

# "Working Together for Readiness"

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## Community Involvement

*Planning Committee Meeting*

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

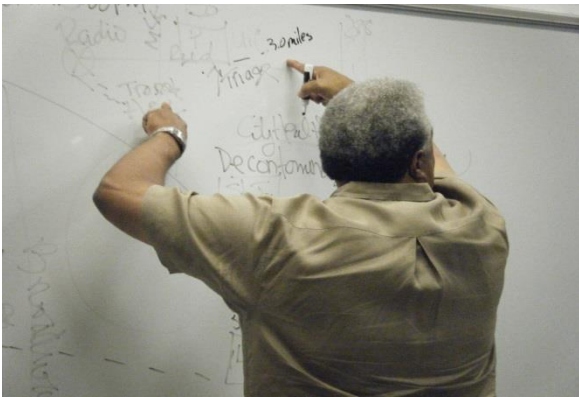
Photos taken by Pleasantville N.E.R.T.

The meeting was well attended by civic, community, church, law enforcement, county, fire and EMS personnel and hospital representatives.

- Basic Agenda
- Introductions
- Overview
- Scenarios
- Forms

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Charles X. White, moderator demonstrated to the group the importance of a plan action for a practice drill and



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## Plans for Mock Drill Conducted by Law Enforcement

*EMS and Local Law Enforcement*

### DISASTER SCENARIO

Photos taken by Pleasantville N.E.R.T.

The scenario of a "water borne" contaminant "cryptosporidium" was created by law enforcement personnel to educate the community on how to handle the situation in the event of an emergency.

Houston Fire Dept.                      TSU Police Dept.  
Houston Police Dept.                  Harris County, Pct. 7  
St. Joseph's Hospital                  LBJ/Ben Taub Hospital



### Houston Police and TranStar Employees

1. Representatives drew out a plan of action, dividing the city into quadrants, to
  - a. Triage,
  - b. Transport
  - c. Treat Victims.
2. Participants were informed on what types of traumas will be accepted at LBJ, Ben Taub and other hospitals
3. Discussions on Red Cross & Command Center function, responsibilities and staff members.
4. Modes of transportation were identified
5. The Tejano Center will be conducting a campus drill for the kids
6. Safety/Medical Management
7. Communication (Ham Radios)

make neighborhoods more prepared and aligned with DHS approved practices and lessons learned.

Many community leaders came out to be a part of the “Working Together for Readiness” meeting in order to learn how their neighborhoods can be better prepared to survive the next disaster.

Pleasantville resident **Cleophus Sharp** shared his experience of impassable exits and entrances to freeways and bridges in the Houston area during Hurricane Ike. He also expressed his concerns of how communication is to be effectively distributed throughout each neighborhood.

### Community Support

Many civic, community and church leaders expressed their gratitude for being given the opportunity for the first time as stakeholders to be included in the decision making and planning stages of such an important process to save lives in their own neighborhoods.

The following have offered their full support of the “Working Together for Readiness” planning committee meeting in order to learn how their neighborhoods can be better prepared to survive in the event of a natural disaster.

Sunnyside	Groveland Terrace
MacGregor Park Terrace	CAN MA C.E.R.T.
Fidelity	Spring Branch
Galena Manor	E.T.C.P.
Pleasantville N.E.R.T.	LaSalette Place
Foster Place	Independence Heights
Hawthorne Place	North Lindale
Settegast	Fifth Ward
Tejano Center	South Union COC
U. S. Dept. of H.U.D.	TSU-Urban Learning Center

### Participating Organizations

Minor Injuries	South Central Houston Community Health Center
Safety	City of Houston Fire Department
Social Service	Red Cross SE and NE Branches
Codes	City of Houston Health Department
Perimeter	City of Houston Police Department

Crowd Control	Harris County Sheriff's Department
Escort	Constables – Precinct 7
Escort	Metro Transit Police

### Discussions:

**Chapter 37**-all schools in Texas must be NIMS compliant for “Active Shooter Drills”, which the Tejano Center has agreed to participate in.

**Bishop Gideon Adjei** introduced his organization “**Sankofa**” to the group and gave a tiny bit of his background in the community and was simply amazed at the efforts of the group to include the community in such an important strategic planning process. **Something to this day, had never been done.**

### Topics/Suggestions from the group

Mobile Pods

Charity Productions has agreed to distribute 30,000 DVD's and 10,000 Booklets for the City of Houston and Harris County Emergency Preparedness Program

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONT.



**Cleophus Sharp gets his point across**

<b>SPECIAL EVENT:</b>	REPRESENTATIVE AL GREEN'S TOWN HALL MEETING
<b>CONTACT:</b>	MICHAEL STOLL, 713.444.1386
<b>PLACE:</b>	JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, KAPLAN THEATER 5601 SOUTH BRAESWOOD BLVD., HOUSTON, TX 77096
<b>DATE:</b>	THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009
<b>TIME:</b>	7:00pm – 9:00pm
<b>PLACE:</b>	TSU-NEW SCIENCE CENTER ROOM 158, FIRST FLOOR ON ENNIS (BETWEEN 3100 CLEBURNE & WHEELER AVENUE, 77004)
<b>DATE:</b>	TBA
<b>TIME:</b>	10:0 am to 2:00pm
<b>SPECIAL EVENT:</b>	BLACK/BROWN COALITION FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
<b>CONTACT:</b>	RICHARD FARIAS, EXEC. DIRECTOR, 713-644-2340
<b>PLACE:</b>	TEJANO CENTER 2950 BROADWAY STREET HOUSTON, TX 77017
<b>DATE:</b>	TBA
<b>TIME:</b>	TBA
<b>SPECIAL EVENT:</b>	SALUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
<b>CONTACT:</b>	CHIEF ALAN BRAGG, SPRING ISD POLICE 281-891-6901
<b>PLACE:</b>	WILLOWBROOK MALL
<b>DATE:</b>	MAY 2, 2009
<b>TIME:</b>	11:00 am to 3:00pm
<b>SPECIAL EVENT:</b>	COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
<b>CONTACT:</b>	CHARLES X. WHITE, 713-292-3436
<b>PLACE:</b>	SOUTH UNION CHURCH OF CHRIST 7427 ARDMORE (HWY. 288 & HOLLY HALL) HOUSTON, TEXAS 77054
<b>DATE:</b>	MAY 14, 2009
<b>TIME:</b>	9:00 am to 12:00pm

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