

Civic Federation Presentation November 9, 2010

Agenda

- **Why now?**
- **Charter/Mission**
- **Organization/Membership**
- **Accomplishments**
- **Road Ahead**
- **How you can help?**

Why now?

- 10 years from 9/11 and preparedness is a low priority for the citizens of Arlington.
- Events such as the Metro Accidents, 09 Blizzard, Pentagon Shootings, Tornado Watches/Warnings, Earthquake etc
- Incidents elsewhere that could happen here – gas line accident in CA.



Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission

Chartered May 15, 2009

The Arlington Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (EPAC) is an advisory body of the County Board.

Coordinate the efforts of a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), as well as Emergency Medical Services and the Citizen Corp Council.

The Commission is created in recognition that preparedness efforts must be collaborative and, when confronted with a crisis, the community must respond as a system in order to ensure the greatest service to those in need.



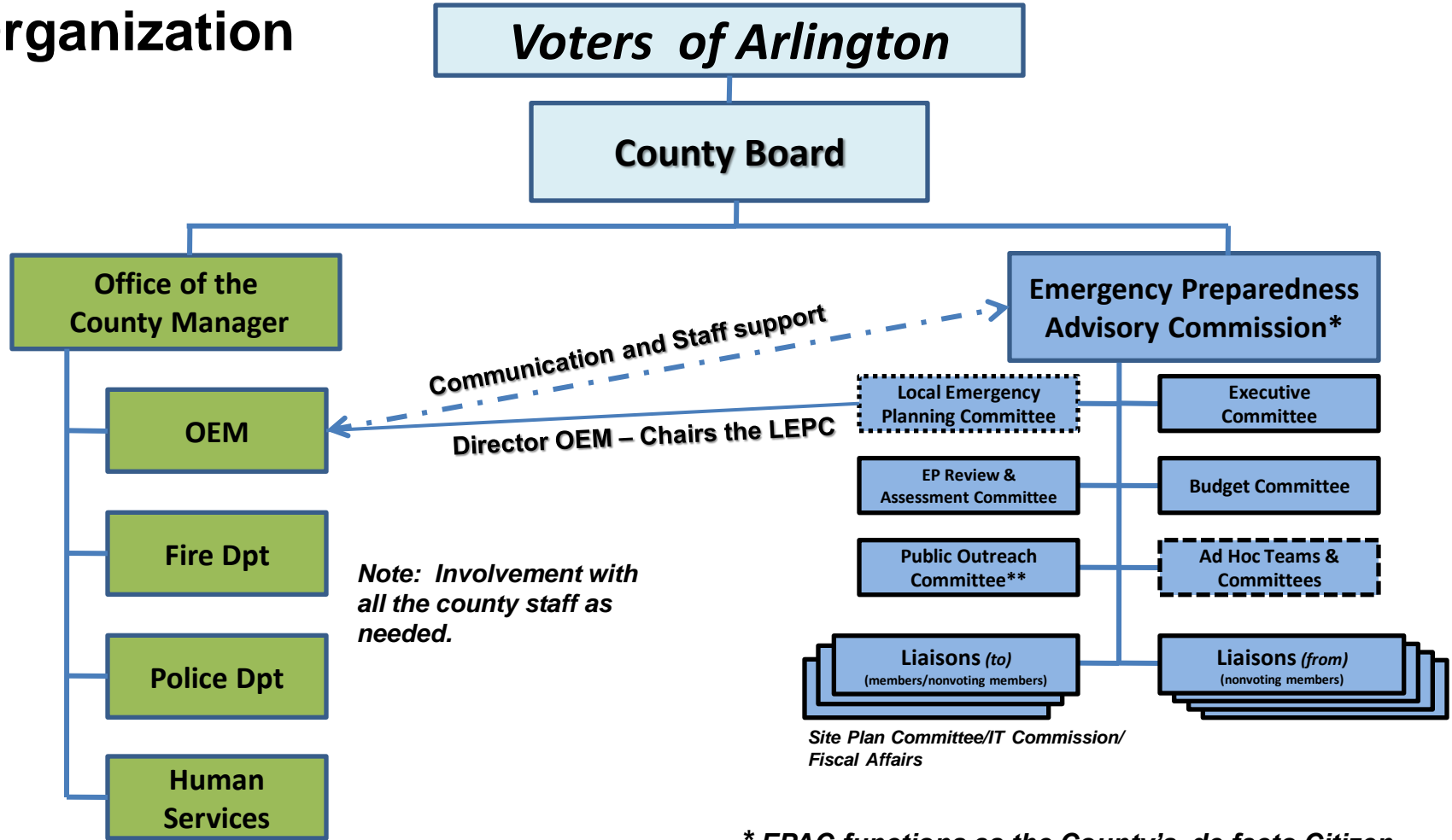
Mission

To ensure that Arlington is a safe, well-prepared and resilient place to live, work, and visit, EPAC will be a community forum focused on coordinating and integrating the efforts of Arlington's schools, and civic, commercial, and service communities, as well as other government agencies located in Arlington with County, state and federal emergency preparedness organizations.



Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission

Organization



*** EPAC functions as the County's de facto Citizen Corps Council**

Membership

**12 to 15 Commission members - appointed for 3 year terms
Serve at the pleasure of the County Board:**

- **7-10 members – At-Large**
- **1 member – representing the American Red Cross**
- **1 member – representing the Civic Federation**
- **1 member – representing the Arlington School Board**
- **1 member – representing Virginia Hospital Center – Arlington**
- **1 member – representing the Chamber of Commerce or Arlington NVBIA/NAIOP/AOBA**

Accomplishments

- **Established full membership: Started with 13 members and after a year we have full membership at 15. 8 men, 7 women.**
- **Established the organization's structure**
- **Began building relationships with first responders and educating the commission on Arlington's emergency preparedness programs and capabilities.**
- **Budget: Provided input to the Board on the Fiscal Year 11 Budget and the Capital Improvement Program.**
- **Monitoring Hazard Vulnerability Assessment effort led by Arlington for Northern VA.**

Road Ahead

- **Build relationships with Community Stakeholders.**
- **Determine the best way to involve these community groups in emergency preparedness.**
- **Execute at least one Public Forum annually.**
- **Formalizing plans/objectives for our next year:**
 - **Individual and Community preparedness**
 - **Threat and vulnerability assessments**
 - **Cyber security and other emerging threats**
 - **Vigilance over the Budget and CIP as well as site plans.**

How you can help us to help you!

- **Feedback – Survey**
- **Focused on thinking about emergency preparedness:**
 - **WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT?**
 - **Do you think your group is ready?**
 - **What about use of the Internet to report on conditions in an emergency and communicating information to your group.**
- **Ideas on a Public Forum.**
- **Where do you think our focus should be?**

QUESTIONS

Sign up for Arlington Alert!

If you have an interest in emergency preparedness and wish to help get in touch with us through the County website or come talk after the meeting.