

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA



Regular Meeting | Thursday, August 15, 2019 | 9:30 am - Noon

Richmond Police Department Training Academy, 1202 W Graham Road, Richmond, VA 23260

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Sherri Laffoon called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. Introductions were made.
2. **Motion:** To accept the July 2019 EMACV meeting minutes.
Made by: Beverley Brandt (Colonial Heights)
Second: Donald Hunter (Prince George)
Minutes are approved.
3. **Special Presentations**
 - Jennifer Tillett, VCU Master of Urban & Regional Planning Program, Residential Fire Impacts on Richmond, VA: A Plan for Identifying and Educating Our Most Vulnerable Communities
4. **Committee Reports**
 - **Mass Care** | Paul Hundley (Richmond) Next meeting: 9/5/2019 at PlanRVA
 - Mass Care Symposium hosted on Aug 8, first one. About 125 participants. A survey was distributed to participants. Please provide feedback so that it can drive future events and funding. Grant money left in SHSP grant through March 2020.
 - **Planning** | Curt Nellis (Powhatan) Next meeting 8/21/19 at PlanRVA
 - Mitigation project – majority of letters of intent received. Please still send to Katie if you haven't done so yet. Waiting to see if grant package was accepted. Next iteration will have format rework into a more useful document with the ability to pull out jurisdiction specific information. Discovered 2 errors in current plan where we failed to address dams, flooding and subsidence issues.
 - Recovery Framework project - Olson on schedule. Expect sections for review and comments in September. Asked Olson to address formatting issue found in other plans which contained embedded formatting that makes it hard to copy and paste information. Olson has been asked for a plain text document so that localities can format to suit their jurisdiction. Have some leftover funds to have an implementation seminar for the framework which will be separate from the large recovery workshop for which a grant application was submitted.
 - Community lifelines – Curt attended basic and advanced courses at EMI on Situational Awareness and Common Operating Picture where this information was introduced. FEMA implemented a new concept which looks at 7 critical services and provides you with essential questions to ask yourself in order to

gain a better common operating picture and situational awareness. VDEM also exploring this. Curt encouraged everyone to research community lifelines.

- **Public Outreach** | Beverley Brandt (Colonial Heights) Next meeting 8/19/19 at PlanRVA
 - Report Attached
- **CERT** | Jess Robison (Chesterfield) Next meeting 8/19/19 at PlanRVA
 - Report Attached
- **Training & Exercise** | Bill Lawson (Richmond) Next meeting 8/20/19 at PlanRVA
 - We met with R1 staff and TEED about the TEPW and how we would like to try and make that work better. They are taking the idea we have used the past 2 years and pushing a survey out regarding training. They would like to include exercise priorities but have not worked out the mechanics of that for a survey. The survey will also include a method to collect what free classroom space is available in the localities to help cut costs and have a database of locations.
 - Another positive from the meeting was that there was a lot of difficulty from the local level to find classes. TEED is going to supply a course list monthly that Regional Coordinators will send out to the jurisdictions.
 - We also learned that there are some new editions to the exercise equipment cache; blue guns (long and short) and 2 moulage kits. There are two people trained at VDEM HQ who know how to apply moulage. If you use the kits, they would like to replace the supplies you use.

5. **Chief Regional Coordinator Update – Donna Pletch, VDEM**

- Chief Deputy Chris Brown has established a committee on diversity, equity and inclusion to ensure state practices and programs are inclusive and equitable. Grant applications for localities that need the money don't haven't received the proper resources and training to write grant applications that will result in awards. Grant writing workshops and training aids are going to be developed to assist in closing the gaps in education and ability.
- Going to be reaching out to federally recognized tribes to create relationships and will recommend they work through their local EM office first. Donna will include the local EMs in the meetings with the tribes. Unsure how to approach state recognized tribes at this point. More information to come.
- VDEM moving headquarters to Moorefield Park from Trade Ct in late October early November.
- Peak hurricane season in VDEM world is last two weeks of August and all of September. Please ensure you can access the state WebEOC platform. Donna is happy to meet with any locality or wants a reoccurring meeting.

6. **Old/Unfinished Business**

- None.

7. New Business

- Marth Shickle – New Projects
 - Sharepoint site created so that members of the alliance can access non-public facing documents.
 - Staffing Terry Eckhout new director of Finance. Terry will be the main point of contact with VDEM on grants.
- Corey Beazley –
 - 2020 ingestion pathway exercise for North Anna - Training and outreach in October for all jurisdictions within the 50 mi radius to discuss the ingestion pathways exercise. Looking to do it as an out of sequence table top exercise with an information session on May 27th and tabletop exercise on the May 28th that will be graded. If you choose not to participate in the May 28th tabletop, you will have to schedule with FEMA. Details will be pushed out as they become available. This exercise will count for both Surry and North Anna to avoid some overlapping jurisdictions from doing it twice within two years.
- Planned exercises, training or special events in your locality
 - Lori Dachille (VCU) – FEMA VTTX Sept 11th active shooter. Invitations will be sent out soon.
 - Beverley Brandt (Colonial Heights) – Damage Assessment class August 29th
 - Erin Nowlin (CVHC) – Sept. 4 – Sept. 6: Advanced Disaster Life Support joined with Basic Disaster Life Support - 2.5-day course open to any first responders. Sept 27 Advanced Burn Support.
 - Darshan – EOC management Hopewell Oct 8-10. G288 Dinwiddie Oct 24 & 25 G191 – Oct 29.
 - Hopewell: ICS 300 class on T&E calendar
 - Goochland – Sept. 20 – 22: Field Day of the Past
 - IS 400 18-19 Sept at Chesterfield Health Dept.
 - Richmond – ICS 300 at end of month – class is full. August 24 Moonlight ride 28 mi from city to Henrico.
 - Chesterfield Dam tabletop exercise Aug. 28 for Woodland Pond high hazard dam
 - Powhatan – Sat. Oct. 5 Grape Festival; Aug 31 BoomBang Music Festival

