

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Meeting, October 27,2016: Hydrangea Room //7-8.30 pm.

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Who	Estimated Time	Hour
Welcome	Claudine	5 min	7. 05
Guest: Bruce Baker, CHEER	Bruce Baker	30	7.35
City Brief; County Brief; update on Red Cross event--Jenny	Ron, Jenny	15 min	7.50
Other issues/ announcements: --Sharing Listserv info: Fred --Takoma Radio: Oct 30—CS+? ; Nov:Jenny? --November meeting date—17 Nov or Nov/Dec combination? --Kamelah Jefferson→ now at Suburban Hospital as Emergency Prep Specialist --EPC slogan/bumper sticker idea --News blast to Council contacts: Drug drop- off box	EPC committee	30	8.20
Other items?	ALL	10min	8.30

Next Meeting: TBD—

Upcoming Events

Emergency preparedness links:

MADRA: Mid-Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association; Meeting, Nov 17: <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>

Emergency Preparedness Committee/ Meeting October 27, 2016: Notes

Present: Fred Levinson, Andy Kelemen, Tom Horne, Rebecca Chestnut, Donald Pinkston, Jake Cmarada, Claudine Schweber .

1. Guest Speaker: Bruce Baker, co-founder and executive Director, CHEER (Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research), a non-profit serving Takoma Park and Silver Spring.

Bruce Baker shared the mission, focus, goals of CHEER and some ways in which the EPC could work with CHEER projects: <http://www.communitycheer.org/>

- CHEER mission: ‘to give people the knowledge and ability to create healthy, striving and strong communities and neighborhoods.
- CHEER sees itself as the catalyst to enable community members to organize and act for their own needs.
- Focus: Housing, health, community engagement, community empowerment—assist in increasing the quality of life, for example health care (diabetes levels very high in Montgomery County). For example:
 - working with Essex house re Community Improvement Process→ goal setting
 - outreach to immigrants
 - working with Flower Ave apartment tenants
- Areas where EPC can be of assistance:
 - coordinating meeting(s) of community non-profits
 - assist with developing an emergency preparedness plan with varied communities, such as those at Long Branch
 - resources re emergency access+ in Spanish, Amharic
 - volunteering, e.g., helping people get to doctors. Bruce gave the example of a woman afraid of getting into an ambulance

We will follow up with Bruce re options and specifics.

2) Fred Levinson: proposal to share listserv information among the committee. Agreed: each person on committee will be responsible for sharing EPC info with his/her list

3) Ron Hardy reported on City and County activities:

- Ron attended a COG workgroup; noted that he will be working with them developing training for Montgomery County officials
- Ron will work with M. County re updating their emergency operations plans.
- Just completed a ‘drug take back’ campaign. Reminder: Takoma Park has 24/7 access drug drop box in the Police Dept lobby. Please share this info.

4) Other: EPC on Takoma Radio/ ‘Talk of Takoma’—Nov 20→ Jenny Kurtinitis. Are others interested?
Contact Claudine