

City of Chula Vista Emergency Organization

January 2017

Winter Storm Response

Storm Series Overview

- 5-day storm series, bringing wind and rain
 - January 19th-23rd
- 3-4 inches of rain for Chula Vista
- Wind gusts between 45-55mph
 - Otay Mountain wind gusts peaked at 75mph
- Damaging effects throughout the City including:
 - Injuries
 - Downed trees
 - Downed powerlines, power outages
 - **Broken Gas Line**
 - Structure Fires
 - Private property damage
 - Closed roads











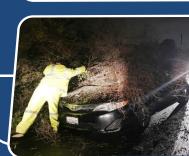
EOC Activation

- Friday, January 20th
 - Activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Friday, January 20th, 3:30 p.m.
 - EOC Level 1 Activation Minimum staffing, essential personnel only
 - Several reports of trees down, injured citizens
 - Proclamation of Local Emergency
- Sunday, January 22nd
 - Planned EOC Activation, 4:00 p.m.
 - Modified EOC Level 1 Activation additional support personnel









Timeline of Events

Friday, Jan. 20th
EOC Activation Level 1
3:30pm-10:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 21st
Unified Command
Team Conference
Call

Sunday, Jan. 22nd
EOC Activation
Modified Level 1
4:00pm-9:00pm





- People trapped
- Structure fires
- Live wires
- Power outages
- Emergency shelter
- Proclamation of Local Emergency



- Prep for Day 2 of EOC activation
- Debris clean up
- Drainage inspection
- OTC support
- Sandbags



- Trees down
- Signals dark
- Traffic collisions
- Structure fires









Public Works

- Sandbag distribution at PWC (began Wed., January 18th)
 - Extended sandbag hours of operation for each day of storm
- ❖ Began responding to calls around ~ 3:00 p.m.
- Reactivated dispatch phone, over 100 calls for service 3pm-8pm
 - 39 personnel, OT hours
- Response activities included:
 - Preparing sandbags
 - Removing downed trees, hazardous
 - Clear roadways and drainages
- Activated emergency contracts to assist with debris removal







Public Works

Saturday, January 21, 2017

- Sandbag distribution at PWC
- ❖ 38 personnel, 8:00am 7:00pm
 - Debris removal
 - Inspecting and clearing drainages
 - Fueling emergency generators
 - Addressing pothole issues
 - Dispatch center
- Contractors helping to clear trees













Public Works

Sunday, January 22, 2017

- Sandbag distribution at PWC
- 49 personnel, OT hours
 - 24-hour operation, multiple crews
- Calls for services included:
 - More trees down
 - Potholes
 - Dark traffic signals













Fire Department

- Distributed sandbags at Fire Stations 4 & 5 (began Jan. 18th)
 - Assisted by Vulcan MaterialsCompany and PW
 - Activated CERT to assist with sandbags
- Up-staffing, 1 additional engine company
- Mutual Aid from neighboring agencies
- * Responded to calls for service:
 - Structure fires
 - Live wires
 - Trapped persons













Fire Department

Sunday, January 22, 2017

- Activated CERT to assist with debris removal at OTC (Jan. 21st)
- Up-staffed additional engine companies to support surge in calls for service
- Deployed Field Observers to provide intelligence and situational awareness to the EOC
- Responding to normal calls for service













Police Department

- Activated Department Operations Center (DOC)
 - Up-staffing, reassigned officers from other divisions/units to assist with storm related calls/response
- * 911 Dispatch received double the normal load of calls for service
 - 293 calls within 5 hours, usually 300 calls/day
- Officers responding to:
 - Hard road closures
 - Persons trapped in vehicles
 - Live wires down
- Senior Volunteer Patrol assisting with road closures and intel
- 85+ personnel working storm response











Police Department

Sunday, January 22, 2017

- Activated Department Operations Center (DOC)
 - Planning and Operations Sections
- Two additional dispatchers to triage calls
- Increased field staffing, including support personnel
 - CSOs, Parking Enforcement Officers, and Explorers













Recreation Department

- Staffed the Care and Shelter Branch
- Coordinated with the American Red Cross
 - Referred contacts of persons with unmet needs
- Opened American Red Cross Shelter at Parkway Community Center
 - ➤ 4:45pm-9:30pm













Office of Communications

January 18 – January 28

- Publicized preparedness messaging
 - Sandbags, encouraged residents to prepare for upcoming storms
 - Sign up for Nixle
 - PW Dispatch and other important phone numbers
- Provided disaster related public information
 - Road and park closures
 - Damage reporting processes
 - Clean up process













Damages

- Approximately 12 City facilities damaged
- 75+ cars damaged
- 699 trees downed
- Several private residences suffered minor/major damage, some destroyed
- 5000+ customers without power, some 24hrs.
- Numerous park closures
- Damage to construction sites















Next Steps

- Developing After Action Report (AAR)
- State of California reimbursement process
 - > 75% State, 25% local cost share
 - No State individual assistance
- FEMA considering Presidential Declaration
 - May include individual assistance
- Connecting volunteer agencies with impacted residents













THANK YOU!

