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DATE: November 2, 2021

TO: Bill Hansell: General Manager

FROM: Michael Pigoni: Fire Chief

RE: **Red Flag Parking & Evacuation Drill Discussion**

To kick start the discussion on “**Red Flag Parking and Evacuation Drills**” I am recommending that the Board and/or the Emergency Preparedness Committee place this topic on their agenda for a focused discussion and decision. The following is a recommended topic for this discussion. The first part on Red Flag parking is to provide feedback to the County on the actual wishes of the District (FIRE and PD)

Red Flag Parking

1. The first point of discussion is whether to endorse no parking on the streets on Red Flag Days.
 - Throughout the Community?
 - Just the main evacuation routes?
2. If the decision is to endorse the no parking, then discuss where the residents would park their cars if off road is not available at their location.
 - Side streets?
 - Out of the area?
 - Percentage of residents that do not have off street parking for one vehicle in their garage or driveway?
 - Would this leave a car for the residents to evacuate later if so needed.
3. Determine the main initial evacuation streets. (Baby steps) These have been discussed in the past but recent conversations with Gioia’s office indicates that the County is not sure of the final plan.
 - Beloit/Cambridge/Yale/Princeton/Amherst to the Arlington?
 - Purdue/Kenyon/Wellesley or Westminster to the Arlington?
 - Sunset/Franciscan or cemetery bypass?
 - Coventry/Berkeley Park?
4. Discuss the needs or benefit of Red Flag/No Parking signs.
 - Consider the visual blight/pollution
 - Public education versus signs
 - Is social media, printed and televised media adequate?
 - Would signs make a difference

Evacuation Drill

1. Discuss approximate time frame for the drill.
 - Suggest 1st quarter of 2022
 - Weekday/Saturday/Sunday
 - Morning versus afternoon

2. Evacuation Area

- One/two zones?
- Entire Community?
- Volunteer evacuees?

3. Destination

- Drive through check in point?
- Virtual or email check in?
- What other data would be desired?

These are just some of the topics that need to be discussed and feedback provided to ensure that the drill be successful.