

**City of Takoma Park  
Emergency Preparedness Committee  
Thursday, September 26, 2013  
Community Center Hydrangea Room  
Minutes**

*Minutes adopted December 5, 2013.*

**Members Present:** Jennifer Kurtinitis (Community Co-Chair), Andy Kelemen, Patrick Kimvilakani (Resident Member), Alan Goldberg (City Co-Chair), Tom Horne (TPVFD), Jim Stoddard (WAU), Becky Zorn (OEMHS)

**Absent:** Patrick Kimvilakani (Resident Member), Kathe Quinn (Resident Member)

**Also Present:** Edwin Monge (WAU), Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, Jenny \_\_\_\_ (Montgomery CERT), Brian Kenner, City Manager

**Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of July 25, 2013 were adopted upon motion by Tom Horne and second by Jim Stoddard.

The Committee decided that instead of a November and December meeting, both of which conflict with the holidays, the next meeting will be Thursday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.

**OEMHS Briefing**

Becky Zorn updated the Committee on September preparedness month activities at OEMHS, including a meeting with faith-based organizations and a kickoff of the Citizen Corp Council. She also visited a few elementary schools.

She reported that the mitigation plan will be given to municipalities with a request to have the plan adopted by City Councils.

**Discussion of the Navy Yard Shooting**

There was a discussion of the recent shooting at the Navy Yard and lessons learned. Chief Goldberg briefed the Committee on the how the event unfolded.

Jim Stoddard shared information on the active shooter exercise done last year, which included WAH, WAU, and the City Police Department.

Brian Kenner indicated that he would like to do a small tabletop exercise this year with a goal of doing a larger exercise next year. Jim Stoddard offered to help.

The Committee indicated that it still wants to follow up on the Library/Recreation emergency plans.

### **Preparedness Month Status**

Jenny Kurtinitis noted that the plan had been to have a meeting with community leaders during September. She would like to reschedule.

Brian Kenner said he would also like to bring these people in to talk about other things as well, perhaps next year. He said it could include an emergency preparedness component.

### **Article Quick Chat**

The Committee discussed future newsletter articles. Becky volunteered to write some.

### **CERT Update**

CERT will begin a new education and outreach program, Storm Camp, which will consist of an abbreviated preparedness training on a weekend. It will serve as a gateway to a broader range of offerings. CERT is putting out feelers in the community and is looking for hosts which can accommodate 100 people.

### **Outreach Events**

Folk Festival – the location this year was not as good as usual.

Street Festival – October 6. Jessie will try to get a good location for the group.

Jenny commented on the importance of engaging children at the events in order to reach the parents. If not, it may not be worthwhile to staff a table.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day – October 26.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.