

**City of Takoma Park
Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting
March 26th, 2015 7:00-8:30pm Hydrangea Room**

	Item	Who	Time	Hr	JK Notes
1.	Welcome	Jenny	10 min	7:10	review agenda, introduce speaker
2.	The Role of Amateur Radio in Disaster Response	Ross	30 min	7:40	
3.	<i>Sub-committee Reports</i>				
	a. City Brief	Ron	10 min	7:50	
	b. County Brief	Joe	10 min	8:00	
	c. Articles	Claudine	10 min	8:10	
4.	New Business?	Open	10 min	8:20	

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, April 23

Links to training

- Virginia Department of Emergency Management - <http://www.vaemergency.com/em/training>
- Maryland Emergency Management Agency - <http://www.mema.state.md.us/calendar/index.asp>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency - <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp?page=all>
- International Federation of the Red Cross - <https://ifrc.csod.com/client/ifrc/default.aspx>
- Disasterready.org - <http://www.disasterready.org>

Event Calendar

- Celebrate Takoma - Sunday May 17, 11:00am-4:00pm
- National Night Out - Tuesday August 4, 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Folk Festival - Sunday September 6, 10:30am-6:30pm
- Street Festival - Sunday October 4, 10:00am-5:00pm

Attendance:

- Ron Hardy, Claudine Schweber, Andy Keleman, Jenny Kurtinitis, Tom Horne, , Patrick Kimvilakani, Jim Stoddard, Rebecca Chestnutt, Kamelah Jefferson, Joe Coronoa
- Guests: Fred levinson
- Absent: Kathe Quinn, Herma Percy

Speaker: Ross

- Telephone system is only able to handle 5% of the population at a given time.
- 2 way radio - old tech but very reliable. 1 person can speak to many. Provides capacity that people may have not needed before because of cell phones
- Tom to forward future radio class info
- HF can talk a few miles or hundreds of thousands. Does not need to be boosted
- VHF 146.52 - most likely frequency that is monitored in case of emergencies
- HF - 3.80 in MD low band. Can check online directory
- Feds have 5 channels on HAM and can talk to each other during a disaster

County Brief

- Access & functional needs county preparedness pamphlets available in Braille.
- School emergency preparedness event - April 27 in Silver Spring
- Emotional Spiritual Care volunteers - engaging faith leaders involved in planning to see where in involved in recovery process
- Update on CCC - getting back on track with newsletter. Not sure about actual meetings

City Brief

- Continuing to work on the energy disaster
- Table cover - need to figure out what to do about the logo
- June 20 - City's 125th anniversary. Maple Ave will be shut down

Articles

- Tighter connection to TP - pull together list of things that have happened in the City.
 - NWS Sterling (weather.gv/lwx) can provide history.
 - County Hazard Mitigation plan
 - Email Jim
 - Train derailments

Building Museum Exhibit

- Library exhibit - Claudine?

Event Planning Tracker

- *City Alerts via website - Takoma Alert, Cathy Plevy's alerts - local crime, traffic stats. City uses Mail Chimp - would be great to have a flyer to hand out about both*
- *Event Upcoming Dates*
 - Celebrate Takoma – April
 - ~~Jazz Fest – April?~~
 - National Night Out – July
 - Folk Festival – August
 - Street Festival – September
- *Preparedness Month Planning – April*
 - Speaker Series
 - Council Presentations?
 - Emergency Kit/Discounts at local businesses
 - Red Cross Home Fire event?
 - Camp In
 - Emergency Preparedness Trivia Night at Olive Lounge/Republic/Busboys/Thai
 - TTX with City Department Heads
 - CERT Training
 - FEMA Preparedness Month Toolkit
- *Great Shake Out - October???*