

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Meeting, June 23, 2016: Hydrangea Room //7-8.30 pm.

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Who	Estimated Time	Hour
Welcome	Claudine	5 min	7. 05
Wolfgang Mergner, Village of Takoma Park --village history, focus, activities -- Village & EPC complementary areas	Wolfgang; EPC members	35 in	7.40
City Brief; County Brief; more 'give away item'	Ron	20 min	8.00
Update re Emergency Management Institute and MADRA + Grab & Go Kit –example; for TPK staff?	Claudine	10 min	8.10
--Update re: external communications e.g., neighborhood associations, Takoma Voice, Takoma Radio—need contact persons --Re CHEER group (Bruce Baker): guest? --link with Council representatives: what do we share? How often? Who –by ward --ideas for future columns	ALL	10min	8.20
Other items?	ALL	10 min	8.30

Next Meeting: July 28, Thursday

Upcoming Events

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

Emergency preparedness links:

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

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>

Wolfgang's Presentation

- Initial meetings 4.5 years ago - information gathering. Focus on community support then grew to working with county services
- Continued to grow, needed a staff person to support
- First service was transportation support - currently 825, number increasing. Another service is calling people at night as they are worried something may happen and no one would know. Also looking at home repair services.
- Lifelong Takoma connects with the county, the Village connects with the community
- There is a website and newsletter
- Outreach is a big piece. Talking with people about their needs
- Organization has a board, committees and support groups
- Want a community that cares about its seniors. How to help convey information?
- Working with county - county acts as referral agent to organizations
- How can we work together?
 - Concerns about the apartment buildings and their emergency plans (or lack their of)
 - How to persuade people who live at home to be prepared. Volunteer fire alarm install
 - Wanted to connect through neighborhood associations however they never meet, only connect online
- Concerns
 - Sheltering in place or having to go to a shelter
 - Medical

City Brief

- Ron attended a meeting with the County on the Mosquito Plan (Zika). Discussed issues in Annapolis and what lessons were learned.
- County is working on the Reunification Plan during mass casualty events
- Working on an addition to the Takoma All Hazards Plan. Want to provide additional details on how things should operate, including a communications plan. Gets more specific than previous - *who* locks the doors, *who* gets the information out the departments, how to manage people coming into the building (funnel through PD and check) etc. City Building and Rec went on lock down during May 6 shooting at Montgomery Mall.
- MEMA Conference - attended classes on complex attacks, COOP planning & relocation planning, focus on updating the COOP a little bit every month instead of every year
- Update to City website - translation component
- Contacts by management company for buildings on Hudson to do presentation in September. Will work with FD
- NNO - Tuesday August 2, 6-9pm. Ron will confirm table space
- Folk Festival Sept 11. Still need to sign up. Ron will be out of town. Need to connect on what we need and set up

Emergency Management Institute

- Claudine attended. They have a lot fo free resources for preparedness
- Getting more interested in community preparedness

External Communications

- Status of Takoma Radio
- Identifying people to be the contact to share info with council members
 - Fred - Ward 2
 - Andy - Ward 1
 - Buddy - Ward 3
 - Claudine to forward to 4,5 &6 for now. Can use that as a reminder that we need reps from those Wards
- CHEER
 - Claudine will contact and see if it's worth having them come speak.
- Fred's Concern
 - Tree knocked over street sign. Called Public Works, talk to Council Member, went to Public Works. It's been 2 months and still has not been replaced