

Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2012
6:45 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff Katz (FRD CERT); Tom Lambiase (Faith Communities in Action); Dianne Quebral (MRC); Rod Bubeck (MRC); Frank Vajda (Neighborhood Watch); Donna Spiewak (VIPS); Alan Hanson (VIPS); Andrew Levy (Supervisor Representative At-Large); Karrie Delaney (Sully District); Tim Field (Fairfax County Police Department); Scott Wolleck (Red Cross); Marcelo Ferreira (OEM); Bob Mizer (Braddock District); James Kirkpatrick (Springfield District); Bonnie O'Leary (NVRC).

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Karrie Delaney at 6:50 p.m. Bob Mizer volunteered to take minutes of the meeting.

The Chair advised the committee that she will most likely be unavailable for the November meeting due to pending maternity leave. She asked for a volunteer to act as interim voice chair pending her return. Bob Mizer volunteered to handle the next meeting.

Speaker

Scott Wolleck of the American Red Cross presented an overview of current Red Cross staffing and operations. The Red Cross is made of 97% volunteers and responded to approximately 430 incidents in the region over the past year. The five areas of concentration for Red Cross personnel are shelter operations, food service, emergency operation center functions, PIO, and disaster assessment.

Old Business

Minutes of the previous meetings were not approved to lack of quorum.

Committee updates

Outreach – Dianne Quebral suggested that the regional Realtor Organizations be contacted to ascertain if they would be interested in participating in the Council outreach programs.

Grants: No grants report was available.

Membership – Jim Kirkpatrick is working with the Salvation Army to provide a representative to the Council. The inclusion of the Federation of Homeowners Associations in the Council was discussed. District representatives should contact their districts council to make solicit participation. Discussion was held concerning the difficulty of securing BSA/GSA representation on the Council. Jim stated he is making progress with both organizations.

New Business

Elections

A quorum was not present. As a result the elections were not able to be held. The election has been postponed until a quorum is present.

Preparedness Month

Discussion of what information is available locally. Several sources of information are available.

- a. "30 ways in 30 days" is a calendar that has an action item for each day with the goal of by the end of the month the citizen will be prepared.
- b. Fairfax County Emergency Blog.
- c. Apps for Disaster Preparedness for Ipads/Smart Phones

- d. Monthly online newsletter from PD district Crime Prevention Officers.
- e. FCPS provides disaster training to all 3rd graders. It was agreed that this should be expanded to middle and high school students. Possible source of required community service hours.

Member Updates

FRD/CERT

Jeff Katz reported that CERT members will be participating in preparedness National Night Out in several communities and that New CERT classes have been scheduled.

OEM

Marcelo has many presentations in the community and at businesses and libraries over the next few months.

Neighborhood Watch

National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 7th. Frank will be providing a list of events and location shortly. They will be securing a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors to recognize NNO. If agencies would like to participate please contact Frank.

VIPS/APO

Alan Hanson reported that he attended the National Conference of the International Association of Police Chiefs as the state representative for VIPS. She also reported that a Citizens Police Academy is now in session and that a new APO class is scheduled to begin on January 15th 2013.

NVRC

Bonnie O'Leary discussed disaster preparedness for disabled individuals

Medical Reserve Corps

Dianne Quebral reported that MRC will be participating in National Night Out in several neighborhoods. She also reported that MRC is mailing an application to health care providers and that ICS 300 training is being offered by the MRC.

Dianne announced that this was her last meeting as she is moving to a new position within the County. The Chair thanked her for her service and stated that the MRC's success is her success story and is due to her dedication and leadership.

Adjournment

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn that was seconded and approved unanimously at 20:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be on November 15th, 2012 in Room 4-5 of the Government Center

Minutes were submitted by:
Bob Mizer, Braddock District