



## **FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL Meeting Minutes for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The September 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 **18 members and staff, and 2 guests present.**

### **Guest Speaker**

Colin Brody is with the Fairfax County Health Department. He spoke about Fairfax County's COVID-19 data. To date: 20,710 confirmed. 596 deaths. 7 day positivity rate dropped to 4.8%. 31,000 COVID tests performed in Fairfax. Increase in 18-49 age bracket recently. "Box it in" approach contact tracing. Peak in April & May, declined rapidly, slight uptick over the last couple of weeks in August and now declining again. Looking at vaccine pipeline. Robust mask dispensing program. What are the plans for the mass-inoculation centers? Includes recommended waiting period of 15 minutes – not entertaining a drive-through model. Looking to partner with county organizations to help. Depends on how many vaccine doses are given. MRC volunteers work with public health in call centers, general inventory, out-patient testing, and on-boarding training.

Ashley Morris opened the floor to discuss the Council's direction and function. James Sobecke lamented that we have multiple vacancies along with many absences. Jeff Katz – the question of "how to raise awareness and keep people involved" is still being asked. We have RSK, but we need to find something meaningful that people can engage with throughout the year. Andrea McCarthy suggested 1) the name CCC doesn't lend itself to what the group does, 2) we don't have 3 or 4 "big" things to focus on throughout the year (or goals). Ashley agreed that if we can focus on "providing" something we will get people to spend their time with CCC. Looking to start planning meetings with supervisors and member organizations. May even designate a sub-committee. Linda Waller suggested we set aside a meeting dedicated solely to answering these questions. Also suggested hosting meetings at rotating supervisors' offices. Ashley stated that since there is no longer a national Citizens Corp, we can probably get a new name. Also, we may send out a survey to get feedback about what members want from this Council.

### **Business Meeting**

A quorum was present and minutes for the May 2020 meeting and the July 2020 meeting were voted on and passed.

### **Old Business:**

Elections were discussed and it was agreed that all serving members will continue until an in-person meeting can be held.



**Committee Updates:**

- Outreach: Ashley Morris discussed that September is National Preparedness Month. Unfortunately OEM cannot participate in normal outreach events and festivals. OEM has been active in pushing digital outreach; several digital campaigns going on social media, and webinar presentations to county employees. OEM is hoping to do a monthly preparedness talk with county employees next year. Ashley is also reaching out to supervisor offices and volunteer programs looking to add people to the Fairfax Alert program. OEM’s goal is 10% of the population; “Touch 10” campaign. Fairfax County is currently at 7%.
- Grants: Ashley Morris spoke about current review of OASI funding. Need to put together a project to show the benefits the county is receiving from this grant.
- Membership: Jim Kirkpatrick brought up the concern of members not attending meetings and opened the floor to how we can change that. Jim said he is going to start making sure members’ contact info is up to date.

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

- At-Large: Jade Harberg had nothing to report.
- Braddock: James Sobecke had the opportunity to meet with the new supervisor. The new supervisor seemed very excited to work with CCC.
- Dranesville: William McKenna was not present
- Hunter Mill: Andrea McCarthy had nothing to report. Supervisor’s office interested in Fairfax Alerts & MRC
- Lee: Linda Waller had nothing to report.
- Mason: No representative was present
- Mt. Vernon: Jonathan Kiell was not present
- Providence: No representative was present
- Springfield: Jim Kirkpatrick had nothing to report.
- Sully: Richard Gremmin nominated – will be appointed in the next supervisor meeting.

**Member Updates – Core Programs:**



**CERT:** Jeffrey Katz review CERT’s continuing programs and how they are pushing out “touch 10” messages. CERT ran 15 food distributions with the supervisors’ offices and will continue for an undetermined amount of time. He spoke of different ways CERT members have been helping the COVID effort such as credentialed volunteers working with Department of Family Services to assist people who can’t leave their home to go grocery shopping. Hundreds of masks have also been made and will be distributed. CERT has been running Stop the Bleed in-person classes with 8 people. University of Utah has assisted CERT in running hybrid classes. CERT is also looking to acquire a mobile canteen. Ross Branstetter spoke of how CERT has been adjusting to digital and hybrid training. James Sobecke spoke of how the virtual classes are being held. 79 people have completed training online. 19 CERTS have graduated through “BETA” program on 8/29.

**Fire Corps:** Daniel Liebman explained that Fire Corps has helped with food distribution. Additionally, firehouses have been opened for blood drives.

