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SUBJECT: Palo Alto/Stanford Citizen Corps Council Ceremony to recognize four individuals, two organizations for Outstanding Emergency Preparedness, Response or Recovery Activities

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Palo Alto, CA - The Palo Alto Office of Emergency Services (OES) will host the ninth annual Community Partnership Awards Ceremony and Keynote on Thursday, February 6th, 2020 at the Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room. A reception precedes the event at 6:30 PM, the program will begin at 7:00 PM and end by 8:30 PM. **The public is invited to attend, there is no charge for entry.**

Four individuals and two organizations will be formally recognized for helping ensure that the community is safer and better prepared for emergencies. The Community Partnership Awards will be given to the following outstanding Emergency Service Volunteer recipients.

Individuals

- Carl Darling – Emergency Services Volunteer, Neighborhood Preparedness Coordinator
- Mark Meyers - Emergency Services Volunteer, Training instructor, and CERT member
- Chuck Wilson – Emergency Services Volunteer, Block Preparedness Coordinator
- Jeff McCandless - Emergency Services Volunteer, Block Preparedness Coordinator

Organizations

- San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
- IsraAID

In addition, an informative and timely keynote panel “Lights Out: What Happens When the Power Goes Out” will follow the awards. Panelists will include David Flamm, Deputy Director, Santa Clara Office of Emergency Management; Geo Blackshire, Fire Chief; Ken Dueker, OES Chief; Robert Jonsen, Police Chief. Judy Kleinburg, former Palo Alto Mayor, and Palo Alto Chamber President will moderate the panel. Mayor Adrian Fine will provide opening remarks.

About the Palo Alto Emergency Services Volunteers (ESV) Program: The City of Palo Alto has partnered with the community to form the Emergency Services Volunteer (ESV) program as a coordinating structure for the Block Preparedness Coordinator (BPC), Community Emergency Response Team

(CERT), Amateur Radio and the Community Logistics Teams. To learn more about the ESV Program please go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/emergencyvolunteers
