

**The Rotary Club of Damascus
And
The Damascus Citizen's Alliance**

Invite you to a
Town Meeting to discuss an

Emergency Preparedness Plan for Damascus

Guest Speaker will be Battalion Chief Jim Resnick, Program Manager of the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness, who will discuss the possibilities, programs, and trainings available to our community from the County. He will also explain the present status of the Montgomery County Emergency Preparedness Plan, how Damascus might fit into it, and various scenarios.

Unfortunately, as an unincorporated community Damascus is not mentioned in the County plan... and to the extent that the various towns and communities are tasked with coming up with their own plan, we must come together to identify our own needs and possibilities.

We will also discuss how to take best advantage and utilize the community gathering of Damascus Days to inform and mobilize our neighbors.

During Damascus Days the Rotary and the Alliance will co-sponsor a booth that will be staffed by County representatives of the CHAMPS Program, the Emergency Action Team Program, and from Montgomery County Emergency Management. These County representatives will be present at Damascus Days to discuss emergency preparedness in general and to explain these specific programs to the larger community gathering and encourage folks to sign up. This is a County response to a local, regional, and nationwide effort to train and empower citizens in their own communities.

Remember... Damascus itself need not have an emergency... for instance... all that is necessary is for DC to implement its emergency evacuation plan for Hwy 27 to become a parking lot filled with strangers in need. Will we be ready?

The meeting will be held at the Damascus library on June 24 at 7:30 PM.

Come learn how we in Damascus can self-organize to be prepared in the event of a natural or terrorist disaster. If the worst happens... will we be prepared individually and as families... and will we be prepared as a community?