

NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager *BL*
DATE: July 22, 2015
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Interim Police Chief Ted Sauls, Jr. regarding the upcoming CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) reaccreditation on-site assessment
2. A memo from Merrill Flood, Community Development Director, regarding FEMA approval of the Neuse River Basin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
3. Please note Niki Jones, Senior Planner / Housing Administrator, is resigning from the City, effective July 31, 2015.

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Attachments

cc: Dave Holec, City Attorney
Carol Barwick, City Clerk



GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 17, 2015

TO: Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager

FROM: Ted. D. Sauls Jr., Interim Chief of Police

SUBJECT: CALEA Reaccreditation On-Site

As you know, the Greenville Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). First accredited in November 1995, the Department is required to undergo a CALEA reaccreditation on-site assessment every three years. Our new reaccreditation on-site is scheduled for August 2-5, 2015. Part of that assessment is the opportunity for public comment by telephone and at a hearing conducted by the CALEA assessors. I have attached the news release announcing the on-site and the public comment information for your reference. Please share this information with members of City Council.

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Megan O. Styron
Accreditation Coordinator
Greenville Police Department
500 South Greene Street
Greenville, NC 27835
(252) 329-4362

ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

A team of national assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive on Sunday, August 02, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Greenville Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

The assessors will verify that Greenville Police Department meets the Commission's professional standards. This is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation, which is considered a high recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. The Greenville Police Department first received its accredited status in November of 1995 and has been successful in maintaining the high expectations and identified professional standards since that time. The Department must be assessed every three years and is now up for its sixth reaccreditation assessment.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:00

PM. The session will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at the Greenville City Hall, located at 200 West Fifth Street.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the Public Information Session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call (252) 329-4861 on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 between the hours of 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Greenville Police Department. The local contact is Megan Styron, Accreditation Coordinator, 252-329-4362.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Greenville Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Ste. 320 Gainesville, VA 20155

The Accreditation Program Manager for Greenville Police Department is Megan Styron. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement professionals and trained civilians from out-of-state agencies that are usually similar in size to the agency they are assessing. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: Deputy Chief Cynthia Aaron of the Burleson, Texas Police Department and Ms. Linda Carlin of the Farmington Police Department in Unionville, Connecticut. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, a full written report will be sent to the Commission. Members of the Commission will then decide if the agency is to be granted re-accredited status.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Ste. 320 Gainesville, VA 20155; or call (800) 368-3757.



Find yourself in good company

TO: Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager
FROM: Merrill Flood, Director of Community Development Department 
DATE: July 20, 2015
SUBJECT: FEMA Approved the Neuse River Basin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Neuse River Basin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopted by the Greenville City Council on June 11, 2015 following a public hearing, has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Attached are letters from FEMA, dated June 22, 2015 and July 15, 2015, which document their approval. The City of Greenville is listed among participating communities eligible through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by FEMA:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program;
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation; and
- Flood Mitigation Assistance.

The Neuse River Basin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan replaces the stand-alone City of Greenville – Hazard Mitigation Plan, 4/01/2011, which will not be updated. FEMA prefers that we have a regional approach as opposed to previous years when stand-alone plans were required. The plan encompasses 5 counties and 26 municipalities. The State of North Carolina has required that these plans be updated, maintained and adopted now on a regional basis.

Pitt County served as the lead agency for the planning effort and secured funds for the plan development. Pitt County procured the services of Holland Consulting Planners, Inc., of Wilmington, to assist in the development of the Plan for the five-county region. Staff members in the City of Greenville's Community Development and Public Works Departments participated in the Pitt County Mitigation Advisory Committee.

Attachments

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
FEMA Region IV
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road
Atlanta, GA 30341



FEMA

June 22, 2015

Mr. Chris Crew
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
North Carolina Division of Emergency Management
4238 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699

Reference: Neuse River Basin Regional Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Crew:

We are pleased to inform you that the Neuse River Basin Regional Multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is in compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. The plan is approved for a period of five (5) years, to June 21, 2020.

This plan approval extends to the following participating jurisdictions that provided a copy of their resolution adopting the plan:

- Greene County
- Town of Hookerton
- Town of Walstonburg
- Lenoir County
- City of Kinston
- Town of La Grange
- Pitt County
- Town of Bethel
- Town of Falkland
- Village of Simpson

The approved participating communities are hereby eligible applicants through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation is required for some programs.

We commend the participants in the Neuse River Basin local mitigation plan for the development of a solid, workable plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note that all requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.

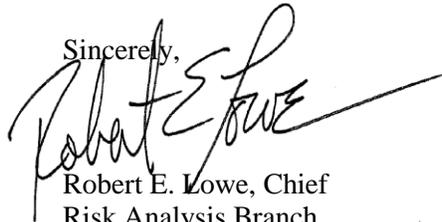
We strongly encourage each community to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years.

We also encourage each Community to conduct a plan update process within one (1) year of being included within a Presidential Disaster Declaration or of the adoption of major modifications to their local Comprehensive Land Use Plan or other plans that affect hazard mitigation or land use and development.

When the plan is amended or revised, it must be resubmitted through the State as a “plan update” and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. If the plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year update, please ensure that the draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of this plan.

The State and the participants in the Neuse River Basin Regional plan should be commended for their close coordination and communications with our office in the review and subsequent approval of the plan. If you or the Neuse River Basin planning committee have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Victor Geer, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Branch at (770) 220-5659, or Linda L. Byers of my staff at (770)-220-5498.

Sincerely,

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Robert E. Lowe, Chief
Risk Analysis Branch
Mitigation Division



July 15, 2015

Mr. Chris Crew
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
North Carolina Division of Emergency Management
4238 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699

Reference: Neuse River Basin Regional Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Crew:

This is a follow-up to our previous correspondence of June 22, 2015, in which we approved the Neuse River Basin Regional Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and all the participating communities that submitted their resolutions at the time of plan approval. We have recently received from your office the following resolutions for inclusion within this plan and subsequently have approved these communities under the approved Neuse River Basin Regional Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:

- City of Goldsboro
- City of Greenville
- Town of Ayden
- Town of Farmville
- Town of Fountain
- Town of Grifton
- Town of Grimesland
- Town of Pink Hill
- Town of Pollocksville
- Town of Snow Hill
- Town of Winterville

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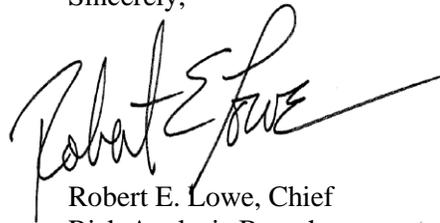
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