

**Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council
Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2015**

6:55 – 8:45 PM

The March 26, 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 6:55 PM with 22 members, guests and staff present. Introductions of attendees were made and a listing of those in attendance is included on the final pages of these minutes.

Presentation

Roseann Kuryla of Volunteer Fairfax provided an overview of the 2015 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) and the need for over 4,000 volunteers to assist with the events. The WPFG is an international competition for law enforcement and fire and emergency medical service personnel. The WPFG will be held from June 26 – July 5 in the National Capital Region with most of the 53 venues located in Fairfax County. There will be 61 different sporting events that range from Olympic-style sports to job specific events, all of which will be free to the public. Reston Town Center will be home to the athletes during the WPFG.

Volunteers can assist in numerous aspects of the WPFG. Individuals wishing to assist must be over 18-years of age, have a background check completed, and be willing to work shifts of 4-6 hours. The volunteers will have the opportunity to interact with people from all over the world, receive meals and refreshments, and discounts at participating stores. Individuals with medical training such as Emergency Medical Technicians, CPR trained, nurses and others are especially asked to volunteer as 1800 are needed during the WPFG activities. Scheduling of volunteers begins in April and assignments will be done in May. Ms. Kuryla will be happy to make the WPFG presentation to any interested groups and a social media kit is available. Interested individuals can go to www.fairfax2015/volunteers for additional information.

Business Meeting

A quorum was present and minutes for the January meeting were approved as corrected.

Old Business:

Ready-Set-Know Festival for 2015

Chairperson Sobecke led discussion on conducting a 2015 Ready-Set-Know Festival which was so successful at the Burke Centre Fall Festival. He provided an overview of the program which included the “Disaster Wheel”; make a kit, moulage for the kids, and displays by different Citizen Corps Council organizations. Chairperson Sobecke also suggested the possibility of holding the event at different venues such as Springfield Days, Celebrate Fairfax, or other locations including Burke Centre.

Motion: John Cockayne made a motion that the Citizen Corps Council engage in conducting the Ready-Set-Know Festival for 2015 during the Burke Centre Festival. The motion was seconded by Karrie Delaney. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chairperson Sobecke will lead the Planning Committee for the event and welcomes any assistance from members and organizations.

Death of Al Bornmann, Mount Vernon District Representative:

John A. Bornmann, Jr., better known to us as “Al,” died on February 17, 2015. Al had been a longtime member of the Citizen Corps Council serving as the representative from the Mount Vernon District. An overview of Al’s life was read including his military service following his graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1967 through to his retirement as a lieutenant colonel. Following his Army career, he worked for SRA International for nearly 23 years. Al was active in the Boy Scouts, in his civic association as well as the Mount Vernon Council of Citizen’s Associations, and held leadership roles in his church. Al is survived by his wife of 47 years, Priscilla, daughter Kristen, son John and two grandsons. A memorial service was conducted February 28th with burial at Arlington Cemetery at a later date.

Following the reading of Al’s life, discussion occurred to have a letter sent to the Bornmann family as well as determine what actions may be taken by the Mount Vernon Supervisor’s office or the Board of Supervisors to recognize the service that Al had provided Fairfax County. OEM staff will follow up with these items.

Committee Updates:

Outreach: The committee chair position is currently vacant.

Grants: Dean Sherick, Office of Emergency Management staff support, reported that Fairfax County will receive \$306,000.00 for various volunteer programs that are used to improve community preparedness and resiliency for the Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) FY2014 cycle which runs from March 2015 through May 2016. Grant proposals from different organizations totaled over \$430,000.00 and the following grants have been awarded:

- CERT \$60,000 for program continuation
- FCIA \$29,293 for Community Chaplain Corps program continuation
- MRC \$25,903 for outreach and volunteer initiatives
- VIPS \$58,120 for program continuation
- OEM \$83,302 for staff and outreach activities

Membership: Jim Kirkpatrick reported that he had made contact with a number of Council representatives who have not attended recent meetings. He had partial success for his efforts but is hopeful that several of those contacted will attend the May meeting.

Brian Foley made the suggestion of possibly including additional educational groups on the Council as he has talked with staff at the Northern Virginia Community College and also suggested emergency planning staff from Fairfax County Public Schools also be considered.

