

March 20, 2020

The Highlands COVID-19 Task Force Briefing for City Council

- **Task Force has met 3 times, will continue to meet weekly, will adjust as needed**
 - It's a cross-functional team of policy and planning efforts related to COVID-19
 - Has management and officials from Iron Gate, Clifton Forge, Alleghany County and Covington, Regional VHD, Local VDH, Regional VDEM, Dominion, DSS, CSB, Sherriff's Office and Jail, CPD, area Emergency Managers, Lewis Gale Alleghany to a limited extent
- **Providing unified messaging to region, at minimum there will be one public press release weekly**
 - There has been a communications strategy meeting with all local media, all are providing ideas on getting word out and listing our messages unaltered
 - Channel 7 provided coverage on Task Force
 - On Air Radio interviews provided by Lanford and Myself
 - Mayor and Chair of Board of Supervisors did Journal interview

City Emergency Management Briefing for City Council

- Working to develop a support services arm of efforts this is being mobilized today, LOA, Churches and Salvation Army
- City suspended all water shut offs as of Monday and provided re-connections during this time
- City providing free public wifi at City Hall and Drone Zone in parking lots 7 days a week 8AM-8PM
- City Hall closed to walk-ins and visitors Monday
- Daily Department Head Touchpoint Calls being held
- Partial EOC activated Monday, when local emergency declared
- Participation in VDEM calls twice weekly and engaging in direct contact as Manager with VDEM Region VI Lead
- Manager directly contacting Regional and Local VDH, we now are in contact with a PIO
- Daily SitReps to begin by our Emergency Coordinator
- Preparations made at plants; telework starts Monday.