

**Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council
Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2015**

6:45 – 8:15 PM

The May 28, 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 24 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.

Business Meeting

A quorum was present and minutes for the March meeting were approved. Lt. Mitchell advised the attendees that the number of individuals currently enrolled in the Auxiliary Police Officer Academy is 9 and not 10 as reported in the minutes. One individual was unable to attend the sessions.

Old Business:

Ready-Set-Know Festival for 2015

Chairperson Sobecke led discussion regarding the 2015 Ready-Set-Know Festival which will be conducted at the Burke Centre Fall Festival on September 12-13. The Council's involvement in the program last year has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a 2014 Community Preparedness Award. Chairperson Sobecke indicated that the planning committee from last year's event will be activated and members can expect to be notified of a meeting soon. He welcomes any assistance from members and organizations.

Recognition of Former Council Members

There was follow up discussion to include individuals who had held the chairperson role in those who would receive recognition.

Committee Updates:

Outreach: The committee chair position is currently vacant.

Grants: Dean Sherick, Office of Emergency Management staff support, reported the following grant information:

- The FY2013 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) grants are being closed.
- The grant for the Community Resiliency Group program is expected to be completed in the near future.
- A meeting of programs who receive grant funding can expect to occur so each program is gathering the needed data for reporting.

- The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has designated funding for the FY2015 UASI programs and Fairfax County will receive \$282,000. This is same level of funding that was awarded in 2013.

Membership: Jim Kirkpatrick reported that he had made contact with a number of Council representatives and has had partial success for his efforts. The Northern Virginia Community College is very much interested in participating so appropriate measures will be taken to assure this can occur.

Member Updates - Board of Supervisor Representatives:

At Large: Andrew Levy had nothing to report.

Braddock: James Sobecke had nothing to report.

Dranesville: Wes Callender had nothing to report.

Lee: Linda Waller reported two events in Springfield that may be of interest to the Council, the Springfield Bridgewalk (September 1) and Neighborhood Resource Fair at the Franconia Government Center. More information will be provided at a later date.

Mason: Brian Foley reported that measures are being taken to hold Community Emergency Response Team training in the Mason District.

Mount Vernon: Jonathan Kiell had nothing to report.

Providence: Al Potter had nothing to report.

Springfield: Jim Kirkpatrick had nothing to report.

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. Basic CERT class number 100 will be coming up soon! There was an “All Hands” meeting at the Falls Church High School and over 120 members attended. Local teams are continuing to be formed in the Burke, Fairfax, Springfield and Reston areas. CERT members will be used in various roles for the World Police and Fire Games and more volunteers are being sought. CERT is also moving forward with their amateur emergency radio training.

- Fire Corps: Shawn Stokes reported the Fire Corps members will be engaged at Viva Vienna, Herndon Festival, Celebrate Fairfax and the World Police and Fire Games. Members have also been supporting CERT and working with ARES on those organizations' projects as well.
- MRC: The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) has been very active with getting over 11,000 letters out to professional health professionals as part of their volunteer recruitment activities. Volunteers are being sought to participate in a Point-of-Distribution event at the Prince William Costco on June 4th. MRC members will be engaged at the World Police and Fire Games.
- Neighborhood Watch: Upcoming events include Touch A Truck Day in the Sully District on June 13th and National Night Out on August 4th. A Worship Watch event was held with over 50 people attending.
- VIPS/APO: Lt. Marc Mitchell advised they have 9 people attending the Auxiliary Police Officer Academy which will be completed in September. Auxiliary Police Officers will be actively engaged at Celebrate Fairfax and during World Police and Fire Games.

Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations:

- Fairfax ARES: Mary Moon reported that Fairfax Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) participated in the Dulles Airport exercise. ARES will be checking areas which have poor communication capabilities as part of their work with the Fairfax County Communications Cache.
- FCIA: Faith Communities In Action reported the graduation of 10 new chaplains for the Fairfax County Community Chaplain Corps.
- FCFCA: John Cockayne had nothing to report from the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations.
- FLEPC: Erik Peterson of the Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee reported on their April meeting and that a full-scale exercise for a hazardous materials incident is being planned for this fall.
- United Way: Lawrence Ewing provided informational bulletins on the "Do More 24" and "2015 Shoebox Project" which the United Way has planned. The "Do More 24" brings together various organizations and businesses to address pressing challenges through fund raising. The "2015 Shoebox Project" collects everyday items for someone living in poverty or homelessness which can be put in a shoebox for distribution. Both projects can assist in helping the most vulnerable of our community to be better equipped for daily life as well as times of emergency.

Volunteer Fairfax: Jennifer Brown reported that they hope to have the new Emergency Response Program Manager hired around July 1. Volunteer Fairfax has been actively engaged in the Be A Home Hero project with the Office of Emergency Management and have received positive responses from all those who have participated. Upcoming events include Celebrate Fairfax, A Taste of Reston on June 19-20 and, of course, the World Police and Fire Games.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Staff Report:

- OEM Outreach staff have been engaged in a variety of events including:
 - Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 25-31, 2015) which includes a sales tax holiday for emergency preparedness items.
 - Be A Home Here program which is an OEM program for packing emergency preparedness materials in to bags for the Student Tools in Emergency Planning (STEP) and the neighborhood canvassing programs.
 - Over 2800 STEP bags prepared
 - Over 1000 information bags for canvassing.
 - Canvassing was completed in the Providence District on May 16th with 20 volunteers visiting over 600 homes.
 - Lots of preparation being done in the final weeks before the World Police and Fire Games which begin on June 26th.
 - The updated Fairfax County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has been completed and will be sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval on June 23rd. The EOP is the framework for the County's response to disasters and outlines the responsibilities of various county agencies. One change to this version is the ability of the Health Department, Sheriff's Office and Public Works to be able to establish command for incidents (previously only Fire and Police had that authority). Agency directors have been very positive in their engagement of the revised EOP which has assisted in both training and exercises that have been conducted.

New Business:

No new business items were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 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 |
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| Brann, Samantha | Medical Reserve Corps | X |
| Braxton, Mary * | Virginia Alliance of Family Childcare | |
| Brown, Jennifer (*Alternate) | Volunteer Fairfax | X |
| Callender, Wes * | Dranesville District | X |
| 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 | |
| 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 | X |
| Kiell, Jonathan * | Mount Vernon District | X |
| Kirkpatrick, Jim * | Springfield District | X |
| Lambiase, Tom * | Faith Communities In Action | X |
| Lelchook, Judith (*Alternate) | American Red Cross | |
| Levy, Andrew * | At-Large | X |
| Lorenz, Lance * | Hunter Mill District | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | X |
| Sobecke, James * | Braddock District (Chairperson) | X |
| Stokes, Shawn * | Fire Corps | X |
| 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 | X |
| | Fairfax County Public Schools Fire & EMS | |

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| | ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES | |
| McKernan, Dave | Office of Emergency Management | X |
| Sherick, Dean | Office of Emergency Management | X |
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* Indicates voting member