**FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2022**

**The meeting was called to order by James Sobecke, at 6:35 PM.**

* The meeting was held virtually via ZOOM and telephone.
* A quorum was present with 19 members or alternates present virtually.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting were approved by the membership without change.

**Introduction of New Members:**

* Mike Mixon, Red Cross
* David Chesler, Red Cross

**Presentation by Faith Communities in Action** Ramona Carroll

* Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith- and community-based organizations and government agencies that work together to increase awareness of community services and resources, identify community needs and strengthen community capacity to meet those needs.

The primary roles of the Faith Communities in Action Network include:

* Increase faith community awareness and understanding of community concerns and needs.
* Connect and network diverse faith communities around community concerns and needs.
* Assist the government to address concerns and needs identified by the faith community.
* Promote and strengthen the countywide faith community's capacity and coordination practices for addressing the concerns and needs of the community.

**Old Business**

* Review Burke Festival – Sept 11, 2022 Courtney Arroyo, Jeff Katz, James Sobecke
* The Council had a tent and table, sharing space with the member organizations.
* Rain made the site muddy and wet, and the material on the table damp. The public response to Ready-Set-Know was enthusiastic. The Sunday event was cancelled due to the rain.
* There was a lack of volunteers to prepare for the festival and at the tent on the day of the event. District Representatives need to volunteer. The need for volunteers at the community events will be added to the next meeting agenda.
* Reminder that all organizations need to send calendar items to DEMS Staff.

**New Business**

* Due to conflicts with Courtney Arroyo’s calendar the next meeting needs to be moved from November 17th to November 10th.
* Based on Fairfax County Boards Authorities and Commissions (BAC) Policy; remote meetings can be declared. The Chair stated that the November and January meetings will be held virtually each calendar year.
* Meeting Rooms: The Chair stated that in an effort to generate more attendance, the location of the meetings should be rotated to district government office community rooms next year. There were no objections. Marco Johnson and Richard Cramond volunteered to check the availability of Mason and Sully Districts community rooms.
* DEMS Updates Courtney Arroyo
  + Centreville Days – October 15, 2022
  + The Council will have a table, sharing space with the member organizations.
* Volunteers are needed to increase these outreach activities

**Membership Update** No Report

**District Updates**

* + At-Large - Absent Zach Smith
  + Braddock- Nothing to report James Sobecke
  + Dranesville - Absent Eric Marx
  + Hunter Mill - Vacant Vacant
  + Franconia - Nothing to report Linda Waller
  + Mason Marco Johnson
    - MRC, Neighborhood Watch, CERT, Red Cross participated at Mason District National Night Out activities
    - Opening food bank
  + Mt. Vernon - Vacant Vacant
  + Providence – Resigned Vacant Nathan Baldwin
  + Springfield - Absent Jim Kirkpatrick
  + Sully Richard Cramond
    - The opening of the Sully District Community Center was a success. Thanks to CERT for taking over traffic control and having a table.
    - Fire and police organizations were among those participating.

**Core Program Updates**

* + Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Jeff Katz
  + Distributing information at NGA headquarters at North Fort Belvoir
  + CERT Training Class 172 Started and Class 173 coming up. CERT training to be given to Peace Corps volunteers before their deployment.
  + CERT canteen vehicle will be ready in a few weeks.
  + CERT will have demonstrations at the fire houses open houses on October 15th
  + Providing training with MRC
  + Fire Corps Daniel Liebman
    - Emphasis is on recruiting for the Volunteer Fire Companies
  + Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Luann Whittenburg
    - Volunteers continued to support COVID and flu vaccination stations, as well as, school hearing and vision testing sites.
    - 11 volunteers are being trained in pediatric emergency care
    - CPR, and First Aid training is continuing
  + Neighborhood Watch Reanna Jacobsen
    - A Truck Trick or Treat event will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center parking lot on October 19th
  + Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) - No Report Michael Crutchman

**Affiliate Organizations**

* Amateur Radio Emergency Services Mary Moon
  + Volunteers supporting Ukraine war and weather event communications
* American Red Cross David Chesler
  + There is a reorganization occurring at the Red Cross in Northern Virginia. David Chesler is only a temporary representative.
  + Red Cross is preparing for or conducting storm relief operations.
* Child Life Disaster Relief Absent
* Fairfax County Older Adult Services Absent
* Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Absent
* Faith Communities in Action – No Report Tom Lambiase
* George Mason University Vacant
* Hope Animal-Assisted Crisis Response  Absent
* INOVA Fairfax Hospital Linda Watkins
  + In-person training is now in the hospital facility
  + Hospital is provider of CPR, First Aid, Life Support (BLS, ACLS, PALS) courses
  + INOVA has Child Car Seat Tags and other give-a-way materials available for public events.
  + Northern Virginia Community College Absent
* Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Absent
  + PRS – Crisis Link Absent
  + United Way Absent
  + Volunteer Fairfax Absent

**Action Items**

1. Check the availability of community rooms for the March 23, 2023 and May 25, 2023 Council meetings at:

Mason District Government Center – Marco Johnson

Sully District Government Center – Richard Cramond

1. All organizations need to send calendar items to DEMS Staff

**Meeting adjourned: 8:35 PM James Sobecke**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2022**

**Meeting Location: Virtual**

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83718988039>

Or Telephone: 888-270-9936 (US Toll Free); Conference code: 952942