

**Village of Wesley Chapel
Safety Committee Minutes
7:00PM, May 17, 2007**

The Safety Committee met in the Fellowship Hall of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church at 120 Potter Road South, Wesley Chapel North Carolina, with Councilman Brad Horvath presiding.

Attendance

Present: Councilman Brad Horvath, Bill Moran, Tessie Morris, Hank Pressley and Bryan Raughley.

Absent: Allison Maher and John Stoehr

Guests: Butch Plyler and Carol Mullis

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM and a quorum was present.

1. Mr. Patrick Beekman, Homeland Security Director from Union County, was invited to make a presentation about the role of Homeland Security. Mr. Beekman provided an insightful and energetic presentation about the mission and organization, vulnerabilities faced in Union County, and the Integrated Emergency Management System.

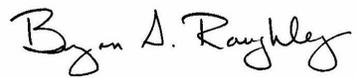
Mr. Beekman answered the committee members' questions about the role the Village should fulfill during a community-wide emergency. He emphasized that his objective for the County, including the municipalities therein, is to be self-reliant from state resources for the first 72 hours following an event. He offered the following general advice to support this objective:

- § The Village should have a written procedure for declaring an emergency. An elected official should always be designated for this role on a real-time basis. The emergency powers allowed by statute should also be described.
- § The Village Council members should complete training in their roles as elected officials under the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Mr. Beekman offered to assist the Village with identifying available course offerings.
- § The Village should have a written procedure for emergency communications among elected officials, including primary and backup methods. The procedure should also designate one point-of-contact for communicating with the Union County Joint Information Center (JIC).
- § The Village should consider a written procedure for conducting systematic damage assessments within the community using an organized damage assessment team. The damage assessment team should consist of citizens or officials with backgrounds in engineering and construction.

- § The Village should consider a written procedure to clear access to the Village limits. Mr. Beekman emphasized the importance of this objective, since mobile resources cannot reach the Village if the roads are impassable. He suggested that the Village should be capable of completing this task independently from the local fire department, which could be fully dedicated to rescue during a community-wide event.
 - § The Village should have a written procedure for a primary and backup drop off point. The drop off point could be used to distribute water, food, or other supplies. Mr. Beekman emphasized that a large, open area is needed with paved access.
 - § The Village should consider sponsoring a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT should be capable of completing basic response and recovery tasks at the request of the Village and support tasks at the direction of the local fire department, Sheriff, or EMS. Mr. Beekman can advise the Village how to initiate such a team.
2. Jen Viohl submitted a written resignation from the Safety Committee. Ms. Viohl and her family are relocating to Pennsylvania. Ms. Viohl was credited for her community safety contributions over the past several years. Ms. Viohl's resignation was accepted.
 3. Tessie Morris was appointed as a Committee Member to replace Ms. Viohl.
 4. Tessie Morris agreed to serve as the Committee's point-of-contact for Neighborhood Watch organizations. Ms. Morris will begin to identify the role the Village should fulfill for Neighborhood Watches.
 5. Bryan Raughley and Brad Horvath provided a summary of the research provided to Cathy Patterson about her neighbor's shooting range. The National Rifle Association (NRA) has a design standard in its NRA Range Sourcebook, which was identified to Ms. Patterson. The Village attorney was also consulted about the range. Union County and North Carolina do not have laws regulating ranges. However, it was the opinion that the range owner has a duty of care to stop a projectile at the property line to prevent a trespass. It was the opinion of Mr. Raughley and Mr. Horvath that the Patterson's attempt to resolve their property line issue first with the range owner before the Village considers further action, if any.
 6. Bill Moran reported that some citizens are concerned about the safety of the road intersection at Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road and New Town Road. The traffic pattern due to increased volume when the new elementary school opens is a concern. The Safety Committee has not been approached thus far.

7. The Committee approved the March 2007 meeting minutes.
8. No announcements.
9. The committee adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryan A. Raughley".

Bryan Raughley
Chair, Safety Committee