

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Meeting—July 27, 2017: Hydrangea Room // 7-8.30 pm.

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Lead person	Estimated Time	Hour
Welcome & issues overview	Ron Hardy	5 min	
Review Outreach Suggestions and comment from June meeting	ALL	15	7.05
Identify city vulnerabilities, survey from county THIRA	Ron Hardy	15	7.20
Go and Emergency bags	Andy, Don, Rae	20	7:35
Preparedness calendar & 'do 1 thing.com' And other web page items	Jen Kurtinitis and all	15	7.55
City and county updates and National Night Out	R.Hardy	10	8.10
Preparedness Month : actions	All	10	8.20

Next Meeting: August 24, Thursday 7pm

Emergency preparedness links:

America's PrepareAthon! Be Smart. Take Part. Prepare. <https://community.fema.gov/about>

America's PrepareAthon! is an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and communities to prepare for specific hazards through group discussions, drills, and exercises. This link will give you information about hazards which can affect your community and ways you can take action to prepare and participate. <https://community.fema.gov/take-action/hazards>

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>

Minutes

Review of suggestions for messaging Outreach to include Council members as a method

Seasonal messaging for specific topics

Emergency Preparedness Committee website with links to more information

Takoma TV and Public Service Announcements, monthly newsletter articles

Short tip of the month to Council members to share in their wards

Use of 5 survey questions on our website to gauge where the community is on preparedness, members are to submit questions for next meeting review

Have members complete the county link on Threats and Hazards Identification and what are the main threats and hazards to Takoma Park

Discussed the different types of “To Go Bags” that a person may need depending on the emergency.

Common Factors-medications and personal contacts, copy of important papers

Adding link to the Emergency Preparedness Committee webpage and asking the city webmaster to attend a future meeting, such a link “Do 1 Thing” do1thing.com.

City And County updates were geared to Outreach projects coming up in August and September.