**FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes for November 16th, 2017**

The November 16th, 2017 meeting of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council was held at the Fairfax County Government Center in Conference Room 232. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sobecke at 6:45 PM with **15 members and staff present**. Matthew Marquis from the Office of Emergency Management answered questions the Council had regarding OEMs projects and changes.

**Guest Speaker**

Matthew Marquis opened the floor for the Council members to present on the first bi-annual Preparedness Awareness Weekend event hosted by the Office of Emergency Management. Mr. Marquis told the council of its success in reaching approximately 800 individuals in a four-hour span. He briefed the council on the potential for an event at Gum Springs in the month of May. Mr. Marquis urged that the core programs and affiliated organizations participate in the upcoming event.

**Business Meeting**

A quorum was present and minutes for the September 2017 meeting were approved.

**Old Business:**

Chairman Sobecke requested that the council have an area in the atrium at the Fairfax County Government Center dedicated to the Citizen Corps Council. He requested an update from Matthew Marquis, and as of now FMD (Facilities Management Division) has yet to respond.

**Committee Updates:**

Outreach: Patrick Scott was not able to attend the meeting.

Grants: Matthew Marquis informed the Council that OEM was awarded the FY17 money without deduction. OEM will be offering up to $4999.00 to organizations for projects pertaining to terrorism and emergency preparedness. These organizations need to provide project scopes for the grant.

Membership: Jim Kirkpatrick removed anyone from the roster who has been absent for over a year.

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

At-Large: Jade Harberg was not able to attend the meeting

Braddock: James Sobecke had nothing to report

Dranesville: William McKenna was not able to attend the meeting.

Hunter Mill: Patrick Scott was not able to attend the meeting.

Lee: Linda Waller had nothing to report.

Mason: Brian Foley reported that the Mason District provided the Silver Shield event on October 12th.

Mount Vernon: Jonathan Kiell spoke of the bike tour from the Lorton Arts Center to Mount Vernon. Spoke of the CERT exercise using amateur radio to message all radio capable CERT members to ask if they would be able to respond. Reached over 200 out of 400 plus.

Providence*:* Nick Ludlumwas not able to attend the meeting.

Springfield: Jim Kirkpatrick had nothing to report.

Sully: Caitlin Hutchison wanted to bring attention to Kwik point visual translator guides. These wallet sized tools can be used for sign language plus up to 30 plus more languages. They can be used to bridge the gap with those who speak different languages in disaster response and recovery.

**Member Updates – Core Programs:**

**CERT**: Dana Powers informed the council of the high demand of CERT classes since the occurrences of recent high profiled natural disasters. TEEX taught a search and rescue class from November 8th to November 15th. CERT completed one of their master exercises in Lorton on November 4th.

**Fire Corps**: Daniel Liebman had nothing to report.

**MRC**: Paula Rosca was not able to attend the meeting.

**Neighborhood Watch**: Gregory Fried was not able to attend the meeting.

**VIPS/APO**: Scott Colwell was unable to attend the meeting.

**Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations**:

**ARES**: Mary Moon and the ARES team participated on October 28th with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to exercise with high frequency capabilities.

**American Red Cross:** Rose Madison was not able to attend the meeting.

**Boy Scouts of America**: Tejas Patel was not able to attend the meeting.

**FCIA**: Tom Lambiase spoke of the completion of the Providence and Springfield Community Resiliency Groups. Thinks that the Plan, Prepare, and Protect program can be a great way to break the ice for the CRGs.

**Fairfax County Council of PTAs:** Matthew Dunne was not able to attend the meeting.

**Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee**: Martin Ranck informed the Council that the Shelter in Place video is complete. He presented the video to the council members at the meeting and handed out the information cards. Chief Ranck also presented that the IAFF is hosting a HAZMAT training for all on November 20th and 21st.

**George Mason University:** Douglas McDaniel was not able to attend the meeting.

**NOVA Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Bonnie O’Leary was not able to attend the meeting.

**NOVA VOAD:** Steve Craven was not able to attend the meeting.

**NVCC:** Justin Miller introduced himself and began by describing his responsibilities at the Northern Virginia Community College. He coordinates with all the NVCC campuses and works out of the Annandale campus. They have recently rewritten the operations plan for the school and they are maintaining preparedness. They had a zombie preparedness event. Justin spoke of dwindling numbers within the campus CERT program as well as a plan to give all the buildings at the Annandale campus an address. In an attempt to help public safety officials they will also be renumbering the classrooms to include the floor and what side of the building they are located at.

**PRS-CrisisLink**: Michael Cossairt took the place of Meredith and spoke of the continuous growth of their program. They had added 22 new volunteers and are currently starting the onboarding process for new volunteers.

