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Tuesday, June 8th, 1pm-3pm, 2021
Quarterly Meeting
VIRTUAL
MEETING MINUTES

1p Introductions-

Introductions were completed via the chat box function Google Teams.

1:15p Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks

- **Chief James Wallace, Deputy Chief Special Operations/ OEM**
 - *Chief Wallace thanked all participants for attending the meeting on-line.*
 - *This is the first LEPC meeting back up since prior to the pandemic.*
 - *Chief Wallace reviewed changes in OEM including office standing and leadership staff.*
 - *As of mid-March 2020, OEM was placed under the Baltimore City Fire Department. With this change, the office would no longer be a stand-alone agency.*
 - *The name changed from The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (MOEM) to The Office of Emergency Management (OEM).*
 - *As part of this change, OEM received new leadership: Chief James Wallace took over as the Acting Director and Captain Scott Brillman took over the Deputy Director of Operations.*
- **Jennifer Meleady, Deputy of Administration & Finance OEM**
 - *Ms. Jen spoke about the Ready.gov website which can be used for individual and business preparedness. This website provided information on monthly preparedness themes.*
- **Captain Scott Brillman, Deputy of Operations, OEM**
 - **2020 Recap**
 - *Captain Brillman provided a brief overview of City incidents and activations (including for planned events and unplanned incidents).*
 - *Captain Brillman spoke to the current on-going activation for the COVID-19 Pandemic and shared that it was the longest running activation the City has seen.*

1:30p Shannon Snyder, Senior Public Health Emergency Planner Baltimore City Health Department

- **BCHD COVID-19 Review**
 - **Testing Sites and Vaccine Clinics**
 - **Next Steps**
- **2020/2021 Code Blue & 2021 Code Red Overview**
 - *Ms. Shannon reviewed slide decks for both presentations and provided time for questions and answers.*
 - *After the meeting, Ms. Shannon provided a word document of the items she covered.*

1:50p Holly Freishtat, Food Policy Director, City of Baltimore Department of Planning

- **Covid-19 Emergency Food Response**

- *Ms. Holly reviewed her presentation and discussed next steps include how the program will continue as long as funds are available. She discussed possible concerns raised by residents and leaders at various food distribution centers if the funds are eliminated.*

2:20p Crystal Bright, LEPC Co-Chair, Deputy Preparedness Section Chief, Office of Emergency Management

- **CERT Update & Neighbors Helping Neighbors Transition**

- *Ms. Crystal reviewed current stages. The program is on hold as the Preparedness Section determines what program we would like to move forward with.*
- *OEM is also waiting on COVID-19 cases/ transmission rates to go down. Trainings will not begin until numbers decrease.*

- **Baltimore Mayoral Fellows Program Intern**

- *OEM is in the process of confirming applicants for the Baltimore Mayoral Fellows Program. The Mayoral Fellow will provide support to OEM and the Department of Planning with researching and developing the CERT & Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program.*

2:35p Michelle Smith, LEPC Co-Chair, Preparedness Section Chief, OEM

- **Tier II Reporting**

- **Annual due date and method**

- *Ms. Shelly provided a brief slid deck reviewing the Tier II Reporting Process including how all future submission must be submitted online; none will be accepted in person or via mail.*

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- **September 14th, 1pm-3pm**
- **December 7th, 1pm-3pm**
- **March 8th, 1pm-3pm**

2:45p Questions, Comments, Follow up items?

- *There were no questions, just a few members expressing gratitude for making the meeting available again.*

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