

Introduced: March 7th, 2017

Adopted: March 7th, 2017

**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 08-2017**

**CREATING THE MOUNT RAINIER
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Mount Rainier, MD recognizes the need for enhanced emergency response resources in the wake of recent, unprecedented, natural disasters in the state of Maryland and the likelihood that such events will increasingly occur; and

WHEREAS, first responders to such natural disasters and other emergencies must often address overwhelming circumstances in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government has established the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program under its Citizen Corps, a subsidiary of the USA Freedom Corps created by Executive Order 13254 in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Mount Rainier, MD has the authority to establish a CERT that can be trained to help first responders and address various needs in the community in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government offers resources to assist in the establishment and maintenance of a CERT team, including Federal grants through the Department of Homeland Security which fund CERT councils in each County which provides materials for training and certification of CERT team members; and

WHEREAS, Mount Rainier a coordinator or a Mayoral appointee designated, to establish and oversee a CERT team; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of Mount Rainier, MD of Prince George's County in the State of Maryland will establish, oversee and will include a line item in its budget of \$2,500 to support the training and continued existence of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CERT will consist of no less than five (5) members with at least two of those members fully trained in all required CERT classes, and the remaining members meet the following criteria within timeframes stated to remain a viable CERT in good standings in Mount Rainier; and



administering projects, programs, events, and activities), and 2) funds to be disbursed as grants to outside organizations.

- The Committee shall be composed of five members who are appointed by the Mayor and Council and serve at their pleasure. The term of Committee membership is one year.
- Should the Committee fall below full membership the city manager shall immediately recruit applicants to fill the vacancy and recommend appointees to the Mayor and Council.
- Should Committee membership fall below a quorum the city manager or designated representative shall administer Youth and Recreation grants according to the criteria approved by the Mayor and Council until a quorum is established.
- Committee members appointed before the adoption of this resolution are hereby reappointed under these revised terms.
- The provisions of this resolution shall supersede any rules, procedures, or resolutions previously approved by the Mayor and Council of Mount Rainier.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER THIS 7th DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

Attest:



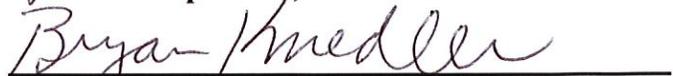
Miranda Braatz, City Manager



Malinda Miles, Mayor



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Bryan Knedler, Councilmember Ward 2



Shivali Shah, Councilmember Ward 2

