



FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2020

The January 23, 2020 meeting of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council was held at the Fairfax County Government Center in Conference Room 9/10. The meeting was called to order by James Sobecke at 6:46 PM with **18 members and staff, and 2 guests present**. The meeting focused on briefing the council

Guest Speaker

Matthew Marquis spoke about updates to the volunteer and donation management annex. The annexes are support for all annexes to the emergency operations plan. He explained that OEM and Volunteer Fairfax began the updating process back in October 2019 and the first kickoff meeting was in December for both annexes. Matthew reassured the council members that although FEMA has been discontinuing the Citizens Corps on the national level, on the local level it is still relevant and crucial. Over the last two meetings the goal has been to consolidate the coordination and communication of different outreach events in order to drum up a larger pool of volunteers and to utilize them efficiently.

Business Meeting

A quorum was present and minutes for both the September 2019 meeting and the November 2019 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

The council discussed potential outreach efforts to be held in 2020. The Ready. Set. Know event was tentatively planned for the first weekend after Labor Day. Another tentative outreach event brought up to the council was the Mt. Vernon Town Hall on February 1st.

Committee Updates:

Outreach: William McKenna was absent

Grants: Matthew Marquis informed the council that a regional meeting will be held next week to review budget proposals for each jurisdiction. He informed the council that OEM will be asking for approximately \$290,000. On February 1st the budgets and solutions reports are due.

Membership: Jim Kirkpatrick reviewed ideas of different organizations to get new members such as the Division of Adult and Aging. Jim reiterated that there are still



vacancies in the Board of Supervisor representatives and will work with OEM in the new year to fill those vacancies.

Member Updates – Board of Supervisor Representatives:

- At-Large: Jade Harberg was absent
- Braddock: James Sobecke informed the council that Braddock district has a new supervisor, but has not yet met with the new staff.
- Dranesville: William McKenna was absent
- Hunter Mill: No representative was present
- Lee: Linda Waller had nothing to report
- Mason: No representative was present
- Mt. Vernon: Jonathan Kiell reiterated the Mt. Vernon town hall on February 1st.
- Providence: No representative was present
- Springfield: Jim Kirkpatrick informed the council that Springfield district has a new supervisor, but has not yet met with the new staff.
- Sully: Caitlin Hutchinson had nothing to report

Member Updates – Core Programs:

CERT: Jeffrey Katz informed the council that the new CERT manual was published on January 1st. He spoke about the upcoming CERT classes including a county-employee-only class starting in the beginning of February. Additionally, he spoke about the Regional CERT-Con on November 14-15.

Fire Corps: Daniel Liebman had nothing to report

MRC: Alex Seifert informed the council that MRC will be moving in order to partner more with other regional MRCs for training. The Alexandria MRC hosted a dementia training on January 22nd with all of the other regional MRCs. Fairfax MRC will be hosting regional trainings including introduction to epidemiology, active shooter training, and, on January 24th, mental health first aid. In September, MRC will hold an Access and Functional Needs Symposium; an all-day training working with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and visually impaired, and addressing cultural sensitivity issues among other topics. Starting in February, MRC will be starting a mass mailing campaign to try and enlist more healthcare workers into MRC.



Neighborhood Watch: Richard “Wayne” Twombly had nothing to report

VIPS/APO: No representative was present

Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations:

ARES: Mary Moon informed the council of an Aux-Com class that Fairfax County hosted back in December. Additionally, Fairfax hosted classes pertaining to Message handling, passing messages over the radio, etc...

American Red Cross: Marco Johnson visited the council. He spoke about the upcoming Disaster Preparedness Summit on January 28th. The Summit will host many guests such as FEMA and the DC Emergency Manager.

Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee: Paul Jolley was asked about volunteer outreach for his organization. He explained that his organization helps prepare volunteers for hazmat-related incidents. He offered to brainstorm ways to promote outreach such as collaborating with other organizations and share training.

PRS-CrisisLink: No representative was present

United Way: No representative was present

FCIA: Tom Lambiase has nothing to report

Volunteer Fairfax: No representative was present

NOVA Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Bonnie O’Leary informed the council that BRC will be participating in the MRC regional training in September. She also will be coordinating with the Police Department to come to BRC to do outreach in June.

Office of Emergency Management Report: Matthew Marquis informed the council that he was promoted to Regional Planner as well as the interim Community Outreach Liaison and will no longer be a part of the Citizen Corps Council. A new OEM representative will attend the March 2020 meeting. Matthew has been meeting with new organizations for recruitment into the Community Resiliency Groups. He also is encouraging the district representatives to reach out to potential recruits such as homeowner associations.

iNOVA Hospital: Linda Watkins had nothing to report.

Hope Animal Assisted Crisis Response: Jen O’Keefe gave the council an overview of her organization. Their mission statement is to help people in crisis and disaster through animal-assisted response. This national organization is broken down into eight regions



and team leaders are deployed to any kind of disaster or crisis. She explained the process of dog training and use in the field.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

**Next meeting is Thursday, March 26 at 6:45pm at Fairfax County Government Center
Room 9/10**



**General Meeting – Sign In
 January 23, 2020**

| Name | Organization Represented | Present |
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| 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) | |
| Havers, Mary (* Alternate) | PRS-CrisisLink | |
| Hovan, Meredith * | PRS-CrisisLink | |
| Hutchinson, Caitlin * | Sully District | X |
| 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) | X |
| 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 | |
| Marquis, Matthew (*Alternate) | Office of Emergency Management – Staff | X |
| Mawdsley, Justin * | Boy Scouts of America | |
| 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 | |
| Nisker, Gary * | Mason District | |
| O’Leary, Bonnie * | NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing | X |
| O’Neill, Brendan * | Amateur Radio Emergency Services | X |
| Patel, Tejas * | Volunteer Fairfax | |
| 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 | |



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| Seifert, Alexandra | | Medical Reserve Corp | X |
| 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 | |
| Twombly, Richard “Wayne” | | Neighborhood Watch | X |
| Waller, Linda | * | Lee District | X |
| Watkins, Linda | | INOVA Hospital | X |
| Waylen, Francis | | Fairfax County Public Schools | |
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| ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES | | | |
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| Marco Johnson | | American Red Cross | X |
| Jen O’Keefe | | Hope Animal Assisted Crisis Response | X |
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* Indicates Voting Member