

Central Virginia Emergency Management Alliance



Thursday, February 16, 2017 @ 0930 hours
Louisa Fire Station #1 300 E. Main St., Louisa, VA 23093

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ben Ruppert, at 0934.

Welcome & Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked Mike Schlemmer for hosting and invited everyone to introduce themselves. List of attendees is attached.

1. Minutes from January Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes as presented.

Made by: Curt Nellis (Powhatan) **Second:** Beverley Brandt (Colonial Heights)

Motion carried with no further discussion.

2. Special Presentations

Virginia Seismic Data Update, Matt Heller & Anne Witt, DMME

3. Standing Committee Reports

a. Mass Care | Paul Hundley (Richmond)

Encouraged everyone to go to CVEMA website for the minutes from last meeting. Good presentation from Aaron Lee (Baptist General Association of Virginia) who brought one of their four mobile shower resources.

Be sure to schedule shelter training if you have a need. Exercises are being scheduled for April in Richmond and Hanover. You can find trainings that are scheduled on CVEMA calendar. The winter VCA VOAD meeting was held yesterday. Sherri & Beverley gave a presentation on what local emergency managers are looking for from VOAD. If you have non-profits in own jurisdictions, get them connected with VCA VOAD. This will assist us in the future with unmet needs.

At the April meeting, Kelly King Horne of Homeward will present on possible grant projects.

b. Planning | Anna McRay (Henrico)

No report. Next meeting is March 15 and is a WebEx. Anna sent out a revised schedule for the THIRA. Please review and respond to Anna with any comments or concerns.

c. Public Outreach | Beverley Brandt (Colonial Heights)

Survivor Day is March 11. There will be a large marketing campaign beginning in the next week. Registrations will increase once the message gets out.

The Public Outreach Committee has been discussing Business Survivor Day and the low attendance several years ago. In looking for another way to get the message out, Robin Hillman developed a 15-minute PowerPoint. Anthony and Robin will be presenting it to Leadership Metro Richmond next week.

Looking at possibly partnering with the Mass Care Committee on outreach to those without renter’s insurance or homeowner’s policies. More to come.

Bill Sammler advised his portion of the Survivor Day presentation will have an audio piece and those details will need to be worked out. There is a test of the WebEx on March 8 at 10 a.m.

4. Old Business

THIRA update – 36 regional gaps were closed based on our review at last month’s meeting. There were some jurisdiction-specific items on the list so be sure to review and report out on the status. The Chair did a presentation to the RRPDC Board on 2/9 on Emergency Management where he discussed regionalism and what we have done since being a UASI. At the end of the presentation, a couple of commissioners brought up the planner position funding issue and had questions. The discussion was very positive and they are impressed with what the committee has accomplished over the years. The Chair sent out the presentation given and asked the local emergency managers to review options on funding the planner position. He has received no responses about this issue one way or the other. Understanding that some localities are going to have an issue with the funding piece and the decision is not always the responsibility of the emergency manager, he has asked Martha at the PDC to give the bare minimum needed to fund the position. The Chair asked for a motion. Donald Hunter moved that we express our support of the planner position and seeking local funding for the position through the RRPDC. Curt Nellis seconded. Beverley spoke of the work Kathy has done for the Alliance. Curt advised to be careful calling her a planner if her duties are strictly clerical. Ben mentioned to them that program management is her main focus now. Possibly need to speak with Martha about what her title should be.

Motion: To express support for planner position and seeking local funding through the RRPDC to support the position.

