

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER



Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
November 2019



Veteran's Day

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff in the Office of Emergency Management who served our country.

Sulayman Brown, Assistant Coordinator, United States Navy.

Mr. Brown served in the Navy from 1987-1995 as Petty Officer Third Class.

Roy Shrout, Deputy Director, United States Army.

Mr. Shrout served in the Army Reserves from 1980-1985 as First Lieutenant.

Donald Willis, Training and Exercise Coordinator, United States Army.

Mr. Willis served in the Army from 1981-2002 and retired as Sergeant First Class.



Daylight Savings Time 11/3/19



There are a few things you should do during Daylight Savings Time!

1. Turn your clocks back.
2. Change your smoke alarm batteries. After you change your batteries, test your smoke alarm and your escape plan.
3. Update your emergency kit. Make sure all of your food, water, and medication are up to date. Swap your clothes out for season appropriate gear (hats, gloves, socks, etc.).

Community Resiliency Groups (CRG)



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COMMUNITY
RESILIENCY GROUPS

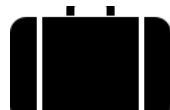
The Community Resiliency Groups have been hard at work to try and get more organizations to join the program. The CRG program is meant to network organizations throughout Fairfax County who could assist the county in the event of a disaster, big or small. We are looking for other organizations to include Houses of Worship, Civic and Homeowner's Associations, non-profits, community and faith based organizations, businesses, and volunteer organizations to build resilience in the county. If you interested in learning more, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/CRG.

Holiday Travel Tips

Are you traveling soon for the holidays?

Here are a few tips to consider when you are traveling:

1. Know the hazards that affect the area you are going to.
2. Sign up for their alerting system to stay up to date.
3. If you are traveling by plane, know what you can and cannot bring with you.
4. Update or pack an emergency kit for your car if you don't already have one.
5. Bringing your pet along for the trip? Don't forget to pack for them too!



Emergency Management Internship—Spring 2020

The emergency management internship program provides an opportunity for students or recent graduates to explore career options, apply academic knowledge and skills to the workplace, gain career skills, build resumes and network with emergency management professionals throughout the National Capital Region. Applications are due by January 10, 2020. If you are interested in applying, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/internship.

Insurance Check

Have you reviewed your insurance policy lately? Do you have the right insurance coverage? Here are some steps you can take to get started:

1. Create an inventory of your personal belongings and store a copy in your emergency kit and in "the cloud". Take pictures and/or videos of each room in your home and create an itemized list per room.
2. Check your insurance policy to see if it includes replacement cost or actual cash value.
Actual cash value- amount to repair damage to your home or replace contents.
Replacement cost- amount to rebuild/replace your home/ contents with similar quality materials/goods, without deducting for depreciation.

If you encounter an emergency or disaster, file a claim soon as possible. Document the damage and do not begin work until you have approval from the insurance company.

For more information, visit www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness.

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If You See Something, Say Something

Public safety and security is everyone's responsibility. Do you pay attention to your surroundings? It's easy to overlook routine moments, but if you see something that doesn't seem quite right, say something. By being alert and reporting suspicious activity to your local law enforcement, you can protect your family, neighbors, and community. If you see suspicious activity, report it to local law enforcement by using the "5W's": **WHO** did you see? **WHAT** did you see? **WHEN** did you see it? **WHERE** it occur? **WHY** is it suspicious?

If it is an emergency, please call **9-1-1**. Remember, you can also **TEXT** 9-1-1. It is imperative when texting the dispatchers to provide the 5Ws but most importantly is, where the emergency is occurring.

For more information about 9-1-1 go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/911/>.

OEM in Your Neighborhood

The Office of Emergency Management supports events throughout the county regularly. With the holidays coming up, our schedule has slowed down a bit. Come see us and get some preparedness materials.

- **Saturday, November 2, 2019 10:00AM-2:00PM** Little River Glen Community Day (4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, VA 22032)
- **Tuesday, November 5, 2019 12:30PM-1:30PM** South County Senior Center (8350 Richmond Highway Alexandria, VA 22039)
- **Wednesday, November 6, 2019 11:30PM-12:30PM** Mott Community Center (12111 Braddock Road Fairfax, VA 22030)
- **Saturday, November 16, 2019 10:00AM-2:00PM** Communities of Trust Public Safety Recruitment Fair (7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306)

If you'd like our office to provide a presentation or participate in an event in your community, email the Community Engagement team at OEM_Outreach@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Become a Part of Our Volunteer Corps

The OEM Volunteer Corps is constantly looking for more people to be apart of our Volunteer Cadre. Orientations are held every even month on weekday and Saturday. Search '**OEM Volunteer Corps**' on www.volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov to find out when the next orientation is and start preaching preparedness today!

