RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Recommend resolution authorizing Health Officer to publicly promote Mariposa County Emergency Information Hotline.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See attached memo

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No
Amount in Budget: $ ______
Additional Funding Needed: $ ______
Source: Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue ______ 4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds ______ 4/5’s vote
Contingency ______ 4/5’s vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No. Ord. No._____
Vote – Ayes: ______ Noes: ______
Approved ______
Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ______
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ______
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
( ) Requested Action Recommended
( ) No Opinion
Comments: 

CAO: ______

Revised Dec. 2002
TO: DR. MOSHER, Health Officer
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY INFORMATION HOTLINE
RESOLUTION 08-324

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
ADOPTED THIS Order on July 15, 2008

ACTION AND VOTE:

Dr. Mosher, Health Officer;
Authorize the Health Officer to Publicly Promote Mariposa County Emergency Information Hotline

**BOARD ACTION:** Discussion was held with Dr. Mosher; and he advised that the Health Department will rotate with the Sheriff and the Fire Chief to put information on the line; and emergency messages will override the information. Supervisor Pickard asked that the long-distance number be advertised for use in all areas of the County that are outside of the local number. (M)Pickard, (S)Fritz, Res. 08-324 was adopted approving the request, with direction for the Health Officer, Sheriff, and Fire Chief to be the guardians of the line/Ayes: Unanimous.

Dr. Mosher clarified that the line would be available for use by any County department.

Cc: Brian Muller, Sheriff
Jim Wilson, Fire Chief
File
Mariposa County Public Health Department
Charles B. Mosher, MD, MPH, County Health Officer

July 15, 2008

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Charles B. Mosher, MD, MPH, Health Officer
RE: New County Emergency Information Hotline

The concept of an Emergency Information Hotline was developed with the primary goal of reducing call volume on Dispatch Centers during emergencies such as major epidemics, fire, and law enforcement emergencies. It contains a recorded message which people can access. With the help of Rick Peresan of I.T. we set up a line which can receive several hundred calls at any given time without being overwhelmed.

The telephone numbers for access are 966-1133 and, for those who do not want to pay a toll, 1-888-966-1133.

The Health Department, Sheriff Department and Fire Department have all put test messages on the line. With County Administration, we brainstormed its use at the recent Pandemic Influenza Drill. Most importantly however, the Sheriff Department utilized the number during the real time event of the Oliver Creek Fire to keep people informed regarding the fire progress and need for evacuation.

We feel that this emergency information hotline has now proved its worth not only in exercises, but in a real emergency and all three departments agree that it is worthwhile.

With the Board’s permission, the Health Department will begin promoting and advertising the number so that citizens know of its existence. Our plan is to put it in the phone book, on the county website, and within the body of emergency response plans.

We envision it as a county wide asset and therefore, any department which has need to utilize the information hotline may certainly have access. Any department other than the Health Department, Fire Department, and Sheriff Department may access it for emergency messages. The Health Department is willing to absorb the cost for promotion of the hotline from its Emergency Medical Services funding stream.

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