

Central Virginia

Emergency Management Alliance



Thursday, June 21st, 2018 @ 0930 hours

City of Richmond DPU Facility, 1801 Commerce Road, Richmond, VA 23224

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ben Ruppert at 0932.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Ruppert welcomed everyone and thanked Richmond 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 April 2018 Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes as presented.

Made by: Donald Hunter (Prince George County)

Second: Altise Street (211)

Discussion: None

Motion carries.

3. Special Presentations

- Stephen Willoughby from the Department of Emergency Communications gave a special presentation on Text to 9-1-1
 - Wanted to make sure that all Richmond regions could begin using it together before the main launch. Available in Richmond region, but not everyone in Virginia.
 - Call if you still can – there are some limitations to texting 9-1-1.
 - There is a big audience for Text to 9-1-1 – allows us to reach the deaf and hard of hearing community. Required of the ADA Act to receive very antiquated TTY in the past – very cumbersome process that caused delays. We can now communicate directly from that community. It is very important that when you provide your exact location when using it.
 - In initial text you're sending, send initial location and description of incident. You can't include 911 in a "group text," also can't send photos at this current time. Technology may catch up in the future.

4. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Mass Care** | Paul Hundley (Richmond) Next meeting: 08/02/2018 at the RRPDC
 - Met earlier this month, during this meeting – FY16 grant funds – have sent the final two bills to Richmond Finance to be sent through by the end of July.
 - Will begin expenditures for FY17 grant.
 - At the last MCHS, we also had a presentation from John Richardson-Lauve at Childsavers on Trauma Informed Care, and the Red Cross on the Use of Faith-Based Partners in response and recovery efforts. We have begun to investigate new initiative on working with feeding partners throughout the region.
 - Initiated contact with FeedMore and the Virginia Baptist Association – going to put together a small working group for a small template for feeding when multiple localities have been impacted and where those meals may come from, such as mobile feeding spots, etc and where they can be supported. The working group will also include the Salvation Army and the Red Cross. FeedMore has significant capacity for mass feeding. We are going to work on an MOU.
- b. **Planning** | Anna McRay (Henrico) Next meeting 07/18/2018 via WebEx
 - Nothing to report.
- c. **Public Outreach** | Kathy Robins (Richmond) Next meeting 07/18/2018 at the RRPDC
 - Next meeting is scheduled for Monday. The PO Committee is only planning to do one SHSP proposal this year for Survivor Day and Marketing.
 - We met on Monday. We have established two subcommittees – the Regional CERT committee and now we have the Whole Community Preparedness meeting, alternating months for meeting dates. The purpose of the WCP meeting will be working on rebranding Survivor Day, such as with new graphics, new name, potential to rebrand the entire thing.
 - In CERT – there was a Train-the-Trainer earlier in the month as well as a Program Manager course. We also have two Spanish speaking CERT Trainers now. Also looking to hold a Spanish Survivor Day.
 - Planning to order more Citizen Preparedness Guides.
- d. **Training Committee** | Bill Lawson (Richmond) Next meeting 06/26/2018 at the RRPDC
 - We will be meeting next week, Tuesday at the PDC.
 - Looked at the Training Plan following the survey sent out with VDEM. Also trying to work on exercises – trying to get an idea of what we want, building out a survey, something that will allow us to say what classes we have already done and suggest any new ideas.
 - Training Calendar is up-to-date. You can even do it from your phone. The more people who participate, more we can offer. Working with CVIMT on classes such as ICS 305, incorporating these into the calendar.

5. Old Business

- a. Hazard Mitigation
 - No further updates on HMP to report.

6. New Business

- a. FY18 SHSP Grants Update– Grant proposals were due on June 15th
 - Mr. Ruppert commented that at the last CVEMA meeting, most everyone in the region received their Letter of Endorsement. Voted on a few projects after the meeting through online survey.
 - With the extended deadline – there was a change in peer review. Hopefully you got an email on it. Reach out to Lori if you did not get an email, as VDEM should probably be sending out proposals soon.\
- b. Community Foundation Update
 - A few members of the Executive Committee had a meeting on May 25th with representatives from the CF, at the PDC. The Chair noted that we are excited about what the prospect of what the CF could do for us
 - We are holding another meeting this afternoon to follow up.
 - CF will set up a fund for donations and tax exemptions, as well as set up a committee with CF on how the money should be spent on preparedness activities. CF can accept donations for us. The meeting this afternoon will cover process on the back end as far as applications and spending down funds. The CF has also offered to partner with us on activities such as Survivor Day. They partner with local businesses during community events, such as putting together packs on a preparedness day, we would receive the packs as a donation for our events. Also gives us an opportunity to partner with Virginia VOAD.
 - Sherri noted that we hoped to kick off in September since its preparedness month, with local businesses. Hopefully by September and October, we can begin to receive funds. The funds cannot be used by individuals but given to another nonprofit.
- c. FY17 Regional THIRA
 - For last THIRA – there were many jurisdictions that did not participate in the THIRA process. With FY17 funds, we are looking to expand, particularly with jurisdictions who did not participate before. The THIRA is very useful for grant applications. Hopefully the FY17 grant will also assist with filling in holes. We will definitely be looking to update with the money we've received, and it's a matter of what that money looks like. If you have any input, please attend the next Planning Committee.
 - Next week we will have a meeting on the Complex Coordinated Attack grant. State received 2-2.5 million to address Complex Coordinated Attack Hazard.

Looking at issues and gaps, as well as a path moving forward and come up with spending plan. It is only a matter of time before we see it in the states. The most important aspect of this is the regional concept – terrorist attacks don't respect regional boundaries, borrow resources from each other. Important to look at these events from a regional perspective.

7. Open Discussion & Roundtable

Henrico HD (David Caulkins) – Participated in tabletop exercise this week with the US Postal Service in their office in Sandston for monitoring anthrax. Also working on Code Prep program, conducting outreach to dialysis patients in the area to make sure they are prepared to enter a shelter, etc. Would like to open this program up to the region because there is a lot of equipment and looking to partner. Purchasing 140 emergency kits specifically geared towards dialysis patients. Begin to start serving dialysis patients as part of outreach, and tailor program to their needs.

VDH (Mike Magner) – CBERS event coming up – primarily for long-term care outside of hospitals, etc. Training session will be next Tuesday, June 26th. Encourage emergency responders if your area to attend. Registration is through Train Virginia.

Chesterfield County (Sherri Lafoon): Worked with VDEM yesterday on WebEOC.

City of Richmond (Vic Buisset) – Few things going on with continuity side of the city. Met with downtown Richmond security people, did a presentation on preparedness for their staff. Getting ready for 4th July activities in the City.

NWS (Bill Sammler) – More risk for heavy rain in next 24 hours, mostly south of I-64. Atmosphere is “worked over” because of thunderstorm activity over the last few days. Not looking at much of severe weather, primarily heavy rain issue. May expect localized flooding in some parts of the area. Retiring September 1st.

VCU (Jim Keck) – School starts in August. If you need exercise players or students, can send out and see if there is any interest.

Chesterfield County (Emily Ashley) – Active shooter drill on August 11th. If anyone wants to participate, let her know and she will find a place for you. Within Chesterfield Fire, Sherri has been announced civilian employee of the year.

CVHC (Steven Parrott) – Wrapping up the first of the 5-year budget cycle for preparedness program. Have been touring hospital facilities with Andrew – impressed with some facilities and some need improvements. Will be working primarily with the ED Departments. VHASS. Next Wed – for VHASS, holding a quick 40 min training opportunity –

concentrating on Emergency Operations sections. Two free standing ED's will be opening by next meeting.

Hopewell (Ben Ruppert) – Finally received letter back from FEMA regarding UASI data ranking. The letter was more of a form letter and more or less generic.

Dominion (Tony Savage) – Hurricane season is starting. Encourage everyone to update your information on the Dominion portal

University of Richmond (Brittany Schaal) - Working with Lori, coming up with EM dedicated people for institutes of higher education. Please share contacts.

RRPDC (Katie Moody) – At the next CVEMA monthly meeting, we will be having a presentation from VDEM on cyber security. Please share this with you IT Managers and Directors. Currently working with Isaac Janak at VDEM to come up with a Regional EM IT list, potential subcommittee.

The meeting adjourned at 1045 am. The next regular Alliance meeting will be July 19th, 2018, at New Kent EOC.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Moody
Regional EM Program Coordinator

CVEMA T&E Calendar

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

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

In attendance:

Altise Street, 2-1-1

Ben Ruppert, Hopewell, Chair

Bill Lawson, Richmond

Bill Sammler, NOAA/NWS

Brittany Schaal, UofR

Chris Warriner, VSP

David Caulkins, Henrico HD

Donald Hunter, Price George

Emily Ashley, Chesterfield

Felicia Roane, DEC

Stephen Willoughby, DEC

Mike Magner, VDH

Tracy Bryan, VA Museum of History and Culture

Nick Watkins, John Randolph Medical Center

Jennifer Satterwhite, VSP

Jim Keck, VCU

Katie Moody, RRPDC

Kathy Robins, Richmond

Meredith Snellings, Red Cross

Mike Schlemmer, Louisa

Paul Hundley, Richmond

Robert Williams, Hopewell

Sherri Lafoon, Chesterfield

Steve Parrott, CVHC

Tony Savage, Dominion

Vic Buisset, Richmond

Michelle Daschner, Prince George

Libba McKinsey, RRPDC