

COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON



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January 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The following members were present:

Angel L. Gillette
Robert F. Mateff
Tanya Light
Bill Hillanbrand

Julie C. Zumas
John Conklin
Cordelia Miller

I. Welcome and Introductions.

Angel Gillette called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

II. Review and Approval of October 31, 2008 Meeting Minutes.

John Conklin motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Cordelia Miller seconded. All were in favor.

III. Committee Reports

Strategic Planning – Angel Gillette noted that Bill Hillanbrand agreed to participate on the Strategic Planning Committee. Julie Zumas and Angel Gillette initially met to brainstorm goals and objectives for 2009. Ms. Zumas presented the results from the brainstorming session to the group and requested feedback. It was discussed that each committee should have a chair to better facilitate committee meetings and to act as the designated spokesperson when reporting back to the Citizen Corps Council. Julie Zumas nominated Bill Hillanbrand to be the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. John Conklin seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Training – Bob Mateff nominated Tanya Light and Cordelia Miller as Co-chairs for the Training Committee. Bill Hillanbrand seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

III. Program Reports

MRC – Julie Zumas presented the MRC report on behalf of Kelly Burke. The MRC received two separate grants in the amount of \$5,000.

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CERT – Angel Gillette indicated there is no report at this time. The 2009 Goals and Objectives for the NC Citizen Corps include implementing a CERT program.

IV. NOAA Radios for Schools

Julie Zumas attended the IU meeting to provide the school district officials with a brief overview of the “America is Safer When Our Schools are Safer” initiative and to provide information on the newly established Citizen Corps Council within Northampton County. Northampton County Emergency Management will send a mailing to the schools to integrate the use of NOAA radios during the statewide exercise taking place in March while also inquiring to see if radios were received. Emergency Management and Citizen Corps partners are available to assist schools with registering and programming the NOAA radios.

V. Membership Recruitment and Outreach

Cordelia Miller noted that she spoke to Susan Gilmore of the United Way regarding participation on the Citizen Corps Council.

VI. Citizen Corps Grant Application

Angel Gillette spoke to the State Citizen Corps Officer, Pam Weeks, regarding the State Citizen Corps application period. Ms. Weeks indicated that the State Citizen Corps Grant Application will most likely be sent out in mid January. Ms. Gillette stated that the Citizen Corps Council is eligible to apply for an initial start up grant for \$4,000.

VI. Updates and Comments

Angel Gillette requested feedback on guest speakers for future meetings. Robert Mateff suggested bringing in a Citizen Corps representative from Warren County. Ms. Gillette indicated she will reach out to Warren County. Other speakers noted included PEMA Citizen Corps Officer.

VII. Good of the Order

Robert Mateff discussed the new reverse notification system and how Citizen Corps members may benefit. Northampton County will create a Citizen Corps group within the notification system so Citizen Corps members can receive advance notifications.

VIII. Adjourn.

John Conklin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 AM. Motion seconded by Robert Mateff. Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM.