**FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2022**

**The meeting was called to order by James Sobecke, Chair, at 6:47 PM.**

* The meeting was held by virtually via ZOOM and telephone. A quorum were present with 19 members present virtually.

**New Business**

**DEMS (Department of Emergency Management and Security) Updates**

* + Citizen Corps Council Website Courtney Arroyo

The Council website, hosted on the DEMS site is operational. Located at: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/citizen-corps-council .The information on the site includes: basic information on the council, links to core organizations, a calendar of events and council archives. Member organizations are encouraged to post their events on the site.

* + Citizen Corps Council Presentation Request Courtney Arroyo

A request for a presentation on the Council in March was received from the Mclean District police station. James Sobecke and Marco Johnson volunteered to be presenters.

* + Citizen Corps Council Presentation Courtney Arroyo

Jim found old presentation that needs to be updated. Members need to continue to search their files to find material suitable for overview and orientation slides. Courtney Arroyo will collect input from members.

* + Citizen Corps Council Material Courtney Arroyo

The Council now has warehouse space. There is a banner. Any materials such as brochures can be housed there.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were approved by the membership without change.

**Action Items:**

* Citizen Corps Council Mission Statement and By-Laws Jim Kirkpatrick

Drafts of these two documents were prepared by Jim Kirkpatrick and Richard Cramond. These were distributed to all of the member organizations on a separate email.

An objection was raised to the deletion of the word “Recovery” in the Bylaws, Article I, Section 2. Recovery is included in the plans of some of the member organizations. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council Bylaws should be consistent with the Fairfax County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This plan does include the term “Recovery” and a description.

It was proposed that Article II, Section 3 state that the election of officers will be in September of each year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the drafted Citizen Corps Council Mission Statement and By-Laws as amended and reformatted to meet the needs of publication. This was passed without objection.

* + DEMS staff will send out the website calendar survey. Courtney Arroyo

Status: Done

* + Council overview and orientation slides and other materials Members and DEMS Staff

All members and DEMS Staff Members need to search their files to find the Council overview and orientation slides and other materials. Send to Courtney Arroyo (courtney.arroyo@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Status: Continuing

**Committee Updates and Attendance**

* + Membership Jim Kirkpatrick

A representative of the At-Large Board of Supervisor still needs to be filled. Representation and/or attendance is still lacking from several Affiliate Organizations. Effort to fill these positions is continuing.

* District Updates
  + At-Large Vacant

Supervisor McKay’s office has been notified (Jim Kirkpatrick)

* + Braddock - Nothing to report James Sobecke
  + Dranesville - Not Present William McKenna
  + Hunter Mill - Nothing to report Andrea McCarthy
  + Lee – Nothing to report Linda Waller
  + Mason – Nothing to report Marco Johnson
  + Mt. Vernon - Not Present Joe Hansen
  + Providence - Nothing to report Nathan Baldwin
  + Springfield - Nothing to report Jim Kirkpatrick
  + Sully - Nothing to report Richard Cramond

* **Core Program Updates**
  + CERT Jeff Katz & Ross Branstetter
* Currently CERT is currently operating under the Fire Department budget.
* The county volunteer vaccination or testing requirements are in place, as well as the 100% masking.
* CERT storage and office space is being added at the top of the West OX land fill (550 ft. elevation)
* CERT and Fire Department are now both use the American Heart Association training.
* CERT now training 18 volunteers per year.
  + Fire Corps Daniel Liebman
* There are 12 Volunteer Fire Houses in the county with 260 Administrative volunteers and 320 Operational volunteers. More volunteers are needed. “Join Fairfax Fire”
  + Medical Reserve Corps Megan Doran
* Vaccination effort is still the focus.
* There are 3,621 volunteers with 2,144 deployable.
* Virginia Department of Health (VDH) CPR training is continuing.
  + Neighborhood Watch Richard Genus
* Meetings are continuing at the rate of 1 per month.
  + Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Marques Lowery
* All VIPS volunteers have been vaccinated
* “How Not To Be A Victim” is a good program.
* **Affiliate Organizations Updates** 
  + Amateur Radio Emergency Services Not present
  + American Red Cross Joe Lenz
* Calls associated with fires have been increasing.
* There is a shelter plan in place.
  + Boy Scouts of America Vacant
  + Child Life Disaster Relief Vacant
  + Fairfax County Council PTA Vacant
  + Fairfax County Division of Adult & Aging Services Not Present
  + Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Security and Safety Vacant
  + Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Not Present
  + Faith Communities in Action Tom Lambiase
* No further input.
  + George Mason University Not Present
  + Girl Scouts Vacant
  + Hope Animal-Assisted Crisis Response Not Present
  + INOVA Fairfax Hospital Not Present
  + Northern Virginia Community College Not Present
  + Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bonnie O’Leary
* Requested an overview presentation on the Citizen Corps Council.
* They presented 2 training session for CERT
  + Northern Virginia Regional Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

Not Present

* + PRS – Crisis Link Not Present
  + United Way Not Present
  + Volunteer Fairfax Not Present

**Action Items:**

* Citizen Corps members will update the by-laws and provide a copy before the upcoming meeting.
* DEMS will send out the website calendar survey. Courtney Arroyo
  + All members and DEMS Staff Members need to search their files to find the CCC overview and orientation slides and other materials. Send to Courtney Arroyo.

**Meeting adjourned** 7:50 PM James Sobecke

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

**Meeting Location: Virtual**

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