



FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2023

Sully District Government Center

4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly VA 20151

The meeting was called to order by James Sobecke, at 6:34 PM.

- The meeting was held in person at the Sully Government Center.
- A quorum was present with 18 members or alternates present.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting were approved by the membership with changes to typos.

Introductions of New Members

- Eileen Kragie was introduced as the Hunter Mill District Representative. Jim Kirkpatrick

Old Business

- Action Item review. – No Action Items were identified

New Business

- DEMS Courtney Arroyo
 - The Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Guide Update - The updated guide will include sections covering:
 - Flooding: Coastal Flooding, Flood Emergency, Flood Warning Updated Infectious Diseases
 - Meeting schedule - The State of Emergency Declaration expired March 1, 2023. That declaration had allowed the Council to conduct meeting on Zoom. Now 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 next in-person meeting, scheduled for May 25, 2023, will be held at the Franconia District Government Center.
 - An observation was made that many Fairfax County councils and commissions hold meetings quarterly. After discussion a motion was made to start holding quarterly Citizen Corps Council meeting quarterly. This motion was passed unanimously. Quarterly meetings will begin in the third quarter of 2023. The DEMS staff will maintain the Council calendar as part of the DEMS internal county calendar.
 - DEMS has reserved space at the September Burke Fest. Other agencies are welcome to join the space, but will have to coordinate their own material and staffing.
 - Award - At the Virginia Emergency Managers Meeting, the Fairfax County Emergency Management Program was recognized as the "Preparedness Program of the Year".

Membership Update

Jim Kirkpatrick

- Mt. Vernon and Providence District Representative positions still now vacant.



- There is a new emergency coordinator for Volunteer Fairfax. He will be introduced at the upcoming meeting.

District Updates

- At-Large - Absent Zach Smith
- Braddock- Nothing to report James Sobecke
- Dranesville - Nothing to report Eric Marx
- Hunter Mill - Nothing to report Eileen Kragie
- Franconia - Nothing to report Linda Waller
- Mason Marco Johnson

The following is added to the record as it was not added to the January 2023 meeting minutes:

- The Winter Leadership Series is on Saturdays - There are multiple opportunities to volunteer and participate in public meetings on topics ranging from emergency preparedness, land use, parks, to tax relief. A new community park opened in the Bailey’s Crossroads area and volunteers already are showing an interest in helping.
- Mason District Police Station Hosts the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting the second Tuesday of most months. The meetings generally consist of Neighborhood Watch volunteers. The meetings are open to ALL volunteers and residents in the Mason Police District to enhance communication between the police department and the public by offering residents the opportunity to speak directly with local officers at the Mason District Station.
- Mt. Vernon Vacant
- Providence Vacant
- Springfield - Nothing to report Jim Kirkpatrick
- Sully Richard Cramond
 - The Sully Government Center need more “Make a Plan,” brochures, “Fairfax Alert” cards, and “Crises Guide”.
 - The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations continues to hold its monthly meeting with area HOAs.

Core Program Updates

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Jeff Katz, Ross Branstetter
 - CERT is out of Fire and Rescue funding.
 - A non-profit CERT Association was created to assist in funding training.
 - CERT is going back to basics, emphasis on training people. Last year CERT had 450 people sign up for training, resulting in 14,000 hours of training.
 - CERT training was held for a class of Peace Corps volunteers.
 - CERT volunteers have served to support community activities including providing traffic control.
 - CERT will have demonstrations at the fire houses open houses on October 15th.



- CERT now has Canteen Service available for prolonged events.

- Fire Corps Daniel Liebman
 - Distribution Smoke Detectors continuing

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Luann Whittenburg

- Fairfax MRC has selected a new MRC Program Assistant, Gulira Alieva and brought her on board since February. Gulira is currently being trained on MRC functions and will soon begin leading an initiative that will help recruit language interpreters and diversity the MRC program.
- MRC has several trainings coming up: Community Outreach training tonight, Shelter Operations, and ICS/NIMS Primer during the months of March and April. Also, due to our newly enhanced EPR Training and Exercise program that has grown from a team of 1 person to a team of 7. Fairfax MRC can now offer IN_HOUSE CPR and BLS trainings to our volunteers. This month we offered BLS for Healthcare providers to 12 medical volunteers, and in April we will be offering CPR Heartsaver to 16 non-medical volunteers.
- Fairfax MRC is gearing up for outreach events with our first event taking place this Saturday, The Preparedness Awareness Weekend. We are also currently coordinating with the outreach team and the DCIP team to put together an outreach calendar.
- In terms of deployments, Fairfax MRC is currently supporting Immunization Clinics, and the outreach team.
- MRC recruitment efforts this year will focus on language interpreters and pharmacists – these two gaps we discovered during the COVID response.
- Fairfax MRC continues to work on wrapping up the COVID response, updating and cleaning up the database and making sure all the COVID data is accurate and well documented.
- This year MRC will also focus on updating our plans, SOPs, procedural memorandums with COVID lessons learned and best practices.

- Neighborhood Watch Reanna Jacobsen
 - The National Night Out will be August 1.

- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Reanna Jacobsen
 - Community Police Academy is now accepting applications for the Fall 2023 session that will meet from September 14 to November 18, 2023.

Affiliate Organizations

- Amateur Radio Emergency Services Mary Moon
 - The Annual OPS COM is being held

- American Red Cross Marco Johnson

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- Blood Donations are urgently need. Recent increases in trauma cases are depleting blood supplies. Most needed blood is Type-O.



- Volunteers need Fairfax Alerts. Monitor forecasts frequently. Have enough fuel, wiper fluid, proper tires, medication, food, water, for an emergency car and home kit.

- Child Life Disaster Relief Absent
- Fairfax County Older Adult Services – Continuing to shape plan 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 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. Starting Mar 11 and statewide May 6
 - Next training classes for Fire and Rescue personnel in May.
- PRS – Crisis Link Absent
- United Way Absent
- Volunteer Fairfax Absent

Meeting adjourned: 7:41 PM

James Sobecke

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 25,2023

In Person Meeting Location:

Franconia District Government Center

6121 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310