

Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2011
6:45 p.m

In attendance: Tom Azlin (Amateur Radio Emergency Services), Ian Sterne (American Red Cross), Charles Monts (Boy Scouts of America), Tom Lambiase (Faith Communities in Action), Dianne Quebral (MRC), Jean Zettler (Providence District), Jim Diehl (Dranesville District), Karrie Delaney (Sully District), and Marcelo Ferreira (OEM), Dana Powers (CERT), Al Bass (OEM), Lawrence Ewing (United Way), Frank Vajda (Neighborhood Watch).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charles Monts at 6:45 p.m.

Speaker – There was no speaker at this meeting

Old Business –

The July 28, 2011 meeting minutes were not approved because there were not enough members for a quorum.

Committee updates

Outreach – Matt Lyttle

The Sept. 10th event at Tyson's Corner was a great success. Many agencies were pleased by the level of outreach they were able to do. Charlie Mounts also felt that there was a real value in the exhibitors being able to meet and familiarize with other individuals and organizations. We hope to do this event again next year.

\$300 was spent on a few Citizen Corps Council banners for the event.

There hasn't been any additional work on the Mission statement and marketing plan of the CCC. Hopefully, Matt and Karrie will tackle this before the end of the year.

Grants – Al Bass

Al Bass reports that there is an overall balance of \$131,465 in the 2010 UASI funds. There is \$14,000 uncommitted to projects. \$6,000 of funds uncommitted in another grant: Citizens Preparedness Grant.

New Awards: 2011 UASI award will be a slight bump: \$227,000. The increase is due to the change in the calculation of distribution.

FY2010 Citizens Preparedness Award: \$30,000 is available. Citizen Corps programs can fill out a form requesting funds and the grants committee will review and approve appropriate projects.

Charlie asks if we don't spend money, would we get money next year. Al confirms that's the case with the Citizens Preparedness Grant, which is a state award.

Marcelo mentions that in the last ESF-16 call, it was mentioned that funding is now distributed by "daytime population" as opposed to "an even lump sum, and then evening population." Fairfax County

receives more funds, DC receives more funds, Montgomery got more, but Arlington, Alexandria, and Prince William received much less. The request was made for us to redistribute the funds to support smaller jurisdictions. It may be the case that future allocations will be switched back.

Charlie feels that we should be sure to include other jurisdictions in our trainings. Dana Powers, CERT, says that we're supposed to only use that money on residents of our jurisdictions. It could be that regardless, Fairfax County would be passing up County residents to take in people for Alexandria.

Jim Diehl says we could just set a number for people from other jurisdictions. There may be other tax issues to be explored.

Al Bass from OEM distributed the latest financial report. FY 2010 Citizen Preparedness Grant – should be coming out next month. FY 2011 UASI grants were pushed back until the fall. Al took questions regarding reductions in funding based on the current economy.

Membership – Jim Kirkpatrick, Committee Chair, is not present, but emailed mentioning that he contacted the Salvation Army representative to notify them of the change in meeting date.

Member Updates Overview –

MRC: Dianne Quebral

Dianne passed around an update from the MRC. They have piloted 2 new forms of hurricane preparedness technology with the VA Dept. of Health. The training was well received, but after Irene, so it couldn't be used in that response. The MRC also held a lunchtime webinar for ICS 100. It was held over 4 days and everybody logged. 4,210 volunteers! 90 volunteers registered through the state system, so that they can be called out to go to other parts of Virginia. MRC volunteers supported the Bull Run event and coordinated with MRCs from other parts of the state. CPR and AED training was offered for nurses in other jurisdictions. MRC also helped the City of Fairfax at National Night Out. Also, Dave Rozell, just moved to California to be the emergency manager there. It will take a while to fill that spot, so training will be on hold for a while at the health dept.

Neighborhood Watch: Frank Vajda

National Night Out was a great success. The most number of people ever showed up at the local cookout. 90% participation out of 450 homes in turning lights on outside. This weekend, the 15th, they plan to have a county-wide conference of neighborhood watch participants to talk about the program and how to strengthen it. Frank will be speaking there.

Jean asks how communities prepare for National Night Out, because there's a big difference in the size and organization between communities. Frank says it's really an individual effort in each community.

CERT: Dana Powers

There are two CERT 2 classes right now. Both are completely full. There's also a CERT 1 class in Mount Vernon right now. Final exercise for CERT 2 will be Oct. 29th at the Lorton Juvenile Facility. Victims are needed. Next week is Capital SHIELD participating as victims AND first responders, which is a big deal. CERT was at the Target in Burke for National Night Out and felt it was a success. So was Fall for Fairfax. A lot of outreach going on, Booze Allen Hamilton preparedness day, and a volunteer instructor went to the Target at Burke to recruit employees to a new CERT class. This Saturday is Fire House Open House at 4 or 5 firestations with CERT tables. Fire Stations are looking for canteen managers to operate

canteens at fires. Dana is looking for volunteers to take on that responsibility. Volunteers are on call for shifts, they go to the fire house to pick up the canteen and drive it to the fire. There is now a CERT steering committee made up of CERT volunteers and they are busy promoting CERT. GIS mapping is moving forward so that CERT members can be broken into regional teams. Huntington is in the CERT district, and some volunteers responded to recent flooding events.

Amateur Radio: Tom

There is a report in the packet. Our operators deployed to Prince William County as well. More members are being trained to be in the EOC during an activation. 5 go-kits and laptops were provided by the county so that an amateur radio operator could work out of a shelter without bringing their own gear. The Amateur Radio group hopes to be involved in an exercise this year where they can see if equipment works across the county. During recent events radio operators were on standby. They also supported the Marine Corps Marathon with 130 HAM radio operators at that event. A few new members are added every month, including a new 13 year old kid.

Affiliate organizations

Red Cross: Ian Sterne

Ian has been busy. Responded to CW150 in Prince William County. There was a shelter on standby after the earthquake. Jurisdictional operations for Irene and Lee. Maintained the longest operational shelter: 24 days in Prince William County, since Hurricane Katrina. Also supported a shelter for 3 nights in Fairfax County. Maintained a feeding presence in Huntington for 20 days. Don't forget about the daily disasters, too! Supported a 10 mile run last weekend, the MLK memorial this weekend, and the marine corps marathon on the 30th.

Volunteer Fairfax: Matt Lyttle

VolunteerFest® is going to be October 22nd. Participate.

Jean asks Charlie if there's a badge for emergency for girl scouts.

FCIA Emergency Planning Steering Committee: Tom Lambiase

Two weeks ago there was a morning training session on COOP with close to 60 participants. 9 days of activation for the Fairfax county Chaplains at Huntington. Chaplains were there to walk around the site, speak with people and generally help out. There may be another class starting shortly, so send clergy to Sandy Chisholm.

Jim from Dranesville: Jim spoke to supervisor Faust about an auxiliary police force. Those individuals would serve as another set of eyes in the event of an emergency that overwhelms the police force. Jim would like to have this body suggest that Fairfax County legal authority find out if we can do this with a force of volunteers. The difficulty with VIPS is that it is extremely limited and the hour requirement can be prohibitive. Charlie thinks the structure is there through OEM and CERT. Jim talked to Chief Rohrer, and he thinks that VIPS and APOs will be able to support it all. Charlie thinks that CERT can handle the crowd. Ian asks: is the restriction for roads is just for state roads. Marcelo will inquire about this. Jim will be tabling this weekend at the Reston, and he is willing to take things to represent other Citizen Corps Council members.

Jean from Providence: Thanks for walking her supervisor around the emergency preparedness fair. Her supervisor mentioned in the proclamation the success of the event.

Lawrence from United Way: 2-1-1 is the 911 of social service emergencies. He'd like a future representative to come and talk to us about what is changing in the program. 2-1-1 is no longer being operated by CrisisLink, so Lawrence wants to explain in the next meeting.

New Business

Speaker for Next Meeting

Charlie notes that we will have two speakers next month: A member of the chaplain corps and the United Way speaker.

Annual Report - Marcelo

Due to the last month's activations, the annual report fell to the back burner. Marcelo plans to have the first draft ready in a few days. Charlie and Jean need to write the executive summary. Organizations need to get their final reports ASAP. The report only goes through June 30th. Dianne wants to know if there's a volunteer at the meeting who'd like to pick up the responsibility of the report in the future. Marcelo notes that its part of his duties, but it would be nice to have some help.

9/8 flooding and Huntington Recovery Efforts

Marcelo notes that the recovery is going well. 163 homes were flooded in Huntington, only 5 years after being flooded the last time. The EOC was up and running for 3 days. Volunteer Fairfax managed volunteers for the weekend. On Monday, OEM took over command from the Fire Dept and continued to coordinate other needs, like permits, electricity, or family needs. There were issues with insurance and other things, but it was good overall.

Matt mentioned that there wasn't great turn out from volunteers. We need to figure out a better way to communicate in emergencies. Dana says we need a better system to use spontaneous volunteers. Charlie mentioned that in the snow response for 4X4s more people could have been used. What about a list of 4x4 drivers?

