**FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes for July 23rd, 2020**

The July 23, 2020 meeting of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Ashley Morris at 6:45 PM with 13 **members and staff, and 1 guest present**.

**Guest Speaker**

Stephanie A. Nikola, an Emergency Planning Associate for the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response for Fairfax County Health Department, spoke to the council about the county’s response to COVID-19. There are 313 health department staff assigned to COVID and 135 contractors being on-boarded in support. FCHD is currently offering essential health care support in three locations: Herndon district representative’s office, Mt. Vernon district representative’s office, and Joseph Willard Health Center by appointment only. There have been 8 geographically-targeted community testing events.

**Business Meeting**

A quorum was not present and minutes for the January 2020 meeting and the March 2020 meeting will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

Elections are going to be pushed to the next meeting [September].

**Committee Updates:**

Outreach: Ashley Morris reiterated that due to COVID outreach will need to convert to digital. Looking to run online training sessions for relevant emergency preparedness. The R.S.K. event has been cancelled.

Grants: Ashley Morris reported that the grant report was due earlier in July for April, May and June. Very good job hitting most of their goals. The only points not hit related to physical numbers.

Membership: Jim Kirkpatrick ss willing to contact the supervisors from districts without representatives to see if we can get them filled. Ashley is willing to do the same. Looking to add a member from the Agency on Aging.

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

At-Large: Jade Harberg had nothing to report.

Braddock: James Sobecke was absent.

Dranesville: William McKenna was absent

Hunter Mill: Andrea McCarthy introduced herself to the council.

Lee: Linda Waller was absent

Mason: No representative was present

Mt. Vernon: Jonathan Kiell was absent

Providence*:* No representative was present

Springfield: Jim Kirkpatrick had nothing to report.

Sully: Caitlin Hutchinson was absent

**Member Updates – Core Programs:**

**CERT**: Jeffrey Katz informed the council that the University of Utah prepared online classes for CERT. Will start in-person classes – 8 person classes / 2 sessions. and 50 – 60 students are ready to start. Weekly call ins and monthly zoom meetings. Going to offer AED/CPR class soon – 8 person classes / 3 sessions. Looking to serve the underserved – those who can’t leave their homes – grocery shop for them. Food drive sponsored by the supervisor’s office.

**Fire Corps:** Daniel Liebman explained that Fire Corps has slowed down due to the pandemic. However, the bingo halls have been opened to be used for blood donation services. Most fundraising activities have been stopped. Many of the firehouses have participated in food drives.

**MRC**: Paula Rosca explained that MRC is still focused on processing the large quantity of people from the spring. As of now 500 have been processed and 800 are pending. All training is online. Outreach has stopped, but has partnered with Health Department promoting COVID testing. Training is also on hold. Considering the requirements to build a vaccinating team. Volunteers are still deployed in clinics. Pool of 50 volunteers go support long term care. Jim asked how vaccines will be distributed. Paula did not know, but as MRC finds out she can let us know.

**Neighborhood Watch**: Officer Jacobson has been assisting patrol for the last 4 months. Just returned 4 days ago and doesn’t have much to report for outreach.

**VIPS/APO:** Marques Lowery explained that VIPS has been running teen summer programs via Zoom – teen police academy. VIPS is planning for the fall community police academy in person, but will be dependent on the state’s reopening plan. Staff is working remotely.

**Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations:**

**ARES**: Mary Moon was not present.

**American Red Cross:** Marco Johnson was not present.

**Boy Scouts of America**: No representative was present.

**Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee**: Paul Jolley had nothing to report.

**FCIA:** Tom Lambiase had nothing to report.

**PRS-CrisisLink**: No representative was present.

**United Way:** No representative was present.

**Volunteer Fairfax**: Tejas Patel spoke how VF has been running the donation warehouse at the American Legion warehouse since May 26. The emphasis is now on collecting children masks. VF has collected 14,400 masks so far. VF is planning to work remotely for the rest of 2020. Working on teaching Stop the Bleed online with the hope of an in-person workshop as well. Hoping to conduct a blood drive in Fairfax City partnering with iNOVA. Goodconnect.gov

**NOVA Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Bonnie O’Leary was not present.

**Office of Emergency Management Report**: Ashley Morris explained that the WOC Monitoring level has been downgraded. Continues to spread the Health Department’s lead messaging and preparing for potential spikes. Still needs volunteers for various projects listed with Volunteer Fairfax. Due to COVID, OEM is working on transitioning the programming, such as Volunteer Corp programming, to digital.