Member Updates - Board of Supervisor Representatives:

- At Large: Andrew Levy discussed the various services Fairfax County has for outreach and suggested the possibility of using the emergency alerting system as a means to provide updates to the community.
- Braddock District: James Sobecke reported attending the Community Resiliency Group meetings which were well attended. CERT training was mentioned at those sessions which may generate some additional classes.
- Lee District: Linda Waller had nothing to report.
- Mason District: Brian Foley had nothing to report.
- Providence District: Al Potter had nothing to report.
- Springfield District: Jim Kirkpatrick had nothing to report.
- Sully District: Karrie Delaney had nothing to report.

Member Updates – Core Programs:

CERT/Fire Corps: Dana Powers reported the Community Emergency Response Team is gearing up for a number of classes this spring as well as Celebrate Fairfax and the World Police and Fire Games. In addition to the regular CERT classes at the Fire Academy, sessions are being conducted in Burke and Mount Vernon.

Jonathan Kiell reported teams are being developed in the various zip codes for people who have completed the CERT training.

MRC: The Medical Reserve Corps has been very active with the Ebola call center, in-office support and training which has engaged a number of volunteers and has been quite successful. They conducted the 2015 MRC Summit on March 7th and had over 100 attend this day of training and volunteer recognition.

Neighborhood Watch: Frank Vajda had nothing to report.

VIPS/APO: Lt. Marc Mitchell advised the attendees that a new Auxiliary Police Officer Academy is scheduled to begin on April 6th with 10 people attending the sessions. The number of APOs has been reduced over the past several years due to individuals leaving the area so this new group will be a wonderful benefit to the County.

Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations:

- Fairfax ARES: Mary Moon reported that Jason Troutman is the new emergency coordinator for Fairfax Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Fairfax ARES supported Vienna Wireless Winterfest by providing Talk-In support. This event was an opportunity to exercise the county Go Kit equipment. All systems were reported to be working well.
- FCIA: Faith Communities In Action is engaged in the Community Resiliency Group District Meeting and Exercise program. Classes are being conducted for new Community Chaplain Corps members. Also, the FCIA is looking at doing “A Day To Serve” event sometime between September 11th and October 11th of this year and will be examining various options to complete that event.
- FCFCA: John Cockayne reported for the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations that they were actively engaged in reviewing the proposed Fairfax County budget for Fiscal Year 2016 which has been posted for review and available on their website at www.fcfa.org.
- FLEPC: Erik Peterson of the Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee reported that Captain Quinn of the Fairfax County Police Department was the presenter at their recent meeting to discuss the World Police and Fire Games planning activities.
- Red Cross: The Red Cross has been busy with a number of fire as well as flooding events across the country. They continue to be engaged in the distribution of smoke detectors in various neighborhoods around the National Capital Region. Volunteer members will be working at the World Police and Fire Games this summer. And, the Red Cross has partnered with various groups for “The Pillowcase Project” which teaches children in grades 3–5 about emergency preparedness
- United Way: Lawrence Ewing provided informational bulletins on the Nonprofit Learning Series which has been occurring around the region. An upcoming event that will especially be of interest is the “Community Preparedness and Response Forum” that is scheduled to be held on April 22nd in the Founders Hall of George Mason University’s Arlington Campus and being sponsored by Constant Contact and Pepco.
- Volunteer Fairfax: Jennifer Brown announced that Tracy Friend has resigned from her position as VF Emergency Response Program Manager and that the position will be advertised in the near future. Jennifer thanked the Council for all of the support which it provided as part of the Community Resiliency Group program. Three districts have been complete with plans being made to continue in the future. Volunteer

Fairfax has also been assisting the Office of Emergency Management's quarterly neighborhood canvassing activity for May. Jennifer inquired if there would be interest from the Citizen Corps Council groups to participate at a booth during the Celebrate Fairfax event in June. This item will be discussed in New Business.

OEM Staff Report:

- OEM Outreach staff have been engaged in a variety of events including;
 - The Sully District Seminar and Exercise was completed with good attendance. OEM is working with Volunteer Fairfax to continue the program for the next grant period.
 - Many other outreach events at federal facilities and local festivals.
- The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards are being conducted on April 24, 2015 at the Waterford in Springfield at 8:00 AM with a cost of \$40.00. Additional information can be found at the Volunteer Fairfax web site at www.volunteerfairfax.org.

