

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

June 11, 2025 at 12:00 PM



In-Person with Zoom Capabilities

LOCATION: Nat'l Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center (12300 Mendenhall Loop Rd – Room 116)

OR via Zoom: <https://juneau.zoom.us/j/99118835453> or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 991 1883 5453

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A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Ed Williams

B. ROLL CALL

Establish Quorum– Online and In Room

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – June 11, 2025

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 14, 2025, Draft Minutes of the Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (10-15 Minutes)

F. STAFF REPORTS

Elected Official – Ella Adkison reported about a 7.83 million loan from ADEC on the GLOF, and a 300k authorization for airport bank stabilization along the Mendenhall River.

Emergency Programs –Ryan OShaughnessy reported on ORCA exercise activities, and sandbag distribution open house events held on May 31, June 7, and June 14. The Hazard Mitigation Plan update continues and the draft risk assessment will be out for public comment soon. CBJ is pushing attendance for CERT classes and ICS 300 and 400 classes in July.

Juneau Police Department – Jeremy Weske reported on the ORCA exercise and staffing increases.

CCFR – Theresa Ross reported on staffing updates and recruitment programs.

Hospital – Zach Fisher reported that the hospital emergency management staff is doing ICS training.

Media – Justin Shoman reported about planning efforts for flood coverage this year, and noted that KTOO got a new back-up generator and fuel tank.

Red Cross – Loren Jones reported on planning efforts for Mendenhall flooding, responses to other Southeast events, and national meetings about Red Cross continuous response.

National