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City Seeks More Public Input on Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness

OJAI, CA (August 26, 2022) The City, along with the Disaster Council, key stakeholders, and a wide range of local and regional partners, is drafting a Community Disaster Guide to help Ojai residents, businesses and visitors, learn about and connect with emergency resources—and be prepared when disaster strikes.

"As a small City we work closely with the Ventura Coutny Office of Emergency Services

Two key meetings took place in August to gain public and professional input for the Guide. On Wednesday, August 10, 2022, the City hosted a virtual and in-person working meeting where Stakeholders provided input and guidance on our coordinated response to disaster. The meeting included representatives from Police, Fire, Ventura County Office of Emergency Services, healthcare, communications, animal care, and the broader community. During this meeting the interests and concerns of each group were stated during a review of the draft Emergency Guide

To view the recording of the August 10, 2022 stakeholder working meeting, please follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujrR06Ex33c

On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at Kent Hall and via Zoom, the City hosted Community Conversation: Preparing for Emergencies. During this workshop for the full community, participants heard from public safety partners, shared perspectives, and

explored local resources. Participants were involved in a public comment session for City staff and stakeholders to hear interests and concerns.

The view the recording of the August 24, 2022 Community Conversation: Preparing for Emergencies meeting, please follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXHiHNdOAy8

To view the July 27, 2022 Disaster Council meeting prior to the August Emergency guide meetings, please follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TiWyGByTIM

Public input is strongly encouraged as the development of the Emergency Guide continues. For additional information and to provide input, please contact Robin Godfrey at robin.godfrey@ojai.ca.gov or call (805) 646-5581, x103.

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