

County Partnership-Fairfax County, Virginia

Summary

Fairfax County Virginia's Office of Emergency Management has developed a partnership with several organizations to develop a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan. Sectors include local nonprofits, businesses, boards, authorities, and commissions, jurisdictional neighbors, regional, state, and federal.

Background

Fairfax County is susceptible to a variety of natural hazards, including floods, hurricanes and tornadoes, as well as man-made hazards such as terrorist acts and accidental releases of hazardous materials. Some of these events have the capacity for catastrophic local and regional impacts. Following a major disaster, complex issues with impacts far beyond county government will arise. The local economy may falter due to supply chain disruptions, infrastructure failures, business closures or inaccessible work places. There will likely be population displacement, housing shortages and rebuilding issues, and potential social and psychological impacts.

The purpose of the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan is to provide Fairfax County with a single reference for guiding policy and action during recovery from a significant natural or human caused disaster. The plan will allow the government to better support the private and nonprofit sectors as we work together to restore the economic base, neighbors, social fabric, and other community elements over the long-term. Because public and private sector partnerships are vital to the success of disaster recovery, the Office of Emergency Management is reaching out to county boards, authorities and commissions, nonprofit organizations, private business, as well as our federal and state partners, asking that they participate in this planning process.

Please see Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan below for more information.

Goals and Objectives

Fairfax County is committed to ensuring not only that stakeholder interests are considered throughout the Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning process, but that our nonprofit and private sector partners help drive and define the outcomes

Description

We have three levels of participation for the project, a core Steering Committee, a Working Group, and Plan reviewers. Each of the participating stakeholders falls into one or all of these groups.

The **Steering Committee** will meet monthly and directly contribute to the development of the Plan. It will help define the overall direction and structure of the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan, participate in reviews of rough and/or preliminary

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draft materials, and narrow proposed best-practice outcomes to those which are a realistic fit for local conditions in Fairfax County.

The **Working Group** will meet several times throughout the course of development of the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan, in settings which will be open to the public (except in cases of sensitive subject matter). The Working Group will refine, vet, and validate the preliminary work of the Steering Committee, applying both technical expertise and the preliminary work of the Steering Committee, applying both technical expertise and local knowledge to arrive at workable and realistic fit solutions to challenging problems.

Plan Reviewers will be invited to provide comments, edits, revisions, and questions to the Draft Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan. The Draft Plan will also be made generally available for public comment via libraries, Internet, etc. Input from the Plan Reviewers will be addressed in detail by the Steering Committee and the Working Group.

See PDRP Stakeholder Memo below

Requirements for Success

Coordination, communication, dedicated staff, and a stakeholder sense of validation.

Resources

Fairfax County Virginia's Office of Emergency Management has the following resources available through its partnership resources to help prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters; web resources; and participation on the Steering Committee and Working Group

Training and Exercises

Fairfax County Virginia's Office of Emergency Management hosts and participates in joint training and exercises with the public and private sectors.

Communication Tools

Fairfax County Virginia's Office of Emergency Management uses the following methods of communication with their public/private partners: email alerts; in-person meetings; conferences; newsletters; website; facebook and twitter.

Links

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp

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Subject: Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan

Dear Community Member:

Fairfax County, led by the Office of Emergency Management, has begun development of a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan. This project is supported by a Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant. The County hopes that you will play a part in this important planning effort.

Because your organization will be critical in the long-term recovery following a disaster, the Office of Emergency Management would like to invite you to a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan information workshop Wednesday, August 4, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center, located at 4890 Alliance Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030.

The workshop will more clearly define how a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan can best serve the needs of Fairfax County and also explore how your participation can streamline disaster recovery and mitigate hardships your organization could face in the aftermath of a disaster. During the workshop, emergency management staff will share various disaster preparedness tools and tips that are currently available and that can assist your organization in its disaster preparedness efforts.

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While the effects of disasters are wide-ranging and cannot be predicted, pre-event planning can better position Fairfax County to recover from a major incident. Methodical, thoughtful pre-event planning can establish priorities, decision-making structures and procedures, and recovery goals. These can focus and accelerate the recovery process during the stressful post-disaster period.

