City of Los Angeles
Senior Leaders Seminar
Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA)

Wednesday, August 29, 2018
Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel

Use of Military Assets in Recent Disasters through DSCA
August 29, 2018

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, welcome to the 2018 Los Angeles Fleet Week. We are proud to join San Diego, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, New York, and Fort Lauderdale in hosting our nation’s heroes and visitors from across the region.

Fleet Week activities this year will include a variety of events, including a Senior Leaders Seminar (SLS) focused on how the Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) mechanism would activate in the event of a disaster in the nation’s second most populous region. This critical exercise provides military and Federal agency leaders the opportunity to build partnerships with our local, state, and regional counterparts who are responsible for disaster preparedness and response.

As Mayor and an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, I’m proud to continue to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Fleet Week event. Please join me in welcoming the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Mayor

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Agenda

Breakfast 7:30-9:00 AM
8:00-8:20 AM
Welcome & Seminar Overview
General Manager, Aram Sahakian, EMD
The Honorable Mayor Eric Garcetti, City of Los Angeles
Vice Admiral John D. Alexander, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet

8:25-8:55 AM
Lessons Learned: Hurricane Harvey, Response
Mark Sloan, Director, Harris County, Texas OEM

9:00-9:30 AM
Lessons Learned From Recent Responses
Federal Emergency Management Agency

9:35-10:00 AM
The Role of Title 10
Craig Fugate, Chief EM Officer, One Concern

Break
10:15-10:30 AM
MARAD and USDOT Overview
Richard Barzana, Deputy Maritime Administrator, USDOT

10:35-10:55 AM
Earthquake Scenario Seminar Presentation
Dr. Ken Hudnut, United States Geological Survey
Dr. Debbie Weiser, Geologist, One Concern

11:00-12:30 PM
Seminar Breakout Discussions

Luncheon 12:30-1:30 PM
1:30-1:40 PM
Remarks
Michel Moore, Police Chief, Los Angeles Police Department

1:45-2:25 PM
Seminar Discussion Brief Backs
John Albrough, Rob Freeman, Darren Verrette, Paul Weinberg

2:30-2:40 PM
Executive Leadership Discussion Brief Back
Jeff Toney, Acting Regional Administrator, So. Region, CaIOES

Break
2:50-3:30 PM
Panel Discussion: A Snapshot of What Happens at Each Level when Requesting Resources
Aram Sahakian, General Manager, EMD
Jeff Reeb, Director, LA County OEM
Mark Ghilarducci, Director, CaIOES
Robert Fenton, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IX

3:35-3:45 PM
Closing Remarks & Evaluation Reminder
Rob Freeman, Assistant General Manager, EMD
Vice Admiral John D. Alexander is a native of Port Neches, TX. He became the 29th commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet in Sept. 2017. His command tours include the “Black Ravens” of Electronic Attack Squadron, USS Juneau, forward deployed to Japan and the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln.

Richard Balzano was appointed by President Donald Trump and sworn in on Monday, October 16, 2017, by Secretary Elaine L. Chao as Deputy Maritime Administrator. A 1989 graduate of the Maine Maritime Academy.

Mona Curry, Senior Leaders Seminar Lead Planner. Mona works with the City of Los Angeles, Emergency Management Department. Mona has a 25 year career with the City and speaks nationally on emergency management topics ranging from emergency planning for families, businesses, neighborhoods, resilience and surviving an active shooter.

Robert J. Fenton, Jr. was appointed Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IX in July 2015. Since joining FEMA in 1996, Mr. Fenton has played a significant role in numerous large-scale response and recovery operations in the U.S. and has responded to more than 50 Federal disasters.

Craig Fugate served as President Barack Obama’s FEMA Administrator from May 2009 to Jan 2017. Previously, he served as Florida Governor Jeb Bush’s Emergency Management Director from 2001-2009. He currently serves as the Chief Emergency Management Officer at One Concern.

Mark S. Ghilarducci serves as the Director of the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, appointed July 1, 2013 by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. Ghilarducci previously served as Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency appointed in February 2012 by Governor Brown.
Dr. Ken Hudnut, studies earthquakes as a geophysicist for the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS). Recently led a large team effort on the HayWired Earthquake Scenario to better understand the San Andreas Fault system, he has studied earthquakes worldwide using imagery along with field work to provide ground truth.

Chief Michel R. Moore is a 37-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. On June 27, 2018, he was sworn in as the 57th Chief of Police of the City of Los Angeles.

Jeff L. Reeb is the Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office. OEM is responsible for organizing, directing, and coordinating the emergency organization of Los Angeles County.

Aram Sahakian, appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti as General Manager of the Emergency Management Department (EMD) in 2016. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Sahakian led the City’s Department of Transportation (LADOT) Special Traffic Operations and Emergency Response Division, where he managed emergency response and major special events for over two decades.

Mark Sloan is Homeland Security & Emergency Management Coordinator for Harris County, Texas serving over 4.7 million incredibly diverse residents. He is the Director of Harris County Citizen Corps, an innovative, award winning public preparedness initiative, recognized as a National Best Practice.

