

Emergency Preparedness Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
1<sup>st</sup> Meeting August 22, 2005  
Prepared By: Chief Creamer Takoma Park Police Dept.

Members Present:

Chief Cynthia Creamer (Takoma Park Police)  
Deputy City Manager Wayne Hobbs  
Battalion Chief Brian Geraci (MCFRS)  
Chief James Jarboe (TPVFD)  
William Hentosh (WAH)  
Henry Daniels (City Resident - PSCAC)  
Mary Drake (City Resident)  
Ahmed Martinez (City Resident)  
Wolfgang Mergner (City Resident)

Guest:

Andy Kelemen - Chair, Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee

Absent: Stacy Baker

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM by Chief Creamer.

Agenda Item 1:

Introductions and brief backgrounds of each person were acknowledged.

Agenda Item 2:

The purpose of the committee, as stated in City Ordinance 2004-31, was reviewed. Chief Geraci discussed the Roam Secure notification system as it relates to sharing of information. As this new initiative progresses, persons interested can sign up to receive “alerts” via e-mail, text messaging, blackberry, etc. Takoma Park is involved in this initiative as well and will have the ability to set up their own “groups” for notification purposes.

Andy Kelemen suggested adding business associations to the committee membership.

Chief Geraci emphasized the need for individual preparedness, as opposed to relying on public safety. He mentioned CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) training would begin in September. Anyone can sign up for this training by visiting the Montgomery County Fire Rescue website.

Agenda Item 3:

Wayne Hobbs discussed the Open Meetings Act and the fact that this committee falls under that act. Notes must be kept for each meeting, final versions submitted to the City Clerk, and be