

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM MEETING
2/25/21

- 18:35 – Motion to open meeting seconded and passed
- Members present: Terry Palmer, Duane Cheney, Dan Merkling, Patrick Carroll, Erin Behm, Jordan Savage
- Members on Zoom: Judy Meservey, Dewey Pratt, Neal Briggs
- Call to order: Terry Palmer
- Invocation: Patrick Carroll
- Minutes from January meeting read by Patrick Carroll

Syracuse City Disaster Prep Committee Syracuse Magazine Assignments

	District	Mo	Article Topic	Article Due
Lane Smith	Syracuse West Dist	Feb/Aug		5-Jul
Judy Meservey	Syracuse District	Jul/Sept	Build your own first aid kit	5-Jun
Dewey	Syracuse South	April/Oct	How to stay warm when there's no electricity	5-Sep
Duane Cheney	Legacy District	May/Nov	FRS Radio usage in an Emergency	5-Apr
Patrick Carroll	Bluff District	June/Dec	Water in an Emergency	5-May
Jordan Savage	At Large	Jan-22		5-Dec
Dan Merkling	At Large	Mar-22		5-Feb

- Wes Jenkins of Syracuse South District no longer on committee. Dewey Pratt taking on responsibilities for now.
- Discussion of Emergency Disaster Exercise
 - o April 17th at 10:00am
 - o Will use the chat feature of Zoom in a non-password meeting for citizens to check in with their name and phone number
 - o Zoom will be up for 30 minutes
 - o 10 door prize baskets/bags will be offered as incentive to get better citywide participation. Asking businesses for prizes between \$2-\$10
 - o Committee members will solicit contributions from local businesses and organizations to fill the prize bags
 - o Dan authored a small quarter-page blurb advertising the exercise
 - It will be published in the Syracuse Connection in the March and April issues
 - It will be published in the city's web site and Facebook page

- It will be provided to the five District coordinators for sharing with their Area coordinators to be published on the District and Area social media platforms
 - It should be published once a week until April 5th and then daily until the 17th
- o When the exercise has ended at 10:30, the five District coordinators will check in on the same Zoom meeting with the city to discuss the results and to officially close the exercise
- o The door prize winners will be drawn from the participants and they will be contacted to pick up their prize at the City offices
- Erin presented zoom link for citizens to check in
- Dan prepared quarter page flyer to pass out
- Dan prepared full page flyer to put in business windows
- Exercise will take place with Erin in conference room setting up
- Erin will provide the 10 door prize bags
- Dan got 5 of 7 businesses to provide prizes
- Terry will approach Rush, Walmart & Insurance Company for door prize participation
- Jordan will hit contact Leila's Luau
- Erin asked the police department and Red Cross for contributions for the door prize
- Normal chat or if needed for privacy Direct chat and be utilized to leave name & phone number
- Erin will post on city website
- Random pick of names by app discussed
- Dan will get with Erin to practice zoom check-in procedures and write article
- Article post exercise to be written and submitted
- March 13th presentation by J&J at 10:00 am about raised gardening
 - Terry will make arrangements with J&J
 - Erin will help with video most likely at J&J location
 - Covid-19 restrictions still in force so remote location to be used
 - Terry will get back to Duane with decided details
- Discussion about future articles
 - Building a First Aid kits (Judy to contact Jeff for June)
 - Water purification by charcoal and sand (Jordan)
 - Home heating in an emergency (Judy in Sept)
 - Bruce accepted assignment for communications
- FEMA has website with preparedness information reported Erin
- No discussion on Lane's RDAP video help
- Duane presented April article about freeze-drying to be submitted to Syracuse magazine. Well received.
- Patrick June assignment for Water Purification article
- Move to adjourn by Dan, 2nd by Terry, all agreed