**iNOVA Hospital:** Linda Watkins was not present.

**Hope Animal Assisted Crisis Response:** Jen O’Keefe was not present.

**New Business:**

There was no new business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

**Next meeting is Thursday, September 24th, 2020 at 6:45pm at Fairfax County Government Center Room 9/10**

**General Meeting – Sign In**

**July 23rd, 2020**

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| **Name** | **Organization Represented** | **Present** |
| Arroyo, Courtney | Office of Emergency Management- Staff |  |
| Brantsetter, Ross | Community Emergency Response Team | **X** |
| Brown, Sulayman | Office of Emergency Management- Staff |  |
| Chesler, Dave | American Red Cross |  |
| Colwell, Scott | Volunteers in Police Service- Staff |  |
| Craven, Steve \* | NoVA Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster |  |
| Dunne, Matthew \*  | Fairfax County Council of PTAs |  |
| Foley, Brian \* | Mason District |  |
| Fried, Gregory | Neighborhood Watch – Staff |  |
| Harberg, Jade \* | At-Large (Secretary) | **X** |
| Havers, Mary (\* Alternate) | PRS-CrisisLink |  |
| Hovan, Meredith \* | PRS-CrisisLink |  |
| Hutchinson, Caitlin \* | Sully District |  |
| Jacobson, Reanna (Alternate) | Neighborhood Watch | **X** |
| Jolley, Paul | Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee | **X** |
| Katz, Jeffrey | Staff - Community Emergency Response Team & Fire Corps | **X** |
| Kiell, Jonathan \* | Mount Vernon District (Vice-Chairperson) |  |
| Kirkpatrick, Jim \* | Springfield District | **X** |
| Lambiase, Tom \* | Faith Communities In Action | **X** |
| Leino, Rick (\* Alternate) | American Red Cross |  |
| Liebman, Daniel \* | Fire Corps | **X** |
| Lowery, Marques (\* Alternate) | Volunteers In Police Service |  |
| Mawdsley, Justin \* | Boy Scouts of America |  |
| McCarthy, Andrea \* | Hunter Mill District | **X** |
| McDaniel, Douglas \* | George Mason University |  |
| McKenna, William \* | Dranesville District |  |
| Miller, Justin \* | Northern Virginia Community College |  |
| Moon, Mary (\* Alternate) | Amateur Radio Emergency Services |  |
| Mooney, Seamus | Office of Emergency Management – Coordinator |  |
| Morris, Ashley | Office of Emergency Management – Staff | **X** |
| Nisker, Gary \* | Mason District |  |
| O’Leary, Bonnie \* | NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing |  |
| O’Neill, Brendan \* | Amateur Radio Emergency Services |  |
| Patel, Tejas \*  | Volunteer Fairfax | **X** |
| Powers, Dana | Community Emergency Response Team – Staff |  |
| Ridgway, William | Volunteers In Police Service – Staff |  |
| Ranck, Marty (\* Alternate) | Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee |  |
| Rosca, Paula | Medical Reserve Corps – Staff | X |
| Rothe-Smith, Diana | Volunteer Fairfax |  |
| Seifert, Alexandra | Medical Reserve Corp |  |
| Sobecke, James \* | Braddock District (Chairperson) |  |
| Steele, Grelia | Office of Emergency Management – Staff | **X** |
| Sullivan, Andrew \* | Office of Emergency Management – Staff |  |
| Swenson, Emily (\* Alternate) | Volunteer Fairfax |  |
| Waller, Linda \* | Lee District |  |
| Watkins, Linda | INOVA Hospital |  |
| Waylen, Francis | Fairfax County Public Schools |  |
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| ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES |  |  |
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| Stephanie Nikola | Fairfax County Health Department | **X** |
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\* Indicates Voting Member