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To guide the development of the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan, the County has begun to form a Disaster Recovery Task Force (Task Force) comprised of representatives from county agencies, other municipalities, nonprofit groups, and private stakeholders. A series of time-efficient meetings and interviews will be conducted with members of the Task Force throughout the course of the project to ensure that the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan is developed holistically and effectively.

Given the critical nature of this work, your support in this initiative is vital and any comments or suggestions you have are welcome. Please contact Amanda Phan in the Office of Emergency Management at 571-350-1010, TTY 711 with any questions.

To register to attend, please go to the following link and register before July 28. The link for the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan project is as follows and includes a section on Pre-Registration for the workshop <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp/>.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this initiative. We look forward to seeing you on August 4.

Sincerely,



Anthony H. Griffin,
County Executive and
Director of Emergency Management

cc: Patricia D. Harrison, Deputy County Executive
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August 20, 2010

Subject: Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Steering Committee, Working Group, and Reviewers

Dear Disaster Recovery Stakeholders:

Fairfax County, led by the Office of Emergency Management, began the Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning initiative in December 2009. Since that time several steps have been taken to gain stakeholder support for the project and identify gaps in county policies and procedures that should be addressed so as to enhance the county's ability to recover from a major human-caused or natural disaster.

To guide the development of the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan, the County has begun working with disaster recovery stakeholders representing various county agencies, federal, state, and regional partners, nonprofit groups, and private businesses. A series of time-efficient meetings, surveys, interviews and focus groups will be conducted with these stakeholders throughout the course of the project to ensure that the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan is developed holistically and effectively.

In order to effectively and efficiently manage stakeholders' time, maximize opportunities for input, and maintain an efficient planning process, the disaster recovery stakeholders have provisionally been divided into three interlocking groups: a core Steering Committee, a larger Working Group, and Plan Reviewers.

- The **Steering Committee** will meet monthly and directly contribute to the development of the Plan. It will help define the overall direction and structure of the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan, participate in reviews of rough and/or preliminary draft materials, and narrow proposed best-practice outcomes to those which are a realistic fit for local conditions in Fairfax County.
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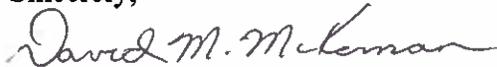
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For more project information and updates, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp, or please contact Amanda Phan in the Office of Emergency Management at 571-350-1010, TTY 711 or oempdrp@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.

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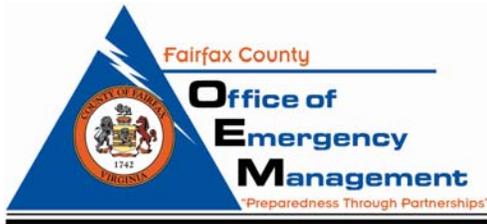
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Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management

Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning (PDRP)

Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Workshop For Community Partners

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010
6-8 p.m.

Learn more about disaster recovery and how you can assist in the development of the Fairfax County Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan.

Pre-register at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp

(Register early, space is limited)

Workshop Location:

McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center, 4890 Alliance Dr. Fairfax, Va. 22030

(This is a secure facility, must be registered and have a valid form of ID to participate)

For questions or comments, contact Amanda Phan, 571-350-1010, TTY 711; oempdrp@fairfaxcounty.gov.

What is Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning?

Fairfax County is susceptible to both natural (floods, hurricanes and tornadoes) and man-made hazards (terrorist acts and accidental releases of hazardous materials). Some of these events have the capacity for catastrophic local and regional impacts.

Community Disaster Recovery Issues

- ✦ Faltering Economy due to supply-chain disruptions
- ✦ Infrastructure failures
- ✦ Business closures and/or inaccessible work-places
- ✦ Rebuilding Issues
- ✦ Population displacement
- ✦ Housing shortages
- ✦ Social and psychological impacts

The [U.S. Department of Labor](#) estimates that over 40 percent of businesses never reopen following a disaster. Of the remaining companies, at least 25 percent will close within 2 years. The Association of Records Managers and Administrators reports that over 60 percent of businesses confronted by a major disaster close by two years.

Offer Your Insight

While the effects of disasters are wide ranging and cannot be predicted, pre-event planning can position Fairfax County to recover from a major incident.

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To learn more go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp.



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