

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Thursday, 30 January 2020

7-8.30, Hydrangea Room

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Person	Est. Time
Moving forward in 2020 --issues --call for new members: wards 4,5,6	Ron Hardy	10
City, County events --forthcoming training --projects --outreach --brochure (CS)	Ron Hardy, all	20
Community activities --March 5 (CS) --others? --Connecting with special communities for their issues/concerns: disabled, elderly, non-English speakers → who has contacts? Set up meetings, speakers? -- communication paths--website, radio, column, +? And ideas!	ALL	35
<u>Action, part I re: current threats and hazards for Takoma Park.?</u>	ALL	25

Next Meeting : 26 March 2020

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; Next meeting, May 13th, 8.30 am.

MD Emergency 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>

Minutes

Present: Andy Kelemen, Kathe Quinn, Thomas Horne, Stephen Schwartz, Mary Muchui, Buddy Daniels, Ron Hardy.

Moving forward in 2020: Recruit members to represent Wards 4, 5, and 6. Look for more outreach opportunities, and connecting to council on issues.

City/county Updates: Ron has set dates and location for April and may to do “Stop the Bleed” and Community Active Assailant Awareness trainings. Working with Donna Wright to assist with Census outreach by doing preparedness and Drug Take at the same time at 6 different high-rises in the city. Stephen and Kathe are working on a multi-page flyer with preparedness and contact information. County is doing community training on “Until Help Arrives” and Emergency preparedness classes.

Community Activities: March 05 is the Long Branch Association meeting-Claudia to attend. Looked at ways to get our message out to other groups and different languages-use of interpreters or high school students for SSL hours, use of council, going to businesses community associations. Andy is to get information on natural gas leaks and send for articles and other outreach venues. Discussed the need for more tree trimming in areas to prevent downed trees on power lines-look at information from the Public Utilities Commission.

Takoma Park THIRA: next step is to have committee start looking at how other communities and their best practices help minimize impacts.

Coronavirus-continue to follow and push CDC recommendations for proper hand cleaning, coughing/sneezing into tissue or arm, stay home when sick.