



Town of Kilmarnock

Council Committee Notes – Emergency Preparedness

Date: June 8, 2009 **Time:** 3 PM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Councilmember Gary Anderson
Attendees: Councilmember Anderson, Councilmember John A. Smith, Town Manager Tom Saunders, Assistant T.M. Marshall Sebra, Police Chief Mike Bedell, Lancaster County Director of Emergency Services Scott Hudson, Tom Foulkes and Dave Mower of Northern Neck WiFi

Notes on Discussions:

1. In light of the official beginning of the 2009 hurricane season there was a general discussion of the state of the Town's preparedness.
2. Scott Hudson described the County's current strategy for dealing with large scale natural disasters, which place a large burden on the Town's infrastructure. The county's EOC, primary shelter, special needs shelter and primary distribution centers will all be located within the town in the event of an emergency. The need to maintain water and sewer services throughout an event was discussed at length.
3. Discussed need to document any and all time and expenditures during an emergency in order to get FEMA reimbursement.
4. Mr. Foulkes discussed the capabilities and durability of his wireless network in severe conditions and explained the potential benefits to the town and county of using new public safety radio frequencies that could help maintain communications during emergencies.
5. Discussed ways to use Town's website as an emergency communication resource during emergencies. Staff will report back at next meeting.

Recommendations to Council:

None at this time

Recommended for further study:

The committee asked staff to prepare an RFP for stand-by tree and debris-removal services during an emergency.