



## **FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2015**

The September 24, 2015 meeting of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council was held at the Fairfax County Government Center in Conference Room 9-10. Chairperson James Sobecke called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with 19 members and staff present. Introductions of attendees were made and a listing of those in attendance is included on the final pages of these minutes.

### **Speaker Presentation:**

John Korman, Communications Supervisor for the Department of Public Safety Communications, provided the Council an overview of the new Text to 911 system.

#### *Presentation Overview:*

- People in Fairfax County can now text to 911.
- This service only works when individuals text in English.
- Do not send pictures or video when texting 911 or the text will bounce back.
- Only text 911- do not include multiple recipients or the text will bounce back.
- Upon receipt of a text message 911 just gets the person's phone number, not their name, location, etc.
- It is always better to call, rather than text, from a landline if possible.
- 80% of calls come from cell phones – this is a problem because 911 doesn't know where you are specifically.
- Level of accuracy is dependent on the cell phone carrier.
- There is a misconception that you can text 911 across the country – only 5% of localities have it.

#### *Other notable information/services:*

- TTY- communications for the deaf and hard of hearing – can text through a phone line – only works if the phone lines are working.
- Offer language interpretation call services.
- VRS- Video relay services- call a third party company who watches the individual signing and they voice call 911 (used more than TTY).
- Voice call #77 when on a highway to get State PD (if possible).



## **Business Meeting**

A quorum was present and minutes for the July meeting were approved.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Ready-Set-Know Festival for 2015**

Chairperson Sobecke led discussion regarding the 2015 Ready-Set-Know Festival's After Action Report which was held at the Burke Centre Fall Festival on September 12-13. Attending Citizen Corps Council Representatives (Office of Emergency Management, Volunteer Fairfax, CERT, MRC) reached approximately 900 attendants of the festival on Saturday and 2,017 on Sunday. Overall, it was reported that the event went well, but items for improvement included: passports, clarification of contact information, and name tags for individuals representing Citizen Corps Council core organizations at the event.

### **Committee Updates:**

Outreach: The committee chair person is currently vacant.

Grants: Dean Sherick, Office of Emergency Management Community Outreach Liaison, reported the following grant information:

- The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has hired a Grants financial manager (Andrew Sullivan) who will be starting October 19<sup>th</sup>
- UASI FY2015 Grants have been awarded and OEM will be soliciting requests in the near future.
- Fairfax County is allocated \$282,000 during this period which runs from September 1, 2015 – May of 2017.

### **Member Updates – Board of Supervisor Representatives:**

At Large: Andrew Levy was unable to attend the meeting.

Braddock: James Sobecke had nothing to report.

Dranesville: Wes Callender expressed interest in the Community Resiliency Group program and wanted to ensure that his District is notified when additional information is available.

Lee: Linda Waller reported that the Springfield Bridge walk was held on September 1st and had a good CERT presence of about 30 members.



**Member Updates – Board of Supervisor Representatives, continued:**

Mason: Brian Foley had nothing to report.

Mount Vernon: Jonathan Kiell had nothing to report.

Providence: Al Potter had nothing to report.

Springfield: Jim Kirkpatrick was not able to attend.

**Member Updates – Core Programs:**

CERT: The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) activities continue to multiply with a variety of classes, specialty topics and other events. There are 5 initial CERT classes coming up in the next few weeks as well as a tour of MPSTOC for those that are already CERT members. CERT is currently working on their team initiative where they are getting CERT members organized in the local community by zip code – or by general interest to form a team. CERT is also working on World Police and Fire Games wrap up as well as a Hazardous Response exercise which will occur in the October/November time frame – dates to follow.

Fire Corps: No report

MRC: Paula Rosca was introduced as the new Medical Reserve Corps staff member. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) has been very busy with extended care vaccination clinics and giving back-to-school vaccinations where 25 volunteers provided support. They have also revised basic training requirements for MRC members to include personal preparedness requirements. MRC is also working on a long term outreach campaign on general good-health practice and preparedness (hand-washing, covering your cough, getting your flu shot) and expect to roll it out on a larger level in the future.

Neighborhood Watch: Neighborhood Watch reported an increase in car thefts due to individuals not locking their cars as well as packages being stolen off porches.

VIPS/APO: No report.



**Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations:**

- Fairfax ARES: Fairfax County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) having a meeting and training drill session this Saturday, September 26th at Fairfax County Auxiliary Emergency Operations Center (AEOC).
- FCIA: Faith Communities In Action reported that they are currently working with the Office of Emergency Management to put together and hand out emergency preparedness information on Saturday, September 26, 2015.
- FLEPC: A hazardous materials exercise is expected to be conducted in October or November.
- Volunteer Fairfax: Volunteer Fairfax is holding the first FY14 Community Resiliency Group Seminar on October 14<sup>th</sup> in Lee District and is asking that Council Members participate in outreach. A flyer and website were handed out for dissemination.