**United Way:** Lawrence Ewing was unable to attend the meeting.

**Volunteer Fairfax**: Diana Rothe-Smith was introduced as the new Emergency Response Program Manager with Volunteer Fairfax. She has been in the position for a month but was in the position 13 years ago. Finished the Providence and Springfield CRGs and is beginning to plan the CRG round-up. Found that more outreach was needed to get more participation from the communities.

**Office of Emergency Management Report:**

Matthew Marquis spoke of the success at the Preparedness Awareness Event at Providence Community Center on October 14th. OEM counted about 800 individuals that they directly engaged within a four-hour span. Because of this success, OEM is looking to do this event multiple times a year and look for the members of the council to participate. OEM has finalized the process for their volunteer group and will begin to offer it in the next quarter. OEM will also be hosting a disaster related game offer by the Koshland Science Museum. That game will take place at the end of November and possibly be used at the CRG Round-Up. Depending on the efficacy of the game, Matthew was looking into providing the game to members of the council.

**New Business:**

* Need to address the vacancy within the Outreach position on the council. The Office of Emergency Management has tried to contact Representative Patrick Scott and have not received response.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Next meeting is Thursday, January 25th, 2018 at 6:45pm in Conference Room 232**

**General Meeting – Sign In**

**November 16, 2017**

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| **Name** | **Organization Represented** | **Initial** |
| Arroyo, Courtney | Office of Emergency Management - Staff |  |
| Brown, Sulayman | Office of Emergency Management - Staff |  |
| Colwell, Scott | Volunteers in Police Service - Staff |  |
| Craven, Steve \* | NoVa Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster |  |
| Davison, Janet \* | Volunteer Fairfax |  |
| Drost, Peggy (\* Alternate) | Faith Communities In Action |  |
| Dunne, Matthew \* | Fairfax County Council of PTAs |  |
| Ewing, Lawrence \* | United Way |  |
| Foley, Brian \* | Mason District | **X** |
| Fried, Gregory | Neighborhood Watch – Staff |  |
| Harberg, Jade \* | At-Large |  |
| Havers, Mary (\* Alternate) | PRS-CrisisLink |  |
| Hovan, Meredith \* | PRS-CrisisLink |  |
| Hutchison, Caitlin \* | Sully District | **X** |
| Katz, Jeffrey | Staff - Community Emergency Response Team & Fire Corps |  |
| Kiell, Jonathan \* | Mount Vernon District | **X** |
| Kirkpatrick, Jim \* | Springfield District | **X** |
| Lambiase, Tom \* | Faith Communities in Action | **X** |
| Leino, Rick (\* Alternate) | American Red Cross |  |
| Liebman, Daniel \* | Fire Corps | **X** |
| Ludlum, Nicholas \* | Providence District |  |
| Madison, Rose \* | American Red Cross |  |
| Marquis, Matthew | Office of Emergency Management - Staff | **X** |
| McDaniel, Douglas \* | George Mason University |  |
| McKenna, William \* | Dranesville District |  |
| Miller, Justin \* | Northern Virginia Community College |  |
| Moon, Mary (\* Alternate) | Amateur Radio Emergency Services | **X** |
| Mooney, Seamus | Office of Emergency Management – Coordinator |  |
| O’Leary, Bonnie \* | NOVA Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing |  |
| Patel, Tejas \* | Boy Scouts of America |  |
| Peterson, Erik \* | Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee |  |
| Powers, Dana | Community Emergency Response Team – Staff | **X** |
| Ranck, Marty (\* Alternate) | Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee | **X** |
| Rosca, Paula | Medical Reserve Corps – Staff |  |
| Rothe-Smith, Diana \* | Volunteer Fairfax | **X** |
| Scott, Patrick \* | Hunter Mill District (Outreach) |  |
| Serle, Tracey \* | Medical Reserve Corps |  |
| Sobecke, James \* | Braddock District (Chairperson) | **X** |
| Steele, Grelia | Office of Emergency Management - Staff |  |
| Sullivan, Andrew | Office of Emergency Management - Staff |  |
| Swenson, Emily (\* Alternate) | Volunteer Fairfax |  |
| Trautman, Jason \* | Fairfax County Amateur Radio Emergency Service |  |
| Tuttle-Ferrio, Missy \* | Community Emergency Response Team (Vice-Chairperson) |  |
| Waller, Linda \* | Lee District | **X** |
| Wheeler, Jennifer \* | Volunteers in Police Service |  |
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|  | Fairfax County Public Schools Fire & EMS |  |
|  | Northern Virginia Technology Council |  |
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| **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES** |
| Cossairt, Michael | PRS-Crisislink | **X** |
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