A Presentation to the Arlington County Civic Federation – June 2, 2009

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COMMISSION
FOR ARLINGTON COUNTY

Why Create The EPAC?

❖ No single over-arching preparedness group

❖ Multiple communication paths and gaps

❖ County Board needs to hear directly from community about community preparedness

CERT

CCC

EMS

Red Cross

Medical Reserve

OEM

LEPC

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How Many Groups and Jobs?

Tasks

ID Hazards
  Airport
  Truck
  Rail
  Rail - Metro
  Pipelines
  Waterways
  Chemical - Industrial
  Construction
  Storage
  Retail related
  Airport - aircraft
  Weather
  Health vector
  Terrorist or major attack
  Unanticipated-unknowns (earthquake, etc.)
Critical Infrastructure (local) - ID
Critical Infrastructure (local) Protection
Training citizens

CERT
  Preparedness
  First Aid
Training business firms
Training government agencies
Emergency Communications - Responders
Emerg. Communications Public
Manage volunteers
Pet rescue
Outreach and liaison to:
  Citizens
  Special Needs Groups
  Community organizations
  Business community
  Airport
  Pentagon, Ft. Myer, Cemetery
  National Parks Service
  Metro

Coordinate civic groups
Grant management
Statutory compliance
Emergency planning
Emergency Shelters
Emergency exercises
Recovery from Disasters/Incidents
Schools Preparedness
Schools Response
Inter-regional planning and response
Continuity of government
Manage donations
Emergency Traffic Management
Community Feedback to County Gov.
Advise County Board
Evaluate readiness

Organizations

OEM   Fire   Police   VDEM   VDOT   COG   DHS   FEMA   NOAA   DoD   LEPC   EMS

MWAA   MRC   Red Cross   CERT   CCC   Medical Reserve   EMS Council   Salvation Army

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Support	S
Supported activity	V
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Advisory	a
Resource sponsor	r
Fiscal sponsor	$

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The Task From County Board Member Hynes ~~

❖ How can the County Board get more information from the community?

❖ Formed small group to study problem

❖ Quickly become apparent that

  ❑ An umbrella organization was needed

  ❑ Would report directly to the County Board

  ❑ Unify and advocate community preparedness and emergency response

❖ EPAC was the logical outcome

County Board Charge – May 15, 2009

❖ Copies of the EPAC Charter are on line at CivFed.org

❖ Target date for implementation – September 09

❖ Calls for Twelve Commissioners
  ❑ Including one nominated by Civic Federation

❖ Local Federal and State groups invited to designate liaisons

❖ Satisfies the SARA Title III criteria

EPAC Functions and Scope

❖ Recommend measures to integrate community groups, businesses and individual citizen activities with government emergency planning activities

❖ Review and advise the County Board on County emergency preparedness planning

❖ Coordinate the functions of a Local Emergency Planning Committee in compliance with SARA Title III, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986

❖ Participate with Site Plan Review Committees and Long Range Planning Committee

  ✓ Provide policy recommendations as appropriate to guide emergency preparedness and safety issues in long range plans and site plans

❖ Review and advise the County Board on budget planning related to emergency preparedness and response

❖ Provide a periodic forum for community input to local emergency planning, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities

Questions?

Hurricane Isabel – September 19, 2003
North Arlington

Arlington County Emergency Ops Center

American Red Cross

Arlington Chapter

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