**MRC:** Megan Dorn explained how MRC has been very busy with COVID-19. So far, MRC has deployed 1,073 volunteers; 521 volunteers have been processed since COVID started. MRC is looking to establish a specimen collection team that would work with Public Health at testing sites. With flu clinics starting up, MRC has 31 medical vaccinators to work. Megan explained the MRC has new needs for non-medical volunteers to assist with crowd control, greeting, and language interpretation. Looking for volunteers to complete training for vaccinations when COVID vaccine becomes available. MRC also has been assembling Healthy at Home bags. In preparation for the election, MRC will provide Infection Prevention Ambassadors for election-site staff.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Richard Genus spoke of Neighborhood Watch online courses being provided for training.

**VIPS/APO:** Marques Lowery was not present.

**Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations:**

**ARES:** Mary Moon had nothing to report.

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

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

**Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee:** Paul Jolley was not present.

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

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



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

**Volunteer Fairfax:** Tejas Patel spoke more in depth about the child mask operation; 2,067 children's masks collected so far. Volunteer Fairfax is accepting both masks as well as fabric. Volunteers are taking the donated fabric, making masks, and bringing them back to VF to meet their 20,000 mask goal. VF has enlisted the Audrey Moore recreation center for assistance – there are 8 sewing machines set up for volunteers to make masks. As for NOVA VOAD, Tejas explained that there are cloth masks and plastic aprons available for organizations. Virtual meeting will be held next week – providing details of potential strategies for the future.

**NOVA Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** Bonnie O'Leary had nothing to report.

**Office of Emergency Management Report:** Ashley Morris discussed how OEM has rolled back its response. OEM has shut down the emergency operating center, but is still assisting with PPE accumulation and testing sites. OEM is closely working with the Health Department for any potential surges. Although OEM is anticipating the vaccination timeline of development and distribution, it is still waiting on state and local health department. OEM is also assisting Volunteer Fairfax with a child-mask operation to collect and distribute masks for underserved communities.

**iNOVA Hospital:** Linda Watkins had nothing to report.

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

**New Business:**

There was no new business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

**Next meeting is Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:45pm at Fairfax County Government Center  
Room 9/10**



**General Meeting – Sign In  
 September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization Represented</b>	<b>Present</b>
Arroyo, Courtney	Office of Emergency Management- Staff	
Branstetter, Ross	Community Emergency Response Team	<b>X</b>
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	
Genus, Richard	Neighborhood Watch	<b>X</b>
Fried, Gregory	Neighborhood Watch – Staff	
Harberg, Jade *	At-Large (Secretary)	<b>X</b>
Havers, Mary (* Alternate)	PRS-CrisisLink	
Hovan, Meredith *	PRS-CrisisLink	
Hutchinson, Caitlin *	Sully District	
Jacobson, Reanna (Alternate)	Neighborhood Watch	<b>X</b>
Jolley, Paul	Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Katz, Jeffrey	Staff - Community Emergency Response Team & Fire Corps	<b>X</b>
Kiell, Jonathan *	Mount Vernon District (Vice-Chairperson)	
Kirkpatrick, Jim *	Springfield District	<b>X</b>
Lambiase, Tom *	Faith Communities In Action	<b>X</b>
Leino, Rick (* Alternate)	American Red Cross	
Liebman, Daniel *	Fire Corps	<b>X</b>
Lowery, Marques (* Alternate)	Volunteers In Police Service	
Mawdsley, Justin *	Boy Scouts of America	
McCarthy, Andrea *	Hunter Mill District	<b>X</b>
McDaniel, Douglas *	George Mason University	
McKenna, William *	Dranesville District	
Miller, Justin *	Northern Virginia Community College	
Moon, Mary (* Alternate)	Amateur Radio Emergency Services	<b>X</b>
Mooney, Seamus	Office of Emergency Management – Coordinator	
Morris, Ashley	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	<b>X</b>
Nisker, Gary *	Mason District	



O’Leary, Bonnie	*	NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	<b>X</b>
O’Neill, Brendan	*	Amateur Radio Emergency Services	
Patel, Tejas	*	Volunteer Fairfax	<b>X</b>
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	
Rothe-Smith, Diana		Volunteer Fairfax	
Seifert, Alexandra		Medical Reserve Corp	
Sobecke, James	*	Braddock District (Chairperson)	<b>X</b>
Steele, Greliia		Office of Emergency Management – Staff	
Sullivan, Andrew	*	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	
Swenson, Emily (* Alternate)		Volunteer Fairfax	
Waller, Linda	*	Lee District	<b>X</b>
Watkins, Linda		INOVA Hospital	<b>X</b>
Waylen, Francis		Fairfax County Public Schools	
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES			
Richard Gremmin		Tentative Sully district representative	<b>X</b>
Colin Brody		Fairfax County Health Department	<b>X</b>
Meagan Doran		Medical Reserve Corp	<b>X</b>
Cheryl Lawrence		Child Life Disaster Relief	<b>X</b>

\* Indicates Voting Member