



Nashua VOAD & Citizen Corps Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 11th, 10:00-11:30am
Dartmouth Hitchcock, 2300 Southwood Drive

Introduction and Welcome

- Citizen Corps Charter was discussed and is attached for review.

Programs

- CERT Program started in Nashua with the first two classes graduating 50 citizens. We have a fall class scheduled for the spring. To sign up for the class visit www.nashuanh.gov/emvolunteer
- Map Your Neighborhood Program is a condensed version of CERT where neighbors come together and learn about the basics of emergency preparedness. We are looking to pilot this program at Jackson Falls Condo Association.
- Partners in Preparedness Program works to help business and organizations prepare their place of work and employees for a disaster. Partners complete five tasks with the help of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and then receive the distinction of being a Partner in Preparedness.
- Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Program is a nationally recognized emergency preparedness curriculum for 4th grade students. The Nashua Office of Emergency Management is looking to start the program here by working with public, private, and after school programs.
- Do 1 Thing www.do1thing.com is website that provides free monthly tips on how individuals and families can build their emergency kit. The site provides tips in the form of an email once a month and provides small steps towards becoming prepared.
- ReadySunday Program is aimed at faith-based organizations that want their congregations to become more prepared for a disaster. The Nashua OEM is looking forward to working with Nashua's faith-based organizations to introduce this great program.

News and Events

- OEM/PHEP Relationship & Volunteer Management Plan
 - The Office of Emergency Management works closely with the Greater Nashua Public Health Network Services Coordinator. The OEM and PHEP are working on a system to track what volunteers are available in the Greater Nashua area and what services they are able to provide. This discussion has just begun and will be discussed further at the next VOAD meeting.
- Greater Nashua Family Emergency Preparedness Day is September 7th at the Pheasant Lane Mall. Any organizations interested in having a table at this event should contact Justin Kates.
- CodeRED emergency alert system allows for all-hazards notifications to be sent to individuals or groups. The system is already in use in many communities in NH and Nashua is looking into acquiring this system.
- Nashua Office of Emergency Management on Social Media, check us out on Facebook at facebook.com/nashuaoem and Twitter @nashuaoem
- Requests for Free Preparedness Material- The Nashua OEM is able to provide free printed material on emergency preparedness to your organization upon request.

Training Opportunities

- Red Cross Shelter Training - July in Nashua (Date TBD).
- Medical Reserve Corps training are being held in June. Gene is POC
- The Public Health Network is holding a Public Information Officer (PIO) course on July 17th.
- Volunteer Conference - Oct 5th Concord, NH We will email the group once registration for the conference opens up.

Next Steps

- The group agreed on a quarterly meeting schedule.
- For the next meeting there would be more discussion about each group's capabilities and how to coordinate response and recovery efforts.
- The VOAD membership form should be filled out by the representative of each organization to provide points of contact and capabilities for each organization. The form will be provided by Justin Kates in the near future.