Jean: When will Karrie and Matt have the marketing plan available? Karrie brings up that last time people were divided about where we need to take this, and that a facilitator should come in to help us reach consensus. We need to have a separate meeting. Can we get a county facilitator? Can we have a separate meeting just to talk about outreach?

What if Matt and Karrie build a plan and then have it get rated up or down? Then they can go back and change it. Instead, Matt and Karrie will write a plan and send it around for comment.

NEXT MEETING: November 17th, 2011 6:45-8:45

Adjournment

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn that was seconded and approved unanimously at 8:22 p.m.

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Faithfully submitted,
Matt Lyttle, Outreach Committee Chair

Update Form

Organization:	Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	Date:	July 28, 2011
Member Updates			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• On Wednesday, June 15th the Fairfax MRC supported two alert drills to test the response rates for a hypothetical request for availability. More than 2,200 volunteers who completed Orientation training were alerted and asked to respond within two hours during the workday for a hypothetical vaccination clinic on June 25th. Volunteers also supported a simultaneous alert drill for Health Department staff by taking calls and documenting alert responses. In addition, MRC volunteers assisted with verifying credentials and aiding in POD role assignments as part of the exercise. Even with a glitch in communication with a particular email system that many volunteers use, MRC volunteers had an overall response rate of 31% within the two-hour alert response timeframe. Follow up is being conducted now to determine the cause of the technical difficulty and determine a solution.</p> <p>• On Saturday, June 25th, the Fairfax MRC participated in the Fairfax County Health Department's Public Health Emergency Response Exercise at two middle schools within the County. The purpose of the exercise was to evaluate the site setup procedures for Point of Dispensing Sites (PODs) for targeted mass vaccination of school-aged children and young adults simultaneously at two separate locations. A total of 28 volunteers participated at Kilmer Middle School in Vienna and Glasgow Middle School in Alexandria. MRC volunteers were assigned to fill key roles that would be required in a true scenario to properly set up a POD site. Both sites were able to complete the exercise successfully within the allotted timeframe.</p> <p>• MRC Volunteers participated in a second training, Nuclear and Radiation Overview, from the Virginia Department of Health in June. More than 125 volunteers have completed this training. The class was offered via videoconference to MRC units across the state on issues related to nuclear and radiation events.</p> <p>• Fairfax MRC Volunteers are supporting the Greater Prince William County MRC unit with medical and non-medical volunteers for the 150th Anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas/ Bull Run. The volunteers will be supporting Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support tents being set up within the City of Manassas at various locations identified as living history sites as part of the Civil War anniversary events. Volunteers expect to assist emergency medical services by performing hydration, treating soft tissue injuries, and providing other emergency care. These volunteers have joined the Virginia Volunteer Health System and attended mandatory training so they could assist at these events. Volunteers within the VVHS system with events outside of Fairfax County, but within the commonwealth of Virginia.</p> 			

Update Form

Organization:	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	Date:	7/22/11
Member Updates			
<p>The Fairfax County CERT program continues its outreach and training classes for the community.</p> <p>The CERT operational and outreach efforts supported ViVa Vienna (May 28-30), the Herndon Festival (June 2-5) and Celebrate Fairfax (June 10-12). A CERT team provided traffic control assistance and race safety support for the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire Dept. "Ambulance Chase" 5K race and Kids Fun Run on May 28th.</p> <p>The CERT program will again participate in the National Night Out (NNO) events across the county. A static CERT display and outreach efforts was requested for the Middleridge, Burke-Target, and Lake Braddock community NNO events. Additional CERT NNO participation is still in the planning stages.</p> <p>A CERT Outreach effort will be part of the exhibitions at the annual 4-H Fair at Frying Pan Farm, August 6 & 7.</p> <p>CERT has been asked to provide a display for a corporate Emergency Management event to coincide with National Preparedness Month, on September 9, 2011. Each year we are asked to support several corporate events in Fairfax to recruit new CERT volunteers and to promote community volunteerism within their organizations.</p> <p>The next two CERT Level 2 classes (56 & 57) are scheduled to take place at the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Academy in August-September. The seven class curriculum concludes with the Final Exercise on October 29 at the Lorton Fire & Rescue Training Facility.</p> <p>The Fairfax County CERT program has been working with the County Adult Education Program to support the offering of the CERT Basic curriculum in the Fall. These 20-hour classes will be held at the Plum Center for Lifelong Learning in September (weeknights), October (weekends) and November (daytime).</p> <p>The goal of the Fairfax County CERT program continues to be focused on raising the public's preparedness and awareness of the many training and information sources available through the County. The CERT program relies on OUTREACH events as well as a CERT Blog, Twitter and Facebook to spread the word.</p>			

