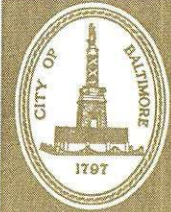


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TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: Robert Maloney, Deputy Chief of Emergency Management
and Public Safety

RE: City Council Bill No. 13-0110R

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (MOEM) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 13-0110R – Informational Hearing – Preparedness and Safety in Our Schools and Communities, and agrees to take part in the hearing.

City Council Bill No. 13-0110R seeks to call upon representatives from the Baltimore City Public Schools, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD), and MOEM to appear before the Council to discuss emergency preparedness and safety in our schools and communities in the wake of the recent Newtown, Connecticut and Boston, Massachusetts tragedies.

MOEM has worked closely with the City Schools and public safety agencies to ensure a high level of coordination when preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating against emergencies in our schools and beyond. In 2011 MOEM partnered with the City Schools and dedicated staff to reviewing and updating the current School Emergency Safety Plan to ensure alignment with Federal standards and the City Emergency Operations Plan, as well as standard operating procedures of other City public safety agencies. MOEM also coordinated and participated in a four-day school emergency management training course with officials from the City Schools, School Police officers, and BCFD personnel.

MOEM welcomes the opportunity to discuss with the Council the overall preparedness of our schools and the greater City.

Cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

Comments

