

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, August 28, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.  
Community Center Hydrangea Room  
Minutes**

*Minutes adopted September 25, 2014*

**Present:** Ron Hardy, Jennifer Kurtinitis, Andy Kelemen, Kathe Quinn, Herma Percy, Alan Goldberg, James Wolf

**Absent:** Patrick Kimvilakani, Anne Polansky, Tom Horne, Jim Stoddard, Claudine Schweber

**City Report**

Ron Hardy reported on the upcoming Lifelong Takoma Day, scheduled for September 20.

**Railroad Chlorine Tanker**

Andy Kelemen raised the issue of chlorine tankers being transported over the rail line adjoining Takoma Park. Because of the proximity of the track, the City should be prepared for a potential derailment.

It was noted by Committee members that the response would be multijurisdictional. Various hazards (chemical, biological, and radiological) require separate filters for protective masks. Certain units in Montgomery County would have the necessary gear. The Fire Department hazmat would likely be the lead and would direct evacuation routes. Options might be evacuation or shelter in place. It was decided to ask Tom Horne and Jim Stoddard to provide information on how their organizations would handle such an event.

**Committee T-Shirts**

There was Committee consensus on purchasing t-shirts for use during events.

**Preparedness Month (September)**

A proclamation will be read on September 8.

Members agreed to present a different topic at each week's City Council meeting during the month.

City TV will be asked to air the preparedness videos during the month.

The Committee will have a table at the Folk Festival on September 7. Help is needed to set up, take down, and staff the table.

**National Night Out Brief Out**

The Committee participated in the National Night Out event in August.

**November/December Meetings**

At the September meeting, the Committee will discuss how to handle the November/December meetings.