

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Meeting—October 26,2017: Council Meeting Room-3rd Floor // 7-8.30 pm.

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Lead person	Estimated Time	Hour Begin
Welcome & overview	Claudine Schweber	5 min	7.00
New Member selection	Claudine Schwber	5	7.05
EPC Web Page: status—show current page	Ron Hardy	15	7.10
City, County updates	Ron Hardy	10	7.25
Follow up: Emergency Prep Survey of TPK residents—Status? wards, how administered; Content areas, format; Process? Target date?	Ron Hardy, Claudine Schweber	15	7.35
Outreach: updates; news column info; contact with Council; contact with wards	ALL	15	7.50
Updating the Montg. Cnty Emergency Operations:--volunteer items, content. Deadline?	Ron Hardy, All	10	8.05
November meeting date: 30 th (note; thanksgiving is 4th Thursday)	All	5	8.15
Other—excepts of helpful media, web info, links, etc., which can be shared with our community	ALL	10	8.20

Next Meeting: November 30, Thursday 7pm

Emergency preparedness links:

America's PrepareAthon! -----<https://community.fema.gov/take-action/hazards>

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

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>

Attendance: Claudine, Fred, Kathee, Jenny, Tom, Satchel, Buddy, Andy, Ron

Website

- Send Claudine and Ron website suggestions by Nov 27
- PSAs for website
- Resource page – items that are helpful to the community - go bags, water, insurance, [yaktrax](#), pictures, County resource books (multiple languages)
- Be careful about scams – fraudsters, technology, etc.
- Preparing for the aftermath of a disaster – [Red Cross resource lists](#) for different types of disaster before, during and after
- Local groups that have resources – Village of Takoma, etc. Weather Channel
- Identify most popular local hazards – severe thunder storms and ice storms

County Updates

- County sent emergency management team to FL
- Everbridge seminar
- Working large apartment fire at Pooks Hill Rd

City Updates

- City Safety Planning team – reps from different departments providing input on emergency procedures. Currently working on training the staff on all hazards evacuation plans. Safety of employees + citizens in the buildings. Ron would like to test, but needs input from others to set up training and exercise schedule.
- Interested in creating floor wardens for each floor – if you have suggestions, please send to Ron

Emergency Preparedness Survey

- Claudine recommended delaying a committee one until 2018
- City survey has not yet been organized. Will look to create a couple of questions that can be added

Outreach

- Nov Meeting – discuss intro to EPC for new Council members. Have old council job aid, also Ron meets with Councils members + provides a booklet
- Provide info about TPPD citizen policing services
- Any other items you've received that you would like to share?
- Slogans:
 - "A decision not to prepare is a decision to do without."
 - "YOU are your first responder."