



**FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by James Sobecke, at 6:31 PM.

- The meeting was held virtually via ZOOM and telephone.
- A quorum was present with 22 members or alternates present virtually

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting were approved by the membership without change.

Introduction of New Members:

- None

Old Business

- Meeting Rooms: James Sobecke
The Chair stated that the State of Emergency Declaration expires March 1, 2023. That declaration allowed the Council to conduct meeting on Zoom. In the future Council meetings will be held in-person. In an effort to generate more attendance, the location of the meetings will be rotated to district government office community rooms in 2023.
 - The Sully District Government Center will be the location for the March 23, 2023 in-person meeting.
 - The Franconia District Government Center will be the location for the May 25, 2023 in-person meeting.
- The DEMS staff will maintain the Council calendar as part of the DEMS internal county calendar.

New Business

- DEMS 2023 Initiatives as stated in the DEMS website were reviewed. Seamus Mooney
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/readyfairfax>
- Ready-Set-Know Burke Festival Courtney Arroyo
 - DEMS will reserve the space and each organization is responsible for coordinating and manning their own tables.

Membership Update

Jim Kirkpatrick

- Providence District Representative position is now vacant. There is a need for District Representatives.

District Updates

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| • At-Large - Absent | Zach Smith |
| • Braddock- Nothing to report | James Sobecke |
| • Dranesville - Nothing to report | Eric Marx |
| • Hunter Mill - Vacant | Vacant |
| • Franconia - Nothing to report | Linda Waller |
| • Mason | Marco Johnson |
| ▪ Blood drive is in need of doners | |
| • Mt. Vernon | Vacant |
| • Providence | Vacant |
| • Springfield - Nothing to report | Jim Kirkpatrick |
| • Sully - Nothing to report | Richard Cramond |

Core Program Updates

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Dana Powers, Ross Branstetter



- Cert is going back to basics, emphasis on training people.
- Funding is running out in the next few months next year funding will be through the Fire Department.
- CERT will have demonstrations at the fire houses open houses on October 15th.
- Fire Corps Daniel Liebman
 - Hands-only CPR coming after December. Fire Department wants CERT to teach.
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Luann Whittenburg
 - Volunteers continued to support school hearing and vision testing.
 - Volunteer supporting Special Event on February 4.
 - In-person CPR, and First Aid training is resumes February 9.
 - Effort has started to clean volunteer databases.
- Neighborhood Watch Reanna Jacobsen
 - The National Night Out will be August 1.
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Michael Crutchman
 - Community Police Academy is now accepting applications for the Spring 2023 session that will meet from March 16 to May 20, 2023 and the Fall 2023 session that will meet from September 14 to November 18, 2023.
 - There were 2 APO graduates in October.

Affiliate Organizations

- Amateur Radio Emergency Services Absent
- American Red Cross David Chesler
 - Blood donations are needed.
 - Statistics on the cost of typical cost of home fires was presented to emphasize the need for fire safety.
 - Red Cross will have a new disaster response trailer in May.is preparing for or conducting storm relief operations.
- Child Life Disaster Relief Cheryl Lawrence
 - Emphasis on recruiting and training
- Fairfax County Older Adult Services – No Report Jeannie Purdy
- 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 Absent
- Northern Virginia Community College Absent
- Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bonnie O’Leary
 - MRC is providing training for MRC. 265 to date
 - Next training classes for Fire and Rescue personnel in May.
- PRS – Crisis Link Absent
- United Way Absent
- Volunteer Fairfax Absent

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 PM

James Sobecke

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 23,2023
Meeting Location: In Person
Sully District Government Center
4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly VA 20151