**Office of Emergency Management Staff Report:**

- Certificates of Appreciation Completed for (in need of signatures):

Tracy Friend	Volunteer Fairfax Representative
Robert J. Mizer	Braddock Representative
Charles Monts	Chairperson in 2011
Jeanne Sanders	Volunteer Fairfax Representative
Ray Cammas	Chairperson in 2008
Jean Zettler	Chairperson in 2010
Karrie Delaney	Chairperson in 2012 – 2014

There will also be recognition for Al Bornmann, the Mount Vernon Representative.

- 2015 Citizen Corps Awards

FEMA 2015 Citizen Corps awards were on September 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 130 applications from 40 different states and the District of Columbia. The Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council work with the 2014 Ready-Set-Know Festival was awarded one of four Honorable Mentions in the Outstanding Citizen Corps Council category.



- Northern Virginia Emergency Response System

The NVERS group is rebranding their website and will add a faith-based emergency preparedness template to the ReadyNOVA.org. Templates for family and business are currently available.

- OEM Outreach Staff

Bruce McFarlane, our disabilities and access and functional needs advocate, retired on August 7<sup>th</sup>

Whitney Kazragis, our Community Outreach Liaison resigned on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

OEM took the opportunity of reviewing the duties and responsibilities for each position and has adjusted the position descriptions to meet the needs of the agency. The Community Outreach Manager position is now advertised so please share...closing date is October 2, 2015

The Access and Functional Needs /ADA position is expected to be announced on October 3, 2015. The job announcements will be forwarded to the Council as they are available online.

- National Preparedness Month

OEM staff has been to more than 15 events and coordinated with several other presentations.

- Great Southeast ShakeOut

The exercise is scheduled to occur on October 15, 2015 at 10:15 am and information to register your group is available at [www.shakeout/southeast](http://www.shakeout/southeast)

- Annual Report for Citizen Corps Council

Staff will be forwarding template to report information for the core programs as well as other organizations that would like to have inclusion in the report.

- Pipeline Update

A Colonial Pipeline Company 32-inch petroleum pipeline developed a leak in the Centreville area but has been patched. There is contamination in soil and the retention ponds on the other side of Route 28 but no people were evacuated. Only buildings affected were restaurants. Approximately 3000 gallons of product has been recovered but there will be additional activities on site.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 4/5.



**General Meeting – Sign In  
September 24, 2015**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization Represented</b>	<b>Present</b>
Bernadizkowski, Maria *	Volunteer Fairfax	<b>X</b>
Brann, Samantha	Medical Reserve Corps – Staff	<b>X</b>
Braxton, Mary *	Virginia Alliance of Family Childcare	
Brown, Jennifer (* Alternate)	Volunteer Fairfax	
Callender, Wes *	Dranesville District	<b>X</b>
Cockayne, John *	Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations	
Craven, Steve *	NoVa Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster	
Delaney, Karrie *	Sully District	<b>X</b>
Drost, Peggy (* Alternate)	Faith Communities In Action	
Ewing, Lawrence *	United Way	
Foley, Brian *	Mason District	<b>X</b>
Fried, Gregory	Neighborhood Watch – Staff	
Galliere, Susan (* Alternate)	Virginia Alliance of Family Childcare	
Hale, Judith *	Salvation Army	
Hart, Susan (* Alternate)	Boy Scouts of America	
Hepner, Cheryl (* Alternate)	NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
Katz, Jeffrey	Community Emergency Response Team – Staff	<b>X</b>
Kiell, Jonathan *	Mount Vernon District	<b>X</b>
Kirkpatrick, Jim *	Springfield District	
Lambiase, Tom *	Faith Communities In Action	<b>X</b>
Leino, Rick (* Alternate)	American Red Cross	<b>X</b>
Lelchook, Judith (* Alternate)	American Red Cross	
Levy, Andrew *	At-Large	
Lorenz, Lance *	Hunter Mill District	
McKernan, Dave	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	<b>X</b>
Mitchell, Mark	Volunteers In Police Service – Staff	
Moon, Mary (* Alternate)	Amateur Radio Emergency Services	
Nieman, Charlene *	CrisisLink	
O’Leary, Bonnie *	NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
Olds, Bowman	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Patel, Tejas *	Boy Scouts of America	
Peterson, Erik (* Alternate)	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	<b>X</b>
Potter, Alan *	Providence District	<b>X</b>
Powers, Dana	Community Emergency Response Team – Staff	
Robinette, Amelia *	Fairfax County Council of PTAs	
Rosca, Paula	Medical Reserve Corps – Staff	<b>X</b>
Rudnicki, Ken *	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Serle, Tracey *	Medical Reserve Corps	<b>X</b>
Sherick, Dean	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	<b>X</b>



<b>Name</b>		<b>Organization Represented</b>	<b>Present</b>
Sobecke, James	*	Braddock District (Chairperson)	<b>X</b>
Stokes, Shawn	*	Fire Corps	
Troutman, Jason	*	Fairfax County Amateur Radio Emergency Service	
Tuttle-Ferrio, Missy	*	Community Emergency Response Team (Vice-Chairperson)	
Vajda, Frank	*	Neighborhood Watch	<b>X</b>
Waller, Linda	*	Lee District	<b>X</b>
Wheeler, Jennifer	*	Volunteers In Police Service	<b>X</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES</b>			

\* Indicates Voting Member