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THOUSAND OAKS DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM (DART)

~~8/23/94~~

BACKGROUND;

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DART was initially ~~formed~~ on September 15, 1992 at a Thousand Oaks City Hall meeting. DART is a volunteer citizen group to assist our city and county emergency resources in the event of a disaster such as an earthquake, major fire, flood or man made disaster.

On January 12, 1993, the city council approved unanimously agenda item 9(J)3 disaster Preparedness Program Recommendation: Approve Implementation of Phased Disaster Preparedness Program.

March 16, 1993 General Public Meeting Representatives of VCSO and CES.

April 14, 1993 the city had an introductory meeting at Council Chambers of City Hall, 2400 Willow Lane.

May 13, 1993: First class in disaster and earthquake preparedness - to be followed by classes in CPR, fire prevention and control, disaster services, damage assessment, disaster psychology, urban search and light rescue and traffic control.

The first group of citizen volunteers were graduated on August 5, 1993. On that date its first leader and steering committee were elected. January 20, 1994, the organization by-laws were voted on and approved, followed by an election of its board of directors and officers.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of DART is to assist the City of Thousand Oaks in educating and promoting emergency safety awareness to all citizens; to provide assistance as deemed necessary by the City of Thousand Oaks, the Ventura County Sheriff's Department and/or the State Office of Emergency Services.

PURPOSE AND TRAINING

To have knowledgeable and trained members in earthquake preparedness, basic disaster psychology (TLC), basic first aid/CPR, urban search and rescue (USAR), fire suppression techniques, hazardous material awareness, emergency radio communications, traffic control techniques, and property damage assessment.

To establish, maintain and promote a disaster preparedness awareness program for the community.

To recruit and train new members as necessary.

HEADQUARTERS

DART members respond to emergencies and report for mobilization/activation duties at the T.O. City Hall and/or the East Valley Sheriff Station of Ventura County.