Made by: Donald Hunter, Prince George **Second:** Curt Nellis, Powhatan

Roll call vote: Ayes: 9 Nays: 1 Abstain: 0 Absent: 15

Motion carried after discussion.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Amelia	✓				Henrico				✓
Brunswick				✓	Hopewell	✓			
Caroline				✓	King & Queen				✓
Charles City				✓	King William				✓
Chesterfield		✓			Louisa	✓			
Colonial Heights	✓				New Kent	✓			
Cumberland				✓	Nottoway				✓
Dinwiddie				✓	Petersburg				✓
Emporia				✓	Powhatan	✓			
Essex				✓	Prince George	✓			
Goochland					Richmond	✓			
Greenville	✓				Sussex				✓
Hanover				✓					

CCTA Grant application-submitted electronically Feb 1 for \$2.4 million. Will know sometime in April or May when awards are announced.

Hazard Mitigation Plan update-draft plan will be completed by Friday, 2/17,17. Will be submitted to VDEM for review and then sent to the localities.

Update on The Community Foundation (TCF)/CVEMA Partnership. The Chair has scheduled a meeting with the Community Foundation Director on March 28 to discuss the possibility of a partnership where TCF would provide an account (including management and administration) for CVEMA that allows tax deductible contributions. Please send any comments, concerns, or questions about this proposed partnership to the Chair prior to March 28.

5. New Business

FY17 Stakeholders Workshop (invitation only) is February 22 for the SHSP grant funding. It will give attendees input on how the process will work Curt suggested that projects should be filling an identified gap, not just purchasing more equipment. It should meet a capability improvement.

Discussion ensued.

Region 1 Stakeholders' Briefing is scheduled for March 6 and the results from the workshop will be discussed that day.

8. Open Discussion & Roundtable

Mike Schlemmer (Louisa)-Mike mentioned the recent email we all received regarding the FEMA Point of Contact for CERT-Anna has asked that the Planning Committee be the conduit for any questions about CERT through FEMA since we no longer have a point of contact at the state. Sherri suggested that the Regional CERT Committee be the conduit since the members of that committee are CERT program managers. He also reported he attended at regional meeting on 2/15/17 with five localities in area talking about the new VHF trunk radio system. Louisa final specs have gone to vendor (Motorola). He also reported that they will be doing a shelter operations drill next year in connection with VOPEX. They will open it up to the region.

Bill McKay (Goochland)-radio system should go live this summer.

Bill Lawson (Richmond) – G191 class is being scheduled.

Jennifer Satterwhite (Fusion Center)-new contacts in Fusion Center. Will pass along new names and contact info.

Curt Nellis (Powhatan)-recently hired career firefighters. Powhatan was all volunteer before.

Jeff Hutchison (Dominion)-will be updating priority customer list soon and sending out information related to the local 911 centers, etc. New system for localities for outages coming soon.

Jack King (VDEM)-encourage you to sign up for grant peer reviewer.

Lori Dachille (VDEM)-VESTEX, if you want to participate need to know by Feb 21. The Region 1 Training and Exercise Planning Workshop will be following this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32. The next regular Alliance meeting will be March 16, 2017 at the Varina Library in Henrico.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Laffoon

Meeting Attendance

Anne Witt, DMME	Jennifer Satterwhite, VSP
Ben Ruppert, Hopewell, Chair	Kathy Robins, RRPDC
Beverley Brandt, Colonial Heights	Kent Emerson, Amelia
Bill Lawson, Richmond	Lori Dachille, VDEM
Bill MacKay, Goochland	Mark Irving, VDOT
Bill Sammler, NOAA/NWS	Matt Heller, DMME
Carl Knoblock, SBA	Matt Lipani, VDH
Chris Brackett, New Kent	Mike Schlemmer, Louisa
Curt Nellis, Powhatan	Paul Hundley, Richmond
Danielle Progen, VDEM	Pete Svoboda, SRMC
Donald Hunter, Prince George	Rob Mooney, DHS
Harrison Bresee, MPPDC	Robert Paxton, VDEM
Jack King, VDEM	Sherri Laffoon, Chesterfield, Recording Secretary
Jason Satterwhite, REC	Traci Giles, Chesterfield
Jeff Hutchinson, Dominion VA Power	Tristan Andrews, Richmond