

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Meeting, March 24,2016: Hydrangea Room //7-8.30 pm.

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Who	Estimated Time	Hr
Welcome	Claudine	5 min	7. 05
Guest presentation: Mike Harding, Mont. Co. Public Schools Security	Mike Harting	60 min	8. 05
City Brief; County Brief + volunteers needed	Ron	20 min	8.05
--Update re: external communications e.g., neighborhood associations, city council ward member, Takoma village, Takoma Voice, Takoma Radio --ideas for column --speakers?	Claudine and committee	10 min	8.25
Other items?	ALL	5 min	8.30

Next Meeting: April 28, Thursday

Upcoming Events Calendar

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

Emergency preparedness links:

June: Higher Education Symposium at EM, June 6-9: <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/>

Montgomery County training, May 3: Recovery from Disaster: <https://memamaryland.csod.com>

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>

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

Attendees: Claudine Schweber, Fred Levinson, Tom Horne, Jessie Carpenter, Rebecca Chestnutt, Andy Kemelmen, Kathy Quinn, Ron Hardy

Guest presentation: Michael Harting, Cluster Security Coordinator, Montgomery Country Public Schools

- Overview on how Montgomery Country prepares its public schools for emergencies
 - o Lockdown
 - o Evacuation
 - o Shelter
- 24 hour school security service # 301-279-3232

Ron Hardy: city/county updates

- Montgomery County is working with public/private schools under a grant in order to bring their preparedness levels closer to that of public schools.
- Montgomery County is coordinating with the World Organization for Resource Development and Education (WORDE) network on the “Building resilient houses of worship” initiative.
- The city’s reimbursement report has been filed with FEMA.
- 30 March – 3 April: Nuclear Summit. There will be road closures and security measures.
- Celebrate Takoma-- May 14, 4-7pm;
- Ron has submitted the request for a TPEPC table (awaiting confirmation).
- The TPEPC web page is still under development, but soon minutes can be posted for the public.
- There will be a county meeting on Zika virus and public information sharing in early April.
- Green Fest – April 30, will also have a drug take back program (more details are on the county website, under environmental protection).
- Takoma Park 5k run – May 1

Group discussion on more ways to get the word out regarding disaster preparedness

- Neighborhood associations
- Council Ward Members – you can utilize their interest in reaching out to their wards
- Takoma Village
- Please keep thinking of potential ideas! We also need to identify which information we would like to share with each audience. This will be discussed further at the April TPEPC meeting.

Other points raised by committee members

- There is a board in the Senior Room with a wide range of brochures – good to search and learn from them.
- 50 lb. propane tanks on food trucks are illegal. If you see these occurring at events, please call the Fire Marshal and report it.
- Kamelah Jefferson (Adventist health system) will be participating in the Regional Medical Surge Exercise-- April 13