

CENTRAL VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE



Regular Meeting | Thursday, June 20, 2019 | 9:30 am - Noon
Twin Hickory Library, 5001 Twin Hickory Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Sherri Laffoon called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Introductions were made.
2. **Motion:** To accept the May 2019 CVEMA meeting minutes.
Made by: Robert Williams (Hopewell)
Second: Emily Ashley (Henrico)
Minutes are approved.
3. **Special Presentations**
 - Dawn Brantley, Strategic Planning Branch Chief, VDEM – Multi Agency Shelter Transition Teams used in Florida after Hurricane Michael
 - Jennifer Maul, VEST Coordinator, VDEM – State WebEOC Resource Request Board
4. **Committee Reports**
 - **Mass Care** | Paul Hundley (Richmond) Next meeting: 8/1/2019 at PlanRVA
 - Mass Care Symposium is August 8th. Forward the registration out to social services, human services and other departments that will be involved in mass care functions. Flyer attached.
 - **Planning** | Curt Nellis (Powhatan) Next meeting 7/17/19 at PlanRVA
 - Hazard Mitigation Project grant application. Requested funding one year in advance so that funding will be here when the Hazard Mitigation plan is ready for update. Increase in request to add enhancements to next iteration to include being more user friendly with the ability to extract information. Include elements of CRS to simplify access to the information to assist in reducing flood insurance premiums for localities. If you have any other suggestions or needs to include, please contact Curt or Katie.
 - Conversation with Olson Group for recovery project on target. A 9-question survey is coming out to everyone in the region that will ask about challenges faced in the recovery process. With remaining funds, the committee is asking Olson to do research on recovery-type resources that may be needed during the recovery process as an addendum to the contract then loading the resource information for the region into the State WebEOC platform.
 - Once recovery resources are completed, a workshop will be planned to introduce resources and work through all aspects of recovery. A discussion was

had to include active threat situations and man-made disaster recovery and not just focus on natural disasters.

- **Public Outreach** | Beverley Brandt (Colonial Heights) Next meeting 7/15/19 at PlanRVA
 - The Public Outreach committee continues to promote the “Disaster Preparedness Workshop” scheduled for September 7, 2019. The end of June is the close out for localities to participate. The “TEST” registration site for the DPW will be opening soon, please sign-up several times to test the registration. 3 core topics for localities to cover during workshop:
 - 1.Planning & Documents
 - 2.Household Safety
 - 3.Active Threat
 - At the Diamond the Public Outreach committee will sponsor two evening games to promote “Plan Safe”. August 20th - Tri-Cities night at the Diamond and August 21st - RVA night at the Diamond.
 - 1.PSAs with Video Logo (Plan Safe)
 - 2.Tables outside, give-aways, tee shirts
 - 3.First Pitch
 - The new Website for Emergency Management is up and running. Please visit www.planrva.org.
 - If you haven’t received your new EM Logo to use for your locality, contact Katie and she will send it to you.
 - CERT Subcommittee
 - We had 26 participants at the Regional CERT Stop the Bleed trainings on June 1st.
 - Our annual exercise is planned for October 12th. We have been communicating with the Flying Squirrels about potentially using the Diamond as the location of the exercise. We plan on holding refresher classes the evening before.
 - We are attempting to coordinate a CERT Program Managers workshop on October 21st and have a representative from FEMA, VDEM Grants and the new National CERT Association attending This workshop will be for any CERT program manager in the commonwealth.
- **Training & Exercise** | Bill Lawson (Richmond) Next meeting 6/25/19 at PlanRVA
 - None

5. **Old/Unfinished Business**

- FY19 SHSP Grant Applications – were due by June 15th, 2019
 - All localities have received their support letters and grants should have been submitted
 - LEMPG ends next week.
 - FY19 grant period ends June 2021

6. **New Business**

- Disaster Preparedness Workshop (Sept 7, 2019) – registration opening in early July
 - Details included in Public Outreach minutes
- Planned exercises, training or special events in your locality

- Red Cross – June 24 Shelter Exercise in James City County
- Henrico – Full scale exercise August 3rd at the Courthouse.
- Chesterfield – July 25th full scale exercise could use a couple more evaluators including an outside police agency.
- RIC – Aug 14 & 15, NTSB is coming back to do the friends and family reception training. More information to come.
- CVHC Education:
 1. July 22nd - 2-1-1 Patient Tracking Education for VCU Health
 2. July 23-25 ICS 300 at VCU Health - register at COVLC
 3. September 3-5 - ADLS/BDLS at Dinwiddie Enhancement Center- Register at central-region.org (under Events)
 4. August 23rd CVHC HICS/HIMT Review at SRMC 9-2pm in classroom A/B, RSVP at central-region.org (under Events)
- Goochland – FEMA campus security class successful. This weekend it is being followed up with a TECC class.
- NWS Integrated Warning Team meeting Oct 31st at CTC Hull. Formal invitation to come. Approximately 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

