

# Central Virginia Emergency Management Alliance



Thursday, April 19, 2018 @ 0930 hours  
Louisa Volunteer Fire Department, 300 E. Main Street; Louisa, VA 23093

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Ruppert at 0935.

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Ruppert welcomed everyone and thanked Louisa for hosting. Introductions were made. List of attendees is attached. Ben asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

## 2. Minutes from February 2018 Regular Meeting

**Motion:** To approve minutes as presented.

**Made by:** Donald Hunter (Prince George County)

**Second:** Bill Lawson (City of Richmond)

**Discussion:** None

Motion carries.

## 3. Special Presentations

- Jane Sibley from Dewberry gave an overview of the completed THIRA to the committee.

## 4. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Mass Care** | Paul Hundley (Richmond) Next meeting: 05/03/2018 at the RRPDC
  - Granted a 90-day extension of the FY16 grant. Approximately \$16k left in the funding pool, and would like to have it all spent by June 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to train any of your shelter teams or partners, please let Paul know so he can put the funds towards it. This could also apply for brochures/pamphlets/information. The FY17 grant has been approved and we have received the grant agreement.
- b. **Planning** | Anna McRay (Henrico), Anthony McClean (Richmond) Next meeting 05/23/2018 via WebEx
  - Anna asked Anthony to bring the Continuous Improvement Plan up for approval, as she would be absent for the CVEMA regional meeting. This document could serve as guidance for writing FY18 grants and beyond. Motion on the floor to adopt the CVEMA strategy. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kate Hale. All were in favor. The CIP was approved.
- c. **Public Outreach** | Anthony McLean (Richmond), Beverly Brandt (Colonial Heights) Next meeting 05/28/2018 at the RRPDC
  - Regional CERT Committee – Katie attended the last CERT meeting, which was held a week prior to its usual time of immediately preceding the Public Outreach meeting. The

regional CERT exercise was discussed, as it being planned for the fall at Enon Training Center. Train-the-Trainer classes are scheduled for June/July.

- There are approximately 1,300+ people registered for Survivor Day. Several of the localities are maxed out. Very good sign-up this year for Survivor Day. Next year is the 10th anniversary. We are going to look at the program and classes offered and possibly revamp – any localities who have not participated should come to our next SD planning meeting. The meeting will probably be held at the end of May/beginning of June. We would like to update the curriculum next year.
  - Beginning to think about grant opportunities we would like to apply for, for next year.
- d. **Training Committee** | Bill Lawson (Richmond) Next meeting 05/22/2018 at the RRPDC
- The T&E Committee met last Tuesday. If you have any training or exercises coming up, please enter into the calendar.
  - Went over the CVEMA Training Review that was based on the training survey sent out to CVEMA members. The Survey was pulled from a VDEM spreadsheet of classes offered. Survey results included classes that were most desired and ranked the highest. We must turn in the list of classes to VDEM by next Friday. The goal is that two months out from next TEPW, to push the survey out again so everyone has equal participation.
  - Also discussed upcoming exercises. Exercises design for people to do in their jurisdiction. June 21 – pull C&O together to go over developing Family Assistance Plan.
  - Sherri noted that there is a JIC Regional Exercise to be planned – North/South of the James.
  - Figuring out as a group - how to vet those exercises, not just who shows up to the TEPW – send out through a survey to determine exercise needs.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Hazard Mitigation Update
- Down to 3 remaining to be completely approved. Ashland approved yesterday.
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Locality (County, City, Town)	Adopted (Y/N)	Date Adopted
Claremont (Town of)	Y	11/1/2017
Chesterfield	Y	8/23/2017
Colonial Heights	N	
Dendron (Town of)	Y	12/4/2017
Dinwiddie	Y	8/15/2017
Emporia (City)	Y	9/19/2017
Greensville	Y	9/5/2017
Hopewell	Y	8/8/2017
Jarratt (Town of)	N	
McKenny (Town of)	Y	9/14/2017

Petersburg (City)	N	
Prince George	Y	8/8/2017
Stony Creek	Y	10/10/2017
Surry County	N	
Surry (Town of)	Y	11/14/2017
Sussex	Y	9/21/2017
Wakefield	Y	11/13/2017
Waverly	Y	12/12/2017
Ashland	Y	04/18/2018
Charles City	N	
Goochland	Y	9/5/2017
Hanover	Y	8/23/2017
Henrico	Y	9/12/2017
New Kent	Y	9/5/2017
Powhatan	Y	8/28/2017
Richmond City	Y	12/11/2017

## 6. New Business

### a. ASI Data Call/Ranking

- Every year, FEMA by mandate, goes through the top 100 MSAs as it looks at UASI funding for the next year. They have changed the ranking process, run everyone through it, sent out a draft, and gave us a two-week window as an opportunity to give feedback. Moving forward to change the process would be next year. This year, we have moved down quite a bit from 34 to 40. Conference call was held last Monday with Stacie Neal. Highlights on why we have dropped:
  1. Targeted infrastructure has changed – they took out pipelines, which affects the region. FEMA wanted to remove pipelines because they didn't think there had been many threats to pipelines.
  2. Removed any chemical industry that falls under CFATS programs. They didn't take out our nuclear facilities or dams. This is a big impact for us.
- Going forward between now and next year's process – going to look more closely at last year's vs this year's process and see what the differences are. Population puts a heavy weight on largest cities. In the process going forward, we need to include special events as a factor in the way we are scored. As data call goes out this year for special events, it is important to respond. It doesn't have to be large number from a regional perspective, but large in your jurisdiction. There is a maximum # of special events allowed, but we need to make sure we exceed that.
- Working with Katie and Kathy to put together a response letter from the region. Only will probably be able to hit the generalized things, but as we look at future and next year's process, we will look at what needs to change.

### b. Survivor Day

- This Saturday. If you need backpacks for your region, they are supposed to be delivered to Chesterfield on Friday. Please coordinate with Sherri or Jess Robison to pick up if you need backpacks.

## 7. Open Discussion & Roundtable

Grant application season coming up soon. Dates are out for workshops for the state to inform us on the process this year. As we move into the process this year – the THIRA and Strategic Plan should inform us and our committees as we look at what the investment should look like this year and years moving forward. Even if you weren't involved in process of developing THIRA and Strategic Plan, there is still a lot of application in your locality.

When writing grants – use the THIRA as a reference.

*City of Hopewell* (Ben Ruppert) – Hopewell had its water emergency at the end of last month – few lessons learned, but if you have any questions or like to hear comments on water emergencies, please stop by.

*RRPDC* (Katie Moody) - Budgets have been approved by VDEM for FY18 grants. Emergency order of Survivor Day backpacks was placed last week, with hopefully to be delivered on Friday. Please coordinate with Sherri to pick up backpacks on Friday. After the event is over, we are going to take a better inventory of all backpacks that are left and possibly keep them all in one central location.

*Powhatan County* (Curt Nellis) - Participated in first FEMA Region 3 Advisory Council. Big conversation about active shooter, focusing on schools. Next face-to-face meeting is in June, will ask some questions about UASI scoring. If you have anything you want Curt to ask, please let him know. IBTS Group - provides emergency support during disasters. Powhatan just entered into an agreement with them to provide disaster-related relief services. They are local to VA, out of Warrenton – provide services such as planning, debris management, staffing, and mutual aid resources, etc. Interested in having a representative come to CVEMA meeting to do a presentation. Working with grant award to improve amateur radio capabilities in Central VA.

*Virginia Department of Emergency Management* (Doug Gagnon) - Region 1 office is in the process of bringing on new Disaster Response and Recovery Officer.

*Henrico Health District* (David Calkins, Alyssa Lewis) – Alyssa is the new Medical Reserve Corp Coordinator for Henrico County. Henrico Health District received extension on emergency preparedness grant to purchase shelter supplies.

*American Red Cross* (Maria Biava) - Red Cross is holding the Sound the Alarm event on May 5th. Will be installing 700 alarms that day in Central Virginia.

*Prince George County* (Donald Hunter) – No report.

*City of Richmond* (Anthony McClean, Kathy Robins, Paul Hundley) - Tomorrow is the organized walkout demonstration. Anticipating 10,000+ in the city – marching from Brown’s Island up to the Capitol. Another high-level event occurring on May 5 – third Monument Avenue rally.

*Chesterfield County* (Sherri Laffoon) - Chesterfield is participating in VESTEX on May 7. Active shooter exercise on August 11. If you have some subject matter experts that could be evaluators, please let her know. Going to set up a JIC, you could also send some PIO’s to evaluate. The exercise will be in the morning and should be done by noon.

*Colonial Heights* (Bev Brandt) – No report.

*2-1-1 United Way* (Amanda Reidelbach) – No report.

*CVHC* (Peter Svoboda) - Holding Healthcare Disaster Recovery Workshop on May 15. If you go to the CVHC website, you can find more information. Working on getting health care partners and EM’s together in the fall for an exercise.

*Louisa County* (Mike Schlemmer): Welcome to Louisa. Currently in the process of getting ready for the North Anna drill in July. Holding a radiological monitoring class/training. This year – going to be evaluating schools and evaluating their plans and radiological response. Also putting in new radio system, waiting to be installed. School system reactivated the school safe group.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am. The next regular Alliance meeting will be May 17 2018, at Tuckahoe Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Moody  
Regional EM Program Coordinator

Calendar Request Form: <http://bit.ly/2omhuZN>

Training & Exercise Calendar: <http://bit.ly/2EFi0c9>

In attendance:

Alyssa Lewis, Henrico

Amanda Reidelbach, 2-1-1 VIRGINIA

Anthony McLean, Richmond

**Ben Ruppert, Hopewell, Chair**

Beverley Brandt, Colonial Heights

Bill Lawson, Richmond

Curt Nellis, Powhatan

David Calkins, Henrico Health District

Donald Hunter, Prince George

Doug Gagnon, VDEM

Katie Hale, New Kent

Katie Moody, RRPDC

Kathy Robins, Richmond

Maria Biava, Red Cross

Mike Rae, Emporia

Mike Schlemmer, Louisa