

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Meeting, September 22, 2016: Hydrangea Room //7-8.30 pm.

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Who	Estimated Time	Hour
Welcome	Claudine	5 min	7. 05
Guest: Tracy Rezvani, Montgomery County Consumer Protection*	Tracy Rezvani	40	7.45
City Brief; County Brief; Red Cross Oct 15 event	Ron	20 min	8.05
November meeting date—17 Nov?	Claudine	5 min	8.15
Update re; --Takoma Radio --Outreach: contact with City Council ; web pages --ideas for column; speakers	Claudine and committee	5	8.20
Other items?	ALL	10 min	8.30

Next Meeting: October 27, Thursday

Upcoming Events

- Takoma Street Festival - Sunday October 2

Emergency preparedness links:

MADRA: Mid-Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association: <http://www.madra.org/>

Training:

- Virginia Dept 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>

*** Guest Tracy Rezvani—**

Tracy Rezvani is Administrator, Office of Consumer Protection (Investigative Program Administrator).

M. Rezvani is an attorney with over 20 years' legal experience in consumer protection law. She has authored numerous consumer protection publications, managed law firms in consumer protection class action litigation, and advocated on behalf of individuals and non-profit clients. Tracy has extensive experience researching, interpreting and applying consumer protection statutes, working collaboratively with professional and administrative staff, and in public speaking.

Present: Ron hardy, Claudine Schweber, Andy Kelemen, Rebecca Chestnut, Kamelah Jefferson, Herma Percy

Tracy Rezvani – gave a presentation on various types of scams and frauds used to deceive people. Included were home improvement, disaster contractors, charities, and other types. Persons should always ask for licenses and references when getting work done. Contractors are entitled to 1/3 of the cost up front for a project, be careful of overcharging, for charities check the websites: Guidestar and Charity Navigator for information on a charity being legitimate.

Ron and Claudine – gave a synopsis of the presentation to Council in September, included were out reach events and meetings, potential for Takoma TV and Radio public Service spots, communication with council members, training,

Ron – city and county brief: Work on the revisions to the Emergency Operations Plan, Family Reunification, Mosquito Task Force, employee training

Committee – upcoming Street Festival, communication with council, projects for Takoma TV and Radio, and future speakers