

Meeting Minutes

4/2/2009

6:45 pm

In attendance: John Terzaken, Dranesville District Representative; Adeel Mufti, Hunter Mill District Representative; Tom Lambiase, FCIA; Jean Zettler Providence District Representative; Jim Kirkpatrick, West Springfield District Representative; Bob Meizer, Braddock District Representative; Al Bornmann, Mount Vernon Representative; Jeffrey Katz, CERT; Cathleen Tracy, CERT; Patrick Lucas, FCPD, Northern Virginia Crime Prevention Association; Ronald Manzo; Karen Bonz, FCPD, VIPS; Donna Spiewak, VIPS; Lawrence Ewing, MWNCA; Dianne Quebral, MRC; Al Bass, OEM; Elizabeth McKinney, OEM; Olivia McLean; Ray Cammas, Sully District Representative; Marcelo Ferreira, Volunteer Fairfax

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cammas at 7:00 pm.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from both the December 15, 2008 and August 12, 2008 meetings that was seconded and approved by the Council with a change in the December 15, 2008 minutes to replace Mike Ryan as OEM representative with Elizabeth McKinney.

Olivia McLean was introduced to the Council and relayed a message of collaboration between OEM, the Citizen Corps Council and community partners. See's Citizen Corps Program as an integral part of Fairfax County's Emergency management and preparedness and is looking forward to a good partnership.

Committee updates

By-laws

There were no updates to the by-laws.

Outreach

Adeel Mufti reported that outreach has been slow, but will pick up over the summer through community events and would like to reengage the Citizen Corps Blog. Mr. Mufti would like feedback on outreach efforts.

There was a discussion about whether the Council can fund a few members to attend the Conference. Al Bornmann will serve as the point of contact for this.

National Citizen Corps has themes for each month that can be incorporated within Fairfax County's Citizen Corps Outreach efforts. It was mentioned that the Council should try to get a Proclamation from the Board of Supervisors for Volunteer Appreciation week, but it might be too late.

Diane Quebral will see if she can take other Citizen Corps programs when the MRC attends the Government Center during Volunteer Appreciation week.

Celebrate Fairfax was brought up as a potential event for this year due to the success that the CERT program received last year. Adeel will check to see how many people followed through with their interest from last year's event.

Grants

Al Bass distributed two spreadsheets that broke down the UASI '07 and UASI '08 grants. These documents showed how much funding each recipient received from the UASI grants and how much has been spent to date.

OEM will check to see where the funding for the funding for the Citizen Corps Server will come from and who is going to maintain and pay for it.

Membership

The Membership Committee, comprised of Esther Emard and Pat Lucas, and Marcelo Ferreira will reach out to all of the members to confirm contact information. Members should expect to see a new Member Directory within the next two weeks.

Core Organization Updates

MRC

Received an UASI grant to coordinate vulnerability outreach fairs that promote emergency preparedness. One of the fairs will be located in Mount Vernon along the Rt. 1 Corridor. The MRC would like support from the Citizen Corps partners and looks at this as a way to collaborate with other members. The purpose of the fair is to encourage Fairfax residents to prepare for emergencies with an all-hazards approach. The first fair will be held on August 15 and the second will be held on September 12. Participants at the fair will receive a starter emergency preparedness kit. The MRC will meet with partners in early to mid May.

Elizabeth McKinney discussed the Medical Needs Registry and Social Needs Registries as an asset to citizens and individual homes of Fairfax County that may need extra assistance.

Would like Council members to participate in the Volunteer Reception Center and Spontaneous Volunteer Recruitment exercise that will be based off of a CRI incident. A tabletop exercise will be in September or October of 2009 and the full-scale exercise will be in March of 2010.

CERT

CERT Level 3 just went through a HIPAA Class. The final exercise for a sequence of classes will be June 7th. If any organizations would like to participate during the exercise contact CERT representatives. The program is always in need actors to make incidents seem realistic. There is also time for organizations to make presentations to actors during the exercise. The CERT Blog posts a few times per week regarding the program. Gearing up to plan for September Prepares initiatives.

Fire Corps

There are currently 275 members that are technically Fire Corps, but many members don't want to be called Fire Corps because they are under the Volunteer Fire Department.

VIPS

123 current APO members, 105 VIPS members. CPA is on its 4th week (out of 10) with around 35 people attending, 42 people completed CPA in Mount Vernon. Members are going through Car Seat Training. There is a Mature Operator Diver Improved Program currently going on. APO members are currently at level 4, which is the highest level. The APO academy will not be held due to budget cuts. Training for current APO members in tag reading is currently being arranged and DWI checkpoints occur weekly. VIPS has put in for an Service Award from Volunteer Fairfax. 90 people pending to become VIPS. The Board of Supervisors will give a Proclamation stating that the week of April 26th will be VIPS week. There will be a vehicle training for APO's that must be taken if they are to drive a county vehicle.

Neighborhood Watch

Ronald Manzo is the new representative for Youth Services and Neighborhood Watch. There will be an event in Camelot that will make the 30th anniversary of Neighborhood Watch's longest program. This neighborhood has never stopped patrolling their neighborhood since their membership began. Neighborhood Watch is looking at hotspots with the Mapping Program and making sure that affected communities are receiving outreach. October will mark Neighborhood Watch's 30th anniversary. Try to celebrate this in October during crime prevention month.

New Business

The Citizen Corps Council's new website is: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps>.

The Council specific site is: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/council.htm>.

Olivia McLean spoke about the new emergency management goals in Fairfax County, which is to bring everything together in order to get everyone involved in emergency preparedness. It is important that programs coordinate to work together. John Hudson will speak at the next meeting to discuss special needs planning in local communities. The Council should work as an advocacy group for readiness and have meetings be more than just the core programs reporting. The Council should establish its mission and report to the Board of Supervisors on what is happening and how to cover those gaps. Together Emergencies Are Managed (TEAM) Fairfax will be started and plans on bringing in all partners and start planning committees for an all hazards approach to emergency response. Ready Fairfax will be used as a standard with Ready Businesses, Ready Families, Ready Schools, and Ready Agencies. Would like the Council to become more involved with OEM on trainings and OEM would like to participate in trainings held by the Council. There should be an annual decision to decide what direction the Council should take and what programs should strive to accomplish. In regards to the grant process, the applications should first go through the Council that would make recommendations to OEM to approve.

Elections will be held during the next meeting. E-mail Ray Cammas and Elizabeth McKinney if interested in being considered for President, Vice-President, or Secretary.

It was suggested that a fact sheet be made that gives descriptions about each program on the Council in order to brief new members.

Al Bornmann mentioned the website emergency.cdc.gov that is like CEAN, but at a broader scale.

There will be a sales tax holiday between May 25 and May 31.

The next meeting will be held on May 21 at 6:45pm at the MPSTOC facility.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn that was seconded and approved unanimously at 8:55 pm.

Faithfully submitted,
Marcelo Ferreira, Secretary