New Business:

Volunteer Fairfax Booth at Celebrate Fairfax

Volunteer Fairfax is possibly going to have an opportunity for a booth that will highlight emergency preparedness by making a kit during the Celebrate Fairfax event which is June 5-7, 2015. This could be a great opportunity for the different Council organizations to engage their volunteers in a fun, worthwhile project. Additional information will be provided as needed.

Motion: Andrew Levy made a motion individual organizations wishing to participate at the Celebrate Fairfax work directly with Volunteer Fairfax. Seconded by Tom Lambiase.
Motion passed.

Recognition of Former Council Members

There was discussion on providing letters or certificates of appreciation for the following:

- Jeanne Sanders of Volunteer Fairfax
- Tracy Friend of Volunteer Fairfax
- Robert Mizer, previous Braddock District representative

Andrew Levy volunteered to review past meeting documents to identify others who should also receive recognition for their participation on the Council. OEM support staff will generate the items for the Chairperson's signature.

Community Resiliency Group Program Discussion

Discussion occurred regarding the recent completion of the pilot project for the Community Resiliency Group which has been done by Volunteer Fairfax in the Mason, Braddock and Sully Districts. There was a great deal of interest in establishing means for communication among those currently engaged and also find a method for them to get to know each other better. There was also discussion about how each district should designate a person or group to be the lead for that district and ensure that the programs move forward. Discussion occurred on how best to utilize existing district groups such as the Citizen Advisory Committee and other public safety-focused organizations that already exist. More discussion will follow as the program evolves.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:45 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10.

General Meeting – Sign In

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Name	Organization Represented	Initial
Brann, Samantha	Medical Reserve Corps	
Braxton, Mary *	Virginia Alliance of Family Childcare	
Brown, Jennifer (*Alternate)	Volunteer Fairfax	X
Callender, Wes *	Dranesville District	
Cantagallo, Mike *	American Red Cross	
Cockayne, John *	Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations	X
Craven, Steve *	NoVa Regional Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster	
Delaney, Karrie *	Sully District	X
Drost, Peggy (*Alternate)	Faith Communities In Action	
Ewing, Lawrence *	United Way	X
Foley, Brian *	Mason District	X
Galliere, Susan (*Alternate)	Virginia Alliance of Family Childcare	
Hale, Judith *	Salvation Army	
Hart, Susan (*Alternate)	Boy Scouts of America	
Heppner, Cheryl (*Alternate)	Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
Katz, Jeffrey	Community Emergency Response Team & Fire Corps	
Kirkpatrick, Jim *	Springfield District	X
Lambiase, Tom *	Faith Communities In Action	X
Lelchook, Judith (*Alternate)	American Red Cross	X
Levy, Andrew *	At-Large	X
Mitchell, Marc	Neighborhood Watch and Volunteers In Police Service	X
Moon, Mary (*Alternate)	Amateur Radio Emergency Services	X
Nieman, Charlene *	CrisisLink	
O'Leary, Bonnie *	Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
Olds, Bowman	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	X
Patel, Tejas *	Boy Scouts of America	
Peterson, Erik (*Alternate)	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	X
Potter, Alan *	Providence District	X
Powers, Dana	Community Emergency Response Team & Fire Corps	X
Robinette, Amelia *	Fairfax County Council of PTAs	
Rudnicki, Ken *	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Serle, Tracey *	Medical Reserve Corps	
Sobecke, James *	Braddock District (Chairperson)	X
Stokes, Shawn *	Fire Corps	
Tuttle-Ferrio, Missy *	Community Emergency Response Team (Vice-Chairperson)	
Vajda, Frank *	Neighborhood Watch	X
Waller, Linda *	Lee District	X
Webber, Mark *	Fairfax County Amateur Radio Emergency Service	
Wheeler, Jennifer *	Volunteers In Police Service	
	Hunter Mill District	
	Mount Vernon District	

	Fairfax County Public Schools Fire & EMS	
	Northern Virginia Technology Council	
	ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES	
Kiell, Jonathan	CERT	X
Kuryla, Roseann	Volunteer Fairfax – World Police and Fire Games	X
McKernan, Dave	Office of Emergency Management	X
Sherick, Dean	Office of Emergency Management	X

* Indicates voting member