



REAL TIME UPDATES Chesapeake VIRGINIA

for the Chesapeake City Council and Community Leaders *August 2016*

PREPAREDNESS

"Hurricane Chessie" Highlights Training Course

In mid-July, staff from numerous City departments, along with representatives from local, state, and federal emergency response agencies, participated in a four-day training program to test the City's preparedness for a catastrophic hurricane. The Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) mirrored a similar training Chesapeake personnel attended last year at the Emergency Management Institute.

Classroom trainings were interspersed with tabletop exercises, allowing staff to understand both their own roles and responsibilities in a crisis, as well as how City operations integrate to form a comprehensive emergency plan. The week culminated with a functional exercise, simulating the landfall of a Category 3 storm, dubbed "Hurricane Chessie" on the Hampton Roads region. The exercise was evaluated by a team of subject matter experts, and the participants, with the results being used to continue to improve the City's emergency response capabilities.



Deputy City Manager Robert Geis shares results from the Policy Group's work during one of the IEMC Tabletop exercises.



National Weather Service Meteorologist Bill Sammler provided true-life updates on the simulated storm, adding realism to the training.



Fire Chief Ed Elliott briefs players prior to the start of the "Hurricane Chessie" training exercise.



Representatives from many other local, state and federal agencies served as Evaluators for the training exercise.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

MDT EXPANDS CHESAPEAKE PRESENCE

Manufacturing and Design Technology (MDT) celebrated the expansion of their Chesapeake facility with a ribbon cutting in late June. The company, which designs and manufactures high precision parts, sub-assemblies, tooling, and complete machinery requiring a high level of manufacturing and engineering skills, has been in Chesapeake since 2008. Their recent expansion added 12,000 sq. ft. to their previous 9,000 sq. ft. facility. The expansion generated more floor space for the assembly area, and it will allow MDT Inc. to invest in larger machinery, increasing their manufacturing capabilities. MDT Inc. currently has 25 employees in Chesapeake, with plans to add an additional 10 jobs in the near future. The company ships about 40% of its current production to Europe, Canada, South America, and Asia.



Pictured cutting the ribbon are: Vice-Mayor Richard West; Dacia Marxreiser, Co-Owner, MDT Inc.; Gary Marxreiser, President, MDT Inc.; and Chesapeake Mayor Alan Krasnoff.

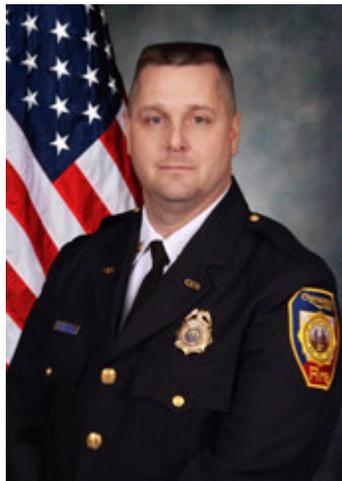
NEWS

DIVISION CHIEF EARNS REGIONAL HONOR

The Tidewater EMS Council has honored Chesapeake Fire Department Division Chief Thomas Schwalenberg with the Bruce W. Edwards Outstanding EMS

Administrator Award for his overall improvements to EMS service in the City. As a result of his efforts over the past three years, much of the department's equipment has been replaced, response procedures have been enhanced, and many additional Advanced Life Support providers have been added to the department.

Additionally, the Chesapeake Fire Department has been recognized nationally for its High Performance CPR program.



CERTIFICATES of OCCUPANCY ISSUED

On July 21, 2016, The Department of Development and Permits issued the following Certificates of Occupancy:

Kroger Store - 1653 Sentinel Drive

Chesapeake Retirement Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our

community safer. Many Chesapeake neighborhoods are participating, with family events, cookouts, and

more. For more details on specific events, check with your civic league or the Chesapeake Crime Prevention Office at 382-6223.



PROJECTS

NEW PLAYGROUNDS BRING SUMMER FUN

The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department has recently completed work to renovate and/or expand playgrounds at a number of Chesapeake parks. They also installed playground equipment in a partnership arrangement with the Chesapeake Public Schools. New playgrounds are open at the following parks: Camelot, Deep Creek, McNeil, Oak Brooke, and Wilmund. Schools with new playgrounds include: Carver Intermediate, Deep Creek and Southwestern Elementaries, Georgetown Primary, and Western Branch Middle. Additional playground upgrades are planned for future years, as budget resources allow.



Top Row: Deep Creek Park Destination Playground;

Lower Left: Georgetown Primary School Playground;

Lower Right, Camelot Park Playground



AUGUST EVENTS

Unity In The Community
August 13,
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Cuffee Community Center

One Love Caribbean Steel Drums Band
August 14, 4:30 p.m.
Elizabeth River Park

Therapeutic Recreation Bahama Bash
August 20, 6:30 p.m.
River Crest Community Center

Movie and More "Inside Out"
August 20, 6:00 p.m.
Elizabeth River Park

Police Dept. Blood Drive
August 23
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Central Library

Buffalow Family & Friends Community Day
August 27, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Johnson Park