Breakfast businesses in Altadena on properties of 10,000 square feet or more, owner must be the primary resident, the guest rooms must be within the primary property, there must be adequate parking for each guest room. They must have a Conditional Use Permit.

Home-based businesses are allowed, but with restrictions (see slides 12 and 13 of presentation).

Hedges and fences: County standard is 42" for a front yard. Largely driven by traffic visibility. Corner lots: within a 10-foot setback from the road, there can't be anything more than 42" in height. New CSD allows 72" at or beyond 10 feet from the highway line. Other lots: CSDF allows 72" fences between 2.5 and 10 feet from the highway line if they are not solid. Trees, shrubs, hedges also can be 72"

There will be a public hearing before the county board, not yet scheduled.

## **Q&A**

CSD enforcement has been complaint-based. If there is a safety issue, it will be addressed.

\$50 drones usually have poor quality cameras and limited flight times. Sheriff's station is the enforcement arm of the FAA for drones.

If a drone is taken down by someone not the owner, that person could be subject to vandalism charges. Best solution: call the Sheriff's station.

School children can take the test to become an amateur radio operator, but ALERT isn't specifically working with schools.