Dr. Debbie Weiser serves as a Geologist for One Concern, whose mission is to save and protect lives and livelihoods before and after natural disasters, using artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analytics.
Seminar Breakout Session
Debris Clearance / Route Opening

Facilitator: Paul Weinberg, LADOT
Room: San Pedro Ballroom (Salon A/B)

Paul Weinberg began working in Emergency Management for the State of California, Office of Emergency Services in 1990, following the Loma Prieta earthquake. From 2003-2017 Mr. Weinberg worked with the City of Santa Monica in various emergency management capacities. Mr. Weinberg joined LADOT in January of 2018 and is committed to making the Department a disaster resilient organization prepared to support those who live, work, and visit Los Angeles.

About the Debris Clearance / Route Opening Session:
This session will focus on developing an effective coordinated response in concert with our military partners to conduct debris clearance and route opening operations in the event of a catastrophic earthquake in SoCal. The working group will discuss the authorities, capabilities, and expectations of each level of government during response operations. This session seeks to identify potential challenges that may exist during operations and to develop a framework to continue coordination of the City’s response efforts in the time following the DSCA Seminar with the working group members.

Seminar Breakout Session
Fuel

Facilitator: Rob Freeman, EMD
Room: Crown Ballroom

Mr. Freeman is the Assistant General Manager of the City of Los Angeles EMD. He has been a City employee for 33 years, with more than two decades of emergency operations experience including numerous EOC activations and exercises as a Deputy Director and Operations Section Coordinator. He chairs the City's Emergency Management Committee (EMC) and serves as Executive Assistant to the City's Emergency Operations Board (EOB).

About the Fuel Session:
The Session will evaluate and discuss the impact of a hypothetical major earthquake on the Santa Monica-Hollywood Fault on the need for and availability of fuel for first responders, transportation systems and the public. Some of the goals for this breakout group are: confirm fuel stakeholder capabilities at each level of response, discuss how interagency coordination and cooperation will work in this scenario, confirm and continue discussion on the specific steps and processes local government needs to take in order to request DSCA support for emergency fuel needs.
Seminar Breakout Session
Medical & Patient Movement

Facilitator: Darren Verrette, DHS
Room: San Pedro Ballroom (Salon C/D)

Darren Verrette has worked for the LA County Department of Health Services since 1994. Assigned to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency, he has worked as a supervisor in the Medical Alert Center responsible for coordinating intra-facility patient transfers and providing patient destination information to paramedics in the field managing multi-casualty incidents. He is a Veteran and has served as a reservist in the United States Navy as a Fleet Marine Force Corpsman and subsequently as a Health Service Technician in the United States Coast Guard.

About the Medical and Patient Movement Session:
Last year’s DSCA workshop reviewed the draft CA State Patient Movement Plan and Military capabilities in support of patient movement. This year we are reevaluating the final draft State Patient Movement Plan, Medical Health Operational Area Coordination (MHOAC) Plan, and potential State-wide patient tracking systems. We will also discuss methods of communication between agencies, jurisdictions, and the military.

Seminar Breakout Session
PORT Assessment & Prioritization

Facilitator: John Albrough, USCG
Room: Harbor I & II

John Albrough is an emergency manager with the United States Coast Guard at Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach. He is responsible for developing and exercising disaster response plans where he is a subject matter expert for port recovery operations. He also serves on the USCG Pacific Area Incident Management Team and is a Coast Guard Incident Command System instructor. Mr. Albrough previously served on Active Duty with the United States Coast Guard as a Chief Marine Science Technician.

About the Port Assessment and Prioritization Session:
The focus of the Port Assessment Breakout Group is the initial assessment of port area buildings, bridges, overpasses, piers, and the commercial waterways following a significant earthquake. Topic areas will include port infrastructure assessment priorities, coordination of specialized resources between the ports, across city departments, and up to the federal level, and identification of resource gaps/needs. The Session will look to answer questions like: What are the processes in place for this coordination? What are the roles and responsibilities of the various organizations represented in this breakout group?
Facilitator: Jeff Toney, CalOES
Room: Executive Conference Room, Suite 219
Jeff D. Toney serves as the Acting Southern Regional Administrator for the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services. Prior to his current assignment, Toney was the Southern Deputy Regional Administrator and an instructor for the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI). Toney has deployed to major disasters throughout the State, served as the Regional Emergency Operations Center Director for numerous activations, and most recently served as a Division Supervisor for the 2017 Northern California fires and Branch Director for the 2017 Southern California fires and debris flow. Prior to joining Cal OES, Toney served in various analyst and managerial positions in public affairs and legislative affairs in both the public and private sectors. Toney is a graduate of UCLA.

About the Executive Leaders Discussion Session:
The focus of this session is for executive level decision makers to engage in an open dialogue focusing on complex policy issues and critical decisions during the response and recovery phases from a catastrophic disaster affecting the Los Angeles region.

***This Session is by invitation only***

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