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Organization:	VIPS/APO Program	Date:	7/12/11
Member Updates			
<p>The APO Academy had their graduation ceremony June 17, 2011 APO Level IV in-service training is scheduled to start this summer Citizens Police Academy's next sessions are scheduled for:</p> <p>September 15, 2011 to November 19, 2011 March 1, 2012 to May 5, 2012 September 13, 2012 to November 2012</p> <p>Questions or to request an application, call 703-280-0713 or go to the FCPD Website http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm to download application or complete the on line form to contact staff.</p> <p>VIPS and APOs assisted with various DWI checkpoints, role playing exercises, Fairfax Fair and other police department special events.</p>			

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Organization:	The American Red Cross of the National Capital Area	Date:	7/25/11
Member Updates			
<p>Since the last Citizen Corps Meeting the American Red Cross of the National Capital Region in Fairfax County has accomplished the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Responded to 5 disasters (in Fairfax). * Distributed over \$850 in emergency aid to clients (in Fairfax). * Conducted a full scale shelter exercises in the City of Fairfax that was part of a much larger 11 state drill conducted by the Red Cross * Participated in Fairfax EOC drill * Been an active participate of the Fairfax County PDRP (Post Disaster Recovery Project) committee * Been an active participate of the Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee * Participated with special events at Ft. Belvoir & Davison Army Airfield * Volunteers from Fairfax have deployed to South & North Dakota to assist with response to flooding, and Missouri for Tornado relief * Gained a new Director of Emergency and International Services, Paul Carden. * Volunteers from the Fairfax Office have participated with the following local special events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operation Rolling Thunder (Canteen w/ ACFD) - 4th of July on the National Mall and GWMP (George Washington Memorial Parkway) (Go-Teams, EOC Liaisons, Canteening etc.) - 150th Anniversary of the battle of Manassas/Bull Run (Go-Teams, EOC Liaison, Logistics, Canteening etc.) <p>Questions or Comments can be sent to Ian Sterne 703-584-8741 or e-mail sternei@redcrossnca.org</p>			

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Organization:	Amateur Radio Emergence Service (ARES)	Date:	24 July 2011
Member Updates			
<p>Accomplishments since 24 May 2011 report</p> <p>Activated in support of an internal OEM EOC logistics exercise on 3 June by staffing the AEOC, EOC, and the OEM communications vehicle ham radio stations.</p> <p>Activated the EOC Amateur Radio Station during the annual American Radio Relay League Field Day on Saturday, June 25th. Field Day is an annual emergency communications training exercise for North American where several thousand Amateur Radio clubs and public service groups set up or activate emergency ham radio communications. Activating an EOC station is one of several participation categories.</p> <p>Provided communications support as part of Prince William County ARES team's activation by the City of Manassas for the Civil War 150 weekend.</p> <p>Met monthly with the EOC Manager to get OEM tasking and to report status on ARES staffing, projects and plans.</p> <p>Plans for the next period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold regular meetings at the AEOC on the 4th Thursdays of each month. These are open to all interested hams. 2. Hold three training/equipment maintenance sessions during the third quarter 2011 to continue developing communications skills at the AEOC, EOC and field locations in the county. This will include testing the new AEOC HF/VHF/UHF station and antennas at the AEOC in the Fairfax County Government Center as well as continuing a planned intra-county HF communications test. 3. Hold training radio nets each week to include a local net on a Fairfax repeater and participating in the state wide Old Dominion Emergency Net – Digital and Virginia Digital Net. 4. Execute plans for training and software testing for the go kits and the AEOC/EOC station laptops. <p>Tom Azlin, N4ZPT. Fairfax County ARES Emergency Coordinator/RACES Coordinator</p>			

Update Form

Organization:	Jim Diehl, Dranesville Rep	Date:	7-11-2011
Member Updates			
<p>I contacted Supervisor Foust and would like to report back:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Regarding the Annual Report, he had no special interest items beyond the summaries submitted by the Core Groups.- With respect to improving the County's readiness to handle multiple emergencies and securing key installations, while effecting a civil evacuation, he concurred that CCC's initiatives on building rosters of vetted volunteers, augmented by prior liaison with organizations like the Virginia Defense Force, are steps in the right direction. Further augmentation for the FCPD, beyond VIPS, would similarly help improve the County's emergency preparedness. <p>.</p>			