W&M WREN LECTURE SERIES PRESENTATION

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN WILLIAMSBURG: WE ‘PLAN’ TO BE READY
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

PRESENTERS:

- **Dr. James McCorry**, Medical Director Riverside Doctor’s Hospital
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OBJECTIVES

• Organization’s overview
• Emergency preparedness
• Integration training and preparedness
• Personal preparedness
• Equipment exhibit / training related to emergency preparedness
RIVERSIDE WILLIAMSBURG MARKET

Riverside Doctors’ Hospital of Williamsburg
Riverside Doctors’ Surgery Center
Riverside Diagnostic Center - Williamsburg

13 Primary Care Providers
50+ Specialty Providers
22 Acute Care Providers (Emergency & Hospitalists)

Patriots Colony
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Choose Home

Physical Therapy
Home Health & Hospice
5 Lifelong Health Providers
RIVERSIDE FOOTPRINT IN WILLIAMSBURG

- Acute Care & Related Facilities
  - Riverside Doctors’ Hospital of Williamsburg
  - Doctors’ Surgery Center
  - Riverside Radiation Oncology Specialists – Williamsburg
  - Williamsburg Radiation Therapy Center

- Riverside Medical Group
  - Riverside Norge Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
  - Riverside Cardiology Specialists – Williamsburg
  - Riverside Primary Care Center – Williamsburg
  - Riverside Vascular Specialists
  - Hampton Roads Eye Associates – Williamsburg
  - Peninsula Cancer Institute – Williamsburg
  - Riverside Ear, Nose & Throat Physicians and Surgeons
  - Riverside Endocrinology & Diabetes Specialists – Williamsburg
  - Riverside Hampton Roads Neurosurgical & Spine Specialists
  - Riverside Orthopedic Specialists – Williamsburg
  - Riverside Pain Management Specialists
  - Riverside Partners in Women’s Health – Williamsburg
  - Riverside Surgical Specialists – Williamsburg
  - Riverside Urology Specialists – Williamsburg
  - Williamsburg Family Medicine
  - MD Express – Williamsburg
  - Riverside Gastroenterology Specialists – Williamsburg

- Lifelong Health
  - Patriots Colony
  - Riverside Primary Care at Williamsburg Landing
  - Center for Excellence in Aging and Lifelong Health
WILLIAMSBURG POLICE

- Full service Police Department
- 37 Sworn, 9 Civilians
- Mandate National Incident Management System, NIMS, Training for all sworn
- All personnel understand concepts of NIMS
- Higher levels of Incident Commanders require more advanced levels of NIMS Training
- NIMS allows us to work “seamlessly” with other agencies during a large scale event
WILLIAMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

Department Structure

• Combination of Career and Volunteer Staff
• Career
• 40 Career members comprised of Administrative Staff and Suppression Personnel
  – Administration Staff: Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Captain-EMS, Captain-Community Risk Reduction, Technical Assistant to the Fire Chief, Fire Inspector, Administrative Assistant
  – Suppression Personnel: 3 shifts (10, 10, 10)
  – ALS / Technician Firefighters: 3 on alternating shift
  – 25 volunteers
Response Area

The City of Williamsburg
The Fire Department provides 24 hour emergency services to approximately 10 square miles which comprise the City of Williamsburg, to include:
- Colonial Williamsburg
- The College of William & Mary
- The Colonial Parkway

Mutual Aid
- James City County
- York County
- Other surrounding counties and military installations if needed
WILLIAMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

Responsibilities

• Fire Protection
• Emergency Medical Services
• Special Operations
• Disaster (Emergency) Preparedness
• Community Outreach
Emergency Medical Services

The Williamsburg Fire Department operates an Advanced Life Support (ALS) transporting service to the city and surrounding counties.
Emergency Medical Services (Continued)

Advanced Life Support
• Advanced Airway Control
• Initiate Intravenous (IV) Access
• Administer Medications
• Conduct cardiac monitoring and defibrillation

Bike Medical Team
• ALS and BLS providers
• Provide optimal coverage during special events
• Arrive on scene quickly and provide faster patient assessments
Special Operations
The Williamsburg Fire Department, in conjunction with other departments of the surrounding counties, provides trained personnel to support local, state and federal Special Operations Teams.

Hazardous Materials Response
• All Department personnel are trained at the Hazardous Materials Operations Level
• Some members are trained at the Hazardous Materials Technician Level
Special Operations (continued)

Technical Rescue
- Virginia Task Force 2
- Local Technical Rescue Team
- Trench Rescue
- Confined Space

Dive Team
- Certified Advanced Open Ocean Divers
- Rescue
- Recovery
Definitions of Disaster

*A medical disaster occurs when the destructive effects of natural or man-made forces overwhelm the ability of a given area or community to meet the demand for health care.

*American College of Emergency Physicians
Emergency Management Team

- Williamsburg Fire Department
- Riverside Doctors’ Hospital Williamsburg
- Williamsburg Police Department
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

• Manage and mitigate emergencies and disasters
• Local, County, State and Federal Agencies provide support
Incident Command Structure

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

• Serves as a centralized location from which emergency operations can be directed and coordinated.
Planning

- Identify hazards and assess risks
- Assess capabilities and resources

• Develop emergency plans and procedures
• Integrate the plan with community plan
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Planning

• Conduct training
• Public relations
• Conduct drills and exercises
• Audit plans as needed
Today’s Environment

• Today, we have to plan for the unexpected.
• Natural disasters, School shootings, Terrorists attacks...
• We train officers to understand that during an active situation, the many victims they might save is more important than their own safety.
• Better than being prepared for an event, is Preventing the event!
• The best way for us to do that is through Community Policing...
COMMUNITY POLICING

...a philosophy that focuses on crime and social disorder through the delivery of police services that includes aspects of traditional law enforcement, community engagement and partnerships / collaborations.

...a balance between quicker response to calls for help and proactive problem-solving, centered on underlying causes of crime and disorder.
NEXT LEVEL PREPAREDNESS

• Stronger Community Relationships = Increased Trust
• Increased Trust = Increased Information Exchange
• Increased Information Exchange = Safer Communities!
• If you See Something, Say Something!
Communications

• Radio Interoperability
• Accurate Community Information
  (Facebook, Williamsburg Alerts)
PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

• For you/family

• For your community

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

• Educates citizens about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community

• Trains them in basic disaster response skills: fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations
QUESTIONS?