

## CORE Exercise

On Saturday, April 28th, the City of Oakland conducted a city-wide exercise to test communications in an event of a major disaster. This transfer of information, from various neighborhood groups to the fire stations and then to the OES. (Office of Emergency Services) is the only way that emergency services will be dispatched to those areas in a real disaster. This link was made possible by a combination of FRS radios and the HAM operator network. Fire department personnel and OES staff guided and evaluated the disaster drill.

We had very good success within the Upper Alvarado neighborhood acting as a Neighborhood Incident Command Center. Other neighborhoods including Norfolk-Buckingham, Alvarado-Vicente, Grizzly Peak, Vicente Bridge and Hiller were all part of the exercise. Overall we did a reasonable job although we did have some spotty communication in some locations. We are now looking into the possibility of switching to GMRS for the larger North Hills net, the communications link should have better reception. We also are looking for HAM radio operators in other areas of Oakland. The City Attorney of Oakland is pursuing this issue with the FCC. That will mean, that neighborhood groups would have to buy a license which is good for 5 years, but the issue of spotty locations just might be resolved. We can test this option and make a determination at that time. Stay tuned for further developments

CORE training classes will be held in several areas this summer. Watch Open Forum for dates and times of a class near you.

**Spring is here, grasses and weeds are growing. Fire threat is lurking. Solution? Cut them, mow them, eradicate them.**

## Wildlife Website

Kay Loughman, a North Hills resident has put together a website which documents and shows wildlife seen in the hills on the Oakland/Berkeley border, an area roughly bounded by Claremont Canyon, Grizzly Peak Blvd., Tunnel Road, and Domingo Avenue. Photos contributed by residents and friends are added to the gallery as they are received and everyone is encouraged to send photos to Kay. They. This website is a treasure, very informative and gives insights as to what we are sharing our space with.

**Website:** <http://home.earthlink.net/~kayloughman2/GALLERY/album/index.html>

**To contact Kay:**

**kayloughmanNOSPAM@earthlink.net** (remove NOSPAM before sending e-mail).

## Reference Information

**Discounted rates for The Club** provided by North Hills Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council.

**Rockridge Home** has graciously agreed to stock these for us and you may go there to buy them. Rockridge Home is located at 5418 College Ave. Phone:420-1928  
Hours: Daily 11am – 8pm  
Limited supplies. Questions: Contact [ncpc@nhphoenix.org](mailto:ncpc@nhphoenix.org)

**Model: #504 Auto Theft Task Force Club** -- this Club is a highly visible Yellow vinyl covered lock. Imprinted on the device is "Auto Theft Task Force". This lock is for car use and small cab pickups and vans. Cost: \$10.00 per unit (plus sales tax)

**Model: #2110 Truck/SUV Club** - this is the same Truck/SUV Club that is seen in the retail sector. It is approximately 6" longer than a standard Auto Club and provides better protection for large cab vehicles such as pickups, vans, and SUVs. Cost: \$15.00 per unit (plus sales tax).

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