

**askHRgreen.org | FOG Education Committee Meeting Summary**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**  
**HRPDC – Chesapeake**

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The summary for the meeting is as follows:

**1. Meeting Summary**

The September meeting summary was reviewed and approved.

**ACTION:** Meeting summary approved.

**2. askHRgreen.org Events**

10/10 - 10/13	Peanut Festival	Suffolk
10/10	CNU Farmer’s Market	Newport News
10/12	Lynnhaven River Now Fall Festival	Virginia Beach
10/24	Public Works Fall Picnic	Virginia Beach
11/9	<i>Hold for Dawn</i>	
11/12	Anthem Eco Fair*	Virginia Beach
11/14	Anthem Eco Fair*	Norfolk
2/8 - 2/9	Hampton Roads Home Show*	Hampton
3/7 - 3/8	Mid Atlantic Home & Outdoor Living Show*	Virginia Beach
4/4 - 4/5	Daffodil Festival	Gloucester
TBD	<i>Newport News Ship Building Health and Safety Expo</i>	<i>Newport News</i>

*\*Volunteers needed to support attending this event.*

**Action:** Committee members should reserve trailer early for any upcoming events.

**3. Sludge Judge Demonstration**

Committee members brought their own sludge judges to the meeting for a live demonstration at the Wawa gas station across from HRPDC. The Committee compared performance between different makes/models/sizes, etc. The Committee will document the brands, styles, features of each sludge judge along with performance in the field when compared with other sludge judges.

**Action:** Committee members should compile results from demonstration and discuss regional purchase of sludge judges at November meeting.

#### 4. Grease Interceptor Training Course

HRPDC and HRSD staff provided an update on the Grease Interceptor Training Course with Ken Loucks (“The Interceptor Whisperer”) from the FOG Training Institute scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 in the HRPDC Board Rooms. Registration is currently available at the link below and FOG Committee members will receive a 10% discount code which was provided to the Committee via email:

<https://www.iwconsultingservice.com/event-info/hampton-roads-va-grease-interceptor-training-course>

- HRPDC will provide a boxed lunch for all participants.
- Training will cover six modules from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
- Committee members were asked to sign up ASAP as space is limited. Other local staff from external departments should be encouraged to attend as well.

**Action:** HRPDC staff will resend information for training registration and discount code.

#### 5. FOG Certification Site & Commercial Outreach

HRPDC staff reported that all major errors with the HRFOG.com website had been corrected. Fixes include:

- Full user and hauler report time out errors – *corrected*
- Time out error when selecting details of a business with certified personnel – corrected

Other top priorities will now be worked on including the ability to add a business listing during profile creation and continued development for a fully responsive mobile design.

HRPDC staff will be distributing the final hauler letter via email next week. The email will go to all users who have had a hauler certification whether they are currently certified or expired.

The Committee continued to discuss a hauler training. HRSD and Virginia Beach software systems are not a good fit for partnering with this training so the Committee does not need to take these project into consideration when scheduling the new training. The Committee proposed a December or February training date but will continue to discuss at the November meeting.

**Action:** HRPDC staff will continue to work on website enhancements. Committee members should review the hauler training presentation and be prepared to offer changes during the November Committee meeting.

#### 6. FOG MOA

HRPDC staff provided an update on the status of the FOG MOA. Smithfield and Hampton are still the only localities to officially adopt the MOA. Many other localities are in progress to adopt the MOA but require action by the city manager and council to do so. HRPDC staff will continue to check in regularly with DUCs at their monthly meeting to track the approval process.

**Action:** HRPDC staff will work with Directors of Utilities to get approvals for the FOG MOA.

## 7. Roundtable

- Brent Werlein shared a presentation from DeKalb County, Georgia regarding their multifamily housing FOG enforcement program.
- Virginia Beach – there is an upcoming FOG training in Ohio (can forward email with registration information), beta testing has started for new FOG software, haulers will be notified via email about new software requirements (will begin as voluntary participation), software training will take place one-on-one starting in November, an inspector position is open
- Norfolk – conversion to Lucidity underway for inspectors, discussed metal interceptor deterioration and replacement, discussed strainer socks used to remove solids from sink and floor drains.
- Newport News – John Newton has joined Newport News as the new FOG inspector
- York – inquired about locality charges for cleaning lines (York cleans for everyone while most localities indicated that they require owners to clean private lines)
- Chesapeake – one new inspector has been hired and another is pending

**Action:** None.

## 8. Staff Reports

*Budget* - FY20 budget was reviewed.

**Action:** None

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Newport News.