

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Ken Johnson, ES Chief 
SUBJECT: San Simeon Earthquake Emergency Response Report
DATE: March 16, 2004

NEEDS: To provide a report of emergency response activities and findings related to the San Simeon earthquake for City Council consideration.

FACTS:

- 1 Paso Robles experienced a major earthquake on December 22, 2003.
2. The City of Paso Robles committed significant resources to the response phase immediately following the earthquake.
3. The adequacy of practices and resources for disaster-type responses should be reviewed immediately following any significant event.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: On December 22, 2003, Paso Robles suffered the effects of a sizable earthquake. The impacts of the event were significant and required the combined response efforts of all City departments.

Continual planning and other preparations are done to provide an effective response to disasters. The basic goals are:

- To attend to the medical and other urgent personal needs of citizens
- To minimize or eliminate ongoing hazards to people and property

The City's ability to successfully meet the response requirements imposed by disasters and other significant emergencies is dependant on having adequate people, plans, training, and equipment. The City has made significant improvements in these areas over the last several years. Consequently, the response to this earthquake was generally considered as being successful.

Details regarding response activities are included in the report. Opportunities to further improve the City's response effectiveness have also been included. (Report available for review on the City's website www.prcity.com, in the City Clerk's Office and/or the City Library.)

POLICY

REFERENCE: None

FISCAL

IMPACT: None

OPTIONS:

- a. Receive and file the San Simeon Earthquake Emergency Response Report.
- b. Amend, modify or reject above option.