8. Roundtable

- *Curt Nellis* (Powhatan) – Powhatan has new fire chief, Phil Warner. He will also be the Assistant EM Director. Powhatan participating in Goochland for field days.
- *Katie Moody on behalf of Emily Ashley* (Henrico) – Workplace safety seminars are wrapping up and reached nearly 3000 employees. Courthouse exercise AAR will come out in September.
- *Rob Mooney* (DHS) – name changed to Cyber and Infrastructure Agency within DHS. Aligned their regions with VDEM. Rob covers regions 1-5.
- *Lori Dachille* (VCU)– Phase 3 business COOP started. Process of revising of college crisis and emergency management plans that will follow best practices of higher ed. Moving away from ESF structure and to a group work structure. Purchased EM Flagship from Veochi. Will be using virtual EOC for activations. Will be able to provide licenses to the VCU Situational Room virtual dashboard and gain a snapshot of current status to neighboring localities.

- *Chris Warriner* (VSP)– evaluated Chesterfield and Henrico exercises. Appreciated the opportunity.
- *Martha Shickle* (PlanRVA) – invitation to 50th Anniversary Open House on September 12th. Please register. Infrastructure changes at PlanRVA with migration to new virtual server environment. Established new general email addresses for interaction to assist in communications without having to remember new names. New protective measures put into place to protect cyber assets.
- *Vic Buisset* (Richmond)– Richmond supporting Goochland for Field Day.
- *Corey Beazley* (Hanover) – Regional hospital radio network discussed among with Richmond Metro Fire Chiefs to communicate directly with hospital patient distribution center. Corey encouraged everyone to log in to the Dominion portal and review the summary where your critical infrastructure power restoration information is. IMT Training - classes Sept 16-20.
- *Sherri Laffoon* (Chesterfield) – There was a large brush fire at Rt 10 and 288. Legionella has been found on some school cooling systems. Thank you to all who participated in the July active threat exercise. The exercise went well and was an improvement over last year. Yesterday, white-powder substance scare at the jail.
- *Steve Parrot* (CVHC) – last evening power outage at 185 bed facilities, RHCC does not have ability to log into dominion site so local EMs will be contacted when facilities have issues to provide dominion site assistance.

Adjourn – With there being no further business, Sherri Laffoon adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the EMACV is on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Location: Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM), 5520 West Quaker Road, Prince George County, VA 23842

Respectfully submitted,
 Jess Robison
 EMACV Recording Secretary

EMACV T&E Calendar

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

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

In attendance:

Allen Evans, DMA/Fort Pickett
 Christopher Warriner, VSP
 David Calkins, Henrico Health District
 Eddie Ferguson, Goochland
 Kate Hale, New Kent
 Leslie Comer, Charles City CSO

Brian Pierce, CHD-VDH
 Curt Nellis, Powhatan
 Donald Hunter, Prince George
 John Fitzgerald, RIC Airport
 Katie Moody, PlanRVA
 Lori Dachille, VCU

Marth Shickle, PlanRVA
Paul Hundley, Richmond
Sherri Laffoon, Chesterfield
Tori Rowsey, King William
James brown, Essex
Steve Raileanu, Louisa CERT

Mike Schlemmer, Louisa
Robert Williams, Hopewell
Jess Robison, Chesterfield
Vic Buisset, Richmond
Steven Herring, U of R

Public Outreach Committee Minutes 8/15/19

- The committee will be meeting next week on 8/19/2019. CERT will meet at 9:30 a.m. and the Public Outreach will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the RRPDC
- We are still working hard on the Disaster Preparedness Workshop (DPW) which is scheduled for September 7, 2019, 10 localities participating. Registration is open and there has been a steady flow of people registering. Katie will be contacting each locality participating to ensure they have backpacks, preparedness guides and the document bags for the event. There are fliers and posters for anyone and everyone to take back and market the event. Even if your locality is not participating there may be a residents interested in attending a session in another locality. Please grab the fliers and posters and put them out to advertise. Below are the 3 core topics for localities to cover is
 - Planning & Document
 - Household Safety
 - Active Threat
- Moving forward with the Preparedness Night at the Diamond. The dates will be August 20th Tri-Cities night and August 21st RVA night. All volunteer slots for each night are filled. Katie picked up the tickets (free) last Friday for localities to take back and distribute to those who would like to go to a Squirrels game. Remember the purpose is to give them away so we can market DPW but also boost awareness for “Being Prepared”. We will be handing out swag items and the people can spin a wheel for additional give-a-ways. We will give away 100 tee shirts each night.
- Public Outreach’s two big events should be ending soon, the next step is to plan for next year. Let’s see what big outreach we can conquer!!!!

CERT Sub-Committee

- The Damage Assessment class offered to regional CERT Level II members was very well received. Thanks to Darshan for teaching. We have ordered street sheet tear off pads and a laminated assessment category reference for those CERT members who completed the course.
- There has been a good amount of interest in the upcoming CERT Program Managers’ Workshop in October. The registration link will go out mid-September
- The Diamond location was confirmed for the fall CERT exercise.