

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Meeting: Thursday 28 February, Hydrangea Room // 7-8.30 pm.

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Person	Est. Time
Welcome: Overview of Session—Claudine Schweber Guests—Ron Hardy --Pet First Aid & CPR—Satchel Kornfeld		15 minutes
City, County updates: Stop the Bleed, Celebrate Takoma May 18 th , etc.	Ron Hardy	15
Stop the Bleed: promotion plans to Council, via EPC members, listservs etc: identify	Ron Hardy, Claudine Schweber	15
Discussion of EPC dual responsibilities and EPC members' preferences: a) Policy issues and recommendations to Council. See Council priorities and TPK EOP b) Outreach to 'educate residents'...: includes participating at events such as above, contact with your community; with your council member and at ward meetings. Input: re concerns, needs. Output : Dissemination –examples: Preparedness for persons with disabilities, digital issues, weather safety, car thefts, high rise living, financial scams, shelter-in-place, etc.—What are the interests/issues in your community? Action plans for policy, outreach	All	40
Topics for monthly column; potential guests	All	10

Next Meeting: 28 March 2019

Emergency preparedness links:

Financial Preparedness----- <https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness> + column March 2019

MADRA: Mid-Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association <http://www.madra.org/> : quarterly
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MDEmergency Management Agency - <http://www.mema.state.md.us/calendar/index.asp>
Emergency Preparedness <https://www.ready.gov/>

• Federal Emergency Management Agency- <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp?page=all>

EPC Meeting: 28 February 2019.

Participants: Ron Hardy, Andy Kelemen, Kathleen Quinn, Rebecca Chestnut, Steven Schwartz, Claudine Schweber,

Guest: Wolfgang Mergner, (former) President, Village of Takoma Park and 2nd Chair of EPC. Buddy Daniels

Dr. Mergner discussed emergency preparedness needs of seniors and disabled persons. The needs include difficulties during power outages, snow & cold temperatures, heat, fire and explosions, personal illness. The challenges of poisonous gas emissions linked with train derailments –since we have Metro and CSX train tracks nearby—were also noted. Seniors can be helped by neighbors, block captains and family, friends. Challenges involve seniors with limited mobility due to wheelchair use or walkers; seniors with a mental impairment (e.g., Alzheimer's, mental illness) that affects their ability to react/deal with an emergency; equipment failure/limitations such as no electrical power or no oxygen. At present, help also includes support from CERT teams, fire department, police; need to sign up for electronic alerts and have 'call list' in cellphones. Note that there is a public shelter at White Oak.

Information and discussion items:

- New EPC members: Steven Schwartz and Mary Muchui approved by City Council. Welcome!
- *Stop the Bleed*: next training sessions are March 20, (7.30-9), April 13, (2.00-3.30), April 17, (7.30-9). EPC members will be sharing this information with local listservs, etc. Claudine Schweber will send to City Council.
- County items (R Hardy): ongoing management accreditation program, reviewing crisis communications, and the 'next door' program.
- City items (R Hardy): Adventist hospital is moving in August. The City's emergency operations plan has been submitted. --> plan to be shared with EPC members
- Discussion of EPC focus and priorities begun: communities we serve and preparedness areas. Communities include tenants in high rise buildings, varied ethnic and language communities; school/students; homeowners, Youth (via Youth Council), seniors, disabled persons, all residents. Preparedness areas in which we need to engage, train and share with our community: fire safety; evacuation; shelter in place; power outages; medical care in case of evacuation, and drug drop off; travel preparedness; communication preparedness Additional information re financial preparedness, digital threats; high rise building safety; weather threats; seasonal/ holiday dangers. Action: further discussion re activities + action steps, timetables – March, April.