

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

	Item	Who	Time	Hr	JK Notes
1.	Welcome	Jenny	5 min	7:05	review agenda
2.	<i>Sub-committee Reports</i>				
	a. City Brief	Ron	15 min	7:20	
	b. County Brief	Jenny	5 min	7:25	
	c. Articles	Claudine	10 min	7:35	
3.	Emergency Management in Higher Ed. Symposium	Claudine	10 min	7:45	
4.	Preparedness Month Planning	Jenny	30 min	8:15	
5.	New Business?	Open	5 min	8:20	

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, July 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

- 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
- Lifelong Takoma Day - Saturday October 10, 10:00am-5:00pm

Attendance:

- Andy Kelemen, Jenny Kurtinitis, Ron Hardy, Claudine Schweber, Rebecca Chestnut
- Guest: Jessie Carpenter
- Absent: Joe Corona, Herma Percy, Kamelah Jefferson, Tom Horne, Kathe Quinn

City Brief

- MEMA Conference - saving brief for July meeting. Hazard mitigation workshop, state divided into sections and rotate through each on a 3 yr cycle. Special needs nursing home challenges. Leadership & communications workshop. Anti-vaccination movement
 - For July: Committee to be more supportive/engaged with Takoma senior care facilities? Andy to do some research on what kind and how many are in the City. Connect with Karen & possibly Kamelah/Jim. Bruce? "committee"
- Yearly COOP updates. Adding new section for IT Department
- Brochure inventory
- *Apartment/Condo Complexes* – set up table in lobby to pass out information. Last week of August, first weeks of Sept, 5-7 pm. Will also have someone from Election Committee and Public Works
- Reached out to Ace Hardware re: kid friendly give aways for NNO & post list & discounts

County Brief

- Montgomery County is now EMAP accredited! First county in Maryland and 12th in the Country!
- We're working to translate our Access and Functional Needs Workbook to Spanish. An online version should be added to our website soon, and print versions will be available within the next few weeks.
- We're working with Police, Fire and Rescue, DOT, Recreation centers, and others to launch a **"Summer of Safety" Education Campaign and an online resource for vital safety and prevention information. For more information, please see: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/summersafety.**
- The Emotional and Spiritual Care Volunteer group has identified the Freddie Gray case, and the case's possible movement to another county in Maryland as an opportunity to train its members in civil unrest and ways to support the community and diffuse tense situations. Trainings are in the process of being developed and the group plans to support the community, when the trial is eventually heard.
- Summer Safety Cards were developed and sent out to all students in Montgomery County, containing safety tips on topics including Watery Safety, Pest Control and Safety, and Sports Safety.
- If anyone is interested in joining the Citizen Corps Council, please send me an email at joe.corona@montgomerycountymd.com
- Efforts are being made to develop trainings on countering violent extremism. The effort is being developed to help the community identify members who could be susceptible to recruitment by extremists and stem recruitment efforts by violent extremists.

- We've also participated in a few community events (50+ Employment Fair, World Elder Abuse Day, Celebrate! Gaithersburg, etc.) distributing material on personal preparedness.

Articles

- Aug article due July 20, need someone to write?
- Reuse old article - Summer Hazards
- Begin to promote email tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov
- Social media (good and bad) in disasters

Higher Ed Symposium

- Combination of academics and practitioners
- Readability of emergency messages - challenge = messaging written for a very high level, not for the community who actually needs it. Can use Word program to identify what reading level
- 2016 conference will be June 6-9. Housing & training covered, you pay for your meals
- Can submit request to be a speaker and then get feedback from practitioner's & academics

Preparedness Month Planning

- *2014 Activities*
 - Council Presentations – general prep, terrorism, elderly, youth, pets
 - PSAs on Takoma Cable
 - Sept Article connected to kit list and promo of Ace discount
 - Folk Festival table
- *Purpose* - focus on citizen preparedness - further define
 - Look at 3 buckets - **general preparedness**
 - City employee preparedness
 - Citizen preparedness
 - Training
 - From April - Citizen most popular among attendees - focusing on seniors and youth
 - How to utilize the media? Some kind of insert for the newsletter
- *2015 Options*
 - Speaker Series
 - Council Presentations - maybe 1 to beginning (paired w report?) but otherwise nix
 - Emergency Kit/Discounts at local businesses
 - Red Cross Home Fire event
 - Camp In
 - Emergency Preparedness Trivia Night at Olive Lounge/Republic/Busboys/Kin Da
 - TTX with City Department Heads
 - CERT Training
 - [FEMA Preparedness Month Toolkit](#)

- Great Shake Out - October 15 <http://www.shakeout.org/southeast/maryland/>
- City Proclamation
- Update website – fun facts
- Assemble Landlord packets - Andy can provide details
- Apartment outreach - Ron to set up tables at apartment buildings and talk to folks on their way home
- Engaging with the Lifelong Takoma activities

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