



Council Agenda Form

MOTION #		DRAFT #	
DATE SUBMITTED: 2 Feb 2021	DATE TO GO BEFORE COUNCIL: LEAVE BLANK		
SUBMITTED BY: Interim Mayor Kevin Ward			
CO-SPONSORS: N/A			
DEPARTMENT: Legislative			

TITLE OF MOTION: Budgetary: FY22 Budget Initiative: Community Emergency Response (CERT) Team
RECOMMENDATION: I move the Mayor and Council include \$20,000 in the FY22 budget to establish a Community Emergency Response Team.
<p>SUMMARY BACKGROUND:</p> <p>The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a team of volunteers who are organized and educated on disaster preparedness and trained in basic response skills. CERT Teams under the direction of local emergency responders, help provide critical support that they can rely on during emergency situations. The CERT team augments a community's capabilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. In addition to supporting first responders, CERT teams also help the community year-round by helping build emergency plans, conduct exercises with community partners and coordinate safety education. CERT teams can also support the City with food distribution programs and other community outreach needs.</p> <p>Recommend an evaluation to determine the feasibility of establishing the Team as a Hyattsville program or in partnership with surrounding municipalities.</p>
ANTICIPATED STAFF RESOURCES REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT: FY22 funding is needed to develop the CERT program. Minimal expenses may be needed for outreach, recruiting, training materials, supplies, equipment/uniforms and implementation.
NEXT STEPS: Evaluate the requirements and establish program guidelines.
CITY ADMINISTRATOR / DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COMMENT:
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:
FISCAL IMPACT: \$20,000 in year one to establish and implement the program.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Upon program establishment, a communications strategy will be developed to recruit members and educate residents on the team and its functions.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND ACTIONS:

Goal 3 - Promote a safe and vibrant community.

LEGAL REVIEW REQUIRED?:

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