7. Roundtable

- *Emily Ashley (Henrico)* – EM is being pulled out of the fire department effective July 1 and is absorbing the environment and safety areas of Risk Management. Workplace safety group doing assessments on all 110 facilities. Know what level of building access your public safety responders have. Rolling out training for employees for workplace violence indicators
- *Curt Nellis (Powhatan)* – Working with Amateur Radio group doing their annual trip this weekend. After campus safety class in Goochland, began developing active shooter/hostile event based on the NFPA 3000 standard. Madison Bennet was introduced as Powhatan Emergency Management’s intern.
- *Jeremey Falkeneu (Dept of Forestry)* – completing 5-year update that will identify homes in forest areas that may be affected by wild fire. Starting point for identifying high risk areas. Will share with the Alliance.
- *Kate Hale (New Kent)* – VOPEX practice exercise on Tuesday went well. Evaluated VOPEX will be Jul 23. Looking for input on EOC identification system for access control because it is within the Sheriff’s facility.
- *Beverley Brandt (Colonial Heights)* – working on exercise with Southside Regional School of Nursing on active shooter incident. Challenging because of lack of plans and policies. Push on getting EOC geared up for hurricane season.
- *Mike Magner (VDH)* – Crater Health District supporting Remote Area Medical (RAM) event this weekend in Emporia; Hepatitis A: 9 cases so far in 2019 in the Central Region of Virginia, but seems to be slowing down (only 1 new case in May, none reported for June so far); Measles: Only 2 cases so far in Virginia, both in Northern Region and none in Central Region so far.
- *Pete Svoboda (CVHC)* – Chippenham received Level I trauma status. Coalition will perform their yearly site visit soon. Interesting piece on PBS news hour on pandemic flu – 3-part series – implications of pandemic flu are significant. Not a matter of if but when so keep that in mind for risk assessments.

- *Donald Hunter (Prince George)* - Good training session in Tri-Cities for Crisis Track, HVX and WebEOC. Thanked Darshan and VDEM.
- *Tori Rowsey (King William)* – currently the role of Fire Chief and EM Coordinator are filled with 2 part time battalion chiefs. Fire Chief job may not be posted until first of next year.
- *John Fitzgerald (RIC)* – it's thunderstorm season so diversions are increased which means stranded passengers. Steel being hung starting this week to A concourse expansion – should open in about 18 months. Cargo ramp being expanded on east side as well.
- *David Calkins (Henrico Health District)* –Planning process for upcoming annual flu exercise which will be integrated with VDH Cardinal Resolve. Increase in Asia Tigers mosquito which carry Zika and Culex that carry West Nile.
- *Vic Buisset (Richmond City)* – Saturday is the dedication for Arthur Ashe Blvd. which will result in road closings over the weekend. 4th of July fireworks will be held at Rockets Landing. Talking with PD on limited opening of EOC for the events. Downtown Richmond security group states that there have been an uptick of people dressing the same way and hiding out in the facilities and catching them in secure areas of the building. They are being escorted off the property. They have been found at the Federal Reserve, the lottery building, SunTrust and the Jefferson Hotel. All individuals appear to be the same woman, but it could be multiple females dressed alike. Capitol Police is involved.
- *Erin Nowlin (CVHC)* – CHEC - Certified Hospital (Healthcare) Emergency Coordinator course held June 17-19th at Dorey Park. Thank you to Henrico Co for hosting us. Measles Prevention Posters - created collaboratively with VDH, VHHA, CVHC and all Central Region Hospital Corporations - to be displayed at each acute care hospital. Behavioral Health Evacuation Workgroup - working to create guidance/plan for emergent evacuations and relocations of committed behavioral health patients during emergencies.
- *Darshan Parikh (VDEM)* – happy to do Crisis Track, HVX and WebEOC training anywhere when needed. Almost done with Florence and Michael closeouts.
- *Robert Williams (Hopewell)* – fireworks over Appomattox on June 29th.
- *Robert Foresman (Henrico)* – VEMA members please renew membership if not member, please join. The VEMA website is www.vemaweb.org
- *Sherri Laffoon (Chesterfield)* – Ben Ruppert (Hopewell) met with community foundation after Virginia Beach incident. Topic of discussion was how to receive donations in similar situations and how that can be disbursed being that we cannot distribute to individuals. A plan is being worked on.

Adjourn – With there being no further business, Sherri Laffoon adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the CVEMA is on Thursday, July 18th, 2019. Location: New Kent Forestry Center, 11301 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140

Respectfully submitted,
 Jess Robison
 CVEMA Recording Secretary

CVEMA T&E Calendar

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

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

In attendance:

Curt Nellis, Powhatan
David Calkins, Henrico Health District
Douglas Gagnon, VDEM
Emily Ashley, Henrico
Jeremey Falkeneu, Dept. of Forestry
John Fitzgerald, RIC
Robert Williams, Hopewell
Sherri Laffoon, Chesterfield
Vic Buisset, Richmond City
Madison Bennet, Powhatan
Jennifer Maul, VDEM

Darshan Parikh, VDEM
Donald Hunter, Prince George
Eddie Ferguson, Goochland
Jack King, VDEM
Jess Robison, Chesterfield
Robert Foresman, Henrico
Robin Hillman, Goochland
Tori Rowsey, King William
Wayne Geary, Red Cross
Kristina Verderame, VDEM



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AUGUST 8, 2019

MASS CARE SYMPOSIUM

Register now for the very first Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia – Mass Care Symposium scheduled for August 8, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

The day will focus on efforts to provide Mass Care services during Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, as well as best practices and pitfalls within Inclusive Planning.

- Keynote Speakers include North Carolina Mass Care Lead and 6 Wheels Consulting, LLC.

- Afternoon of panel discussions will focus on Inclusive Planning and Mass Feeding during Disasters.

Check in and networking opportunity begins at 8:00 a.m. with Continental Breakfast service. Opening presentation starts at 9:00 a.m..

Register by July 26th.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**Gayton Baptist Church
13501 N. Gayton Road
Henrico, VA 23233**

The symposium is free and will include a continental breakfast, break snacks, and lunch.