

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Meeting: 24 May 2018 Hydrangea Room // 7-8.30 pm.

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Lead person	Estimated Time	Hour Begin
Welcome	Claudine Schweber, Ron Hardy	5	7.00
City, County updates	Ron Hardy	15	7.05
Discussion & Action on Projects (Notes,26 April)	ALL	50	7.20
Update on Victory Tower : emergency Plan + next meeting	Claudine Schweber	05	8.10
Other items: future guests, events	ALL	15	8.15

Next Meeting: June 28

Emergency preparedness links:

Financial Preparedness----- <https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness> + column March 2018

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

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>

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Attendees: Andy Kelemen, Tom Horne, Rebecca Chestnutt, Kathe Quinn, Ron Hardy, Buddy Daniels, Josue Canas, Claudine Schweber

Issues/ Topics:

- Member update: we have 2 openings. Please talk with others who might be interested, and let us know. We would like to have someone from a 'high-rise' building.
- City/county updates (Ron Hardy):
 - working with County on June 14 outreach project re 'help until help arrives';
 - will be looking at County EOP for application to Takoma Park;
 - reminder that September is (again) National Preparedness Month;
 - working on high rise building outreach + information on drug take back, and other preparedness// end June-September 2018.
- School security (Ron Hardy and by phone with Michael Harting of MoCo School Safety):
 - high schools have a School Resource Officer, and secondary schools (6-12th grades) have security teams; all schools have cluster security coordinators . The Maryland Safe to Learn Act 2018, will require every school to perform active shooter drills, along with the others (evacuation, fire, lockdown, etc) by Fall 2019.
- Victory Towers Emergency Plan, Nov 2005: feedback re document needed.
Recommendations due to Victory Tower committee by end of the month (Claudine Schweber)
- Developing a handout card with basic preparedness information to distribute in the community:
Discussed items presented on 2 drafts and revised; EPC agreed to several items—for the next version.
 - Kathe Quinn, a graphic designer, volunteered to develop graphics for the card by June 7— Thank you! This should enable us to discuss online and move to final (hopefully) discussion at June meeting.
 - these items, with expanded information, will need to be linked to our web page.
- Need suggestions for website and volunteers for varied aspects.