



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 21, 2016 Agenda Item 2

Work Session

Update from the Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Emergency Preparedness Manager

Recommended Council Action

Hear the report.

Context with Key Issues

The Emergency Preparedness Committee was established by the City Council to provide community input on the City's planning and preparations for emergency operations and to involve residents in providing appropriate levels of community preparedness for all hazards.

Current members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee are listed below.

Resident Members:

Rebecca Chestnutt (Ward 3), Andy Kelemen (Ward 1); Jennifer Kurtinitis (Ward 1); Fred Levinson (Ward 2); Donald Pinkston (Ward 5); Kathleen Quinn (Ward 2); Claudine Schweber (Ward 3), Community Co-Chair.

Representative Members:

Ron Hardy, Takoma Park Emergency Manager and City Co-Chair of the Committee; Thomas Horne, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department; Joe Corona, Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; Kamelah Jefferson, Washington Adventist Hospital Office of Emergency Management; and, Dr. Herma Percy, Washington Adventist University.

Claudine Schweber and Ron Hardy will be at the meeting to provide the update on plans and activities.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Attachments and Links

- Emergency Preparedness Manager Presentation Outline
- Emergency Preparedness Committee Community Co-Chair Presentation Outline
- [Emergency Preparedness Committee Web Page](#)

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Council Presentation

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Emergency Preparedness Manager - Ron

A. Outreach Events

- Drug Take Back Day, May 7 - Andy and Fred
- Celebrate Takoma, May 14 - Ron and Andy
- National Night Out, August 2
- Sligo Adventist Church working with Allan Manuel on building security and response
- Takoma Park Middle School (Difference Makers), TPF, Red Cross, smoke detector replacement

B. Emergency Operations Plan

More detailed addendum on responsibility for Shelter in Place, Lock-down, and Active Assailant, result of May 6 City Lock-down

C. Training

- Police Supervisors Takoma Park and Montgomery County on Active Shooter Table Top involving Washington Adventist University
- Employee Training current this month on Shelter in Place, Lock-down, Active Assailant. Using Addendum and Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events

D. Work Groups

- Mosquito Control Task Force
- Family Reunification
- County Emergency Operations Plan
- Council of Governments, Training and Exercises. Complex Coordinated Attacks

E. Blizzard 2016 Federal Emergency Management Agency

- Reimbursement for costs Blizzard 2016

F. Maryland Emergency Management Agency Conference

- Continuity of Operations Relocation Group
- Declarations and contacts

G. Coordination with Montgomery County

- Blizzard
- Work Groups
- Gas Explosion

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Presentation: Claudine Schweber, EPC community chair

Connecting with our community: sharing resources, strategies and cautions

A. Outreach

- NEW: Connecting EPC members with their Council members→ brief items to share with constituents('news blasts')
- Monthly column in Newsletter, monthly two years. Topic examples: Disaster Scams, Medical safety, Takoma Park Police home security, School safety.

B. Engaging with groups helping the elderly

- Village of Takoma Park, Wolfgang Mergner
- Lifelong Learning, Karen Maricheau

C. Obtaining Preparedness information of specific value to our community—guests

- Capt. Tyrone Collington, Jr. TP Police: home security services
- Ed McDonough, Public Information Office, Maryland Emergency Management Agency
- Michael Harting, Montgomery County Public Schools, Cluster Coordinator, Public Safety
- Pete Petersen, Pepco, Manager Emergency Preparedness
- Kamelah Jefferson, Washington Adventist Hospital
- Tracy Rezvani, Montgomery County, Office of Consumer Protection

D. Direct on-the-ground Community Support

- "House Calls": representatives from TP Emergency (Ron Hardy) Public Works (Jean Kerr, Moses Wilds), Housing (Gina Mathias, Alexandra Young), City Clerk Jessie Carpenter-- visit 16 large apt buildings on 6 streets, to talk about safety, distribute information and answer questions. They had identified special issues in each building in advance, and talked with residents in the lobby and outside...including at the dumpsters! (August and September 2015)
- Fire Safety visits to homes: teams of Difference Makers of Takoma Park Middle School, firefighters and adults-- trained by the Red Cross—visited homes sharing cards on which to mark exits, providing smoke alarms if needed, dealing with power outages and more. Note: this is the first time the Red Cross conducted such visits with Middle School students! (April 2016)