

**City of Takoma Park  
Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting  
January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:00-8:30pm Hydrangea Room**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Hr</b>	<b>JK Notes</b>
1.	Welcome	Jenny	10 min	7:10	Check in re: mtg date/time
2.	<i>Sub-committee Reports</i>				
	a. City Brief	Ron	10 min	7:20	
	b. County Brief	Joe	10 min	7:30	
3.	2015 Year In Review	Jenny	15 min	7:45	
4.	2016 Look Ahead	Jenny	30 min	8:15	
5.	New Business?	Open	5 min	8:20	

**Next Meeting:**

- Thursday, February 25, 2016

**Links to 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>

**Event Calendar**

- Celebrate Takoma - Sunday May15
- National Night Out - Tuesday August 2
- Takoma Folk Festival - Sunday September 11
- Takoma Street Festival - Sunday October 2

**Attendance:**

- Present: Ron Hardy, Jenny Kurtinitis, Andy Kelemen, Claudine Schweber, Tom Horne, Kamelah Jefferson,
- Absent: Kathe Quinn, Herma Percy, Rebecca Chestnut

### Welcome

- Claudine approved as chair
- Sign off on Thursdays as meeting dates for 2016
- Initiate call in ability. Ron has a call line

### City Brief

- Snow Storm
  - Closed City to prevent workers from coming in
  - Designated certain streets one way to facilitate traffic
  - Many conference calls with senior staff and Montgomery County
- Ritchie Ave Association. Community presentation by Ron Hardy, also Claudine Schweber, focus on cyber attacks & power outages, & general preparedness
- Working with county on family reunification plan during mass casualty events
- City Training - mandatory training: fire drills, shelter in place. Review plans. Suggestion to turn off the building power and let the generators run as a drill
- 2 Table Top exercises planed for PD supervisors. 1st for Sergeants, 2<sup>nd</sup> for corporals. Montgomery Cou7nty PD supervisors from Third District invited for active shooter situation at WAU. Focusing on what to do in the first 30 mins. Follow up using Mo College, focused on terrorist shooters for fall.
- Council presentation Feb 17. Council would like after action feedback from the community. Committee members should solicit from people in their wards.
  - Bus stops
  - Crossings
  - Fire hydrants
  - Salting once melting begins
  - Cleared drains and put cones on there so the water can run
  - City messaging - good in beginning, but need to make sure it continues afterwards to notify when things are back to normal (one way streets)
  - City being ahead of the county in 1 lane plowing
- WAH, blizzard report.
  - IT, computer down Sun-Tues
  - Housed 170 staff
  - Some issues with transportation - patients who were able to be discharged and wanted to leave but had no way to get out of there.
  - Had to bring in surgeons for a handful of emergency surgeries
  - Question about how to organize volunteer 4WD drivers (should also consider vehicle clearance). Checklists for vehicle conditions

## County Brief

- Earl Stoddard is our new director!! He started this week, and is very familiar with OEMHS. Mr. Stoddard joins us from the County's Department of Health and Human Services as the Program Administrator for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response program. In this position, he provided oversight of personnel and plans necessary for the County to effectively respond to and recover from public health emergencies, and worked in close concert with OEMHS and other County response agencies to support multi-agency coordination around disaster preparedness and response.
- Snowstorm 2016: Montgomery County Emergency Operation Center was active 24 hours a day from last Friday morning, and recently stood down yesterday at 6pm. Lots to review and learn from in hot wash. Biggest snowstorm we had on record, and issues that we dealt with included:
  - Sheltering residents who were displaced when the water and heat from a building were affected during the storm
  - Conducting transports of patients who required dialysis and had no means of transport to get to centers in the snow
  - Of course, plowing 5000+ miles of road, and the traffic issues that comes with having over 30 inches of snow in parts of the county.
  - Influx of calls to 311, which became a 24 hour operation during the storm (they received over 10x their daily normal call volume at one point)
  - Figuring out where to put the snow that needed to be removed.
  - Coordinating transports of essential personnel from different areas of the county (fire, police, EOC staff, shelter staff, etc.)
  - Requesting additional resources to meet our needs (National Guard, supplemental contracts, etc.)
  - Public messaging
- We are planning to hold a workshop titled "Building Resilient Houses of Worship" which includes training for faith leaders and other interested community members on how to prepare for emergency situations. In partnership with the Montgomery County Police Department, the event will help faith leaders build resilience for their houses of worship and will provide information on how to respond to an active assailant. The training was originally scheduled for today, but will be rescheduled due to issues revolving around the storm. Please email me if interested in attending.

## 2016 Look Ahead

- 8 outlets publicly accessible in police lobby connected to generator
- Additional speaker - WAH rep (Kamelah) - to discuss resources from their side and what we might be able to do to help. Feb presentation?
- Most agenda items have come from committee discussions, council training request came directly from them so we should focus on that