



COBB COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

TO: David Hankerson
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FROM: G.M. Lloyd
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DATE: September 23, 2003

PURPOSE

To hear a presentation on a proposal to create a Cobb County Department of Public Safety Citizen Corp Advisory Council, to authorize the creation of the council, and to approve the attached council resolution.

BACKGROUND

Cobb County Department of Public Safety plans to offer Community Emergency Response Training classes in the very near future to train the Cobb County community in what to do in the event of a man-made or natural disaster. The curriculum and required instructor training for these classes are available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). GEMA requires Georgia agencies that are planning to provide these classes form a Citizen Corps Council. The council will be a liaison between the community and Cobb County Department of Public Safety for Homeland Security programs, and more specifically with the Cobb Emergency Management Agency. Once an advisory council is formed, Cobb County Department of Public Safety will also be eligible to receive grant funds to cover part of the costs of these classes from GEMA. The Public Safety Director will appoint qualified members to the Citizen Corp Advisory Council members with the approval of the County Manager.

FUNDING

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

For the Board of Commissioners to hear a presentation on a proposal to create a Cobb County Department of Public Safety Citizen Corp Advisory Council, to authorize the creation of the council, and to approve the attached council resolution.

ATTACHMENT

Citizen Corps Council Resolution

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA**

CITIZEN CORPS ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: President Bush has requested citizens to volunteer their time and give back to their community, and as a part of this national initiative a Citizens Corps has been established, and

WHEREAS: Cobb County Department of Public Safety plans to train Cobb County community volunteers in preparation and response in the event of a man-made or natural disaster in our county as a part of the Citizen Corps program, and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency requires agencies holding these Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes to create a Citizens Corps Advisory Council that is the liaison between the community and public safety for this specific Homeland Security program or for other Homeland Security programs that will educate the public, match first responders needs with community resources, and suggest innovative Homeland Security initiatives, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Safety desires the council to be composed of members from the Cobb County community who have some experience in Homeland Security issues from a public safety, community or business perspective, now

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners that the Cobb County Emergency Management Agency Citizen Corp Advisory Council is hereby created and said Council shall be composed as follows:

- 1) A six (6) member Council, initially, with expansion of membership to be considered after one year of existence, and
- 2) Of the initial membership, the Council shall be composed of: A) One (1) Media Representative, B) One (1) Representative from the Neighborhood Safety Commission, C) Two (2) Community At-Large members with a public safety background and D) Two (2) General Community At-Large members, and
- 3) After initially staggered terms of two (2) and three (3) years, all successive terms are for three (3) years or until successors are appointed, and
- 4) All Council members shall be appointed by the Director of Public Safety upon the approval of the County Manager, and
- 5) The Council Chair shall be appointed by the Director of Public Safety and shall be a non-voting member of the Council except in the event of a tie-vote at which time the Chair shall cast the deciding vote, and
- 6) The Director of Public Safety shall appoint a Public Safety employee to act as Council facilitator, and
- 7) The Council members shall elect their own officers with the exception of the Chair appointment by the Director of Public Safety, and
- 8) The Director of Public Safety with approval of the County Manager may remove any Council members with or without cause at any time.

So adopted this 23rd day of September, 2003.

SAMUEL S. OLENS, Chairman

CAROL D. GRANGER, County Clerk