

MEMORANDUM

To: Public Safety Subcommittee

From: Zuzzette Bricker, Office of Emergency Management Program Manager

Date: June 9, 2017

Subject: May 2017 Office of Emergency Management Report

Mission: The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for minimizing the impact of natural and man-made disasters by establishing readiness through city-wide prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

Current Preparedness Level: SEMS is the system required by Government Code §8607 (a) for managing response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdiction emergencies in California. SEMS provides for a multiple level emergency response organization and is intended to structure and facilitate the flow of emergency information and resources within and between the organizational levels.

Storm Event – Functional Exercise

The City of Moreno Valley Office of Emergency Management (OEM) conducted an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Functional Exercise on May 25, 2017.

The Severe Weather Event exercise was designed to establish a learning environment for participants to exercise emergency response plans, policies, and procedures. A functional exercise is a complex event that requires detailed planning and coordination. To ensure an effective exercise, subject matter experts (SMEs) and local representatives from city and county agencies take part in both the planning process and in exercise conduct and evaluation.



This half-day exercise simulated a severe weather event which required key personnel to respond, assess, and evaluate hypothetical events in support of the continuity of the City. Personnel were required to identify the potential impacts to life, safety, property, environment, and economic losses.

The Exercise Planning Team selected objectives that focused on evaluating emergency response procedures, identifying areas for improvement, and achieving a collaborative attitude.

The exercise focused on the following objectives:

- Direct Emergency Operation Center's Tactical Operations
- Activate EOC
- Gather and Provide Information
- Identify and Address Issues



The objectives for this exercise allowed us to assess the levels of preparedness and training needed to ensure City Staff is prepared to respond in the event of a disaster. An after-action meeting is scheduled to include key participants and role players to evaluate and critique the exercise. These findings will be reviewed and assessed by Fire Staff and serve as possible components of future training and exercises.