



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Mr. Jerry N. Johnson, General Manager
DC Water and Sewer Authority (WASA)
5000 Overlook Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20032

Mr. Adrian H Thompson, Chief
DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services
1923 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 102
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Johnson and Chief Thompson:

At our regularly scheduled meeting on November 9, 2006, with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to request your agencies maximize inspection activities to ensure hydrants are checked for proper functioning and repaired by taking the following actions:

1. Coordinate fire hydrant inspection activities of WASA and Fire/EMS staff;
2. Share information on the working status of hydrants throughout the District;
3. Share inspection plans and results with the ANC6A semi-annually starting in January 2007;
4. Consider adopting out-of-service signage for hydrants that are not working.

These issues came to our attention as a result of a fire that occurred in the 1300 block of Emerald Street NE. In that situation, the nearest hydrant on Emerald Street was not working, so hoses had to be run from more than one block away. Fortunately, the extra time needed to take this action did not allow the fire to spread to adjoining homes or cause harm or the loss of life. However, in following up on this issue, our Public Safety Committee learned through conversations with representatives of your respective agencies that information is not shared between agencies and collaboration does not occur with respect to inspections of fire hydrants.

We respectfully request that that you strongly consider our community's request. If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Public Safety Committee member, Mark Laisch, at (202) 399-5993.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: First District Commander Diane Groomes, Metropolitan Police Department
Mr. David Klavitter, PSA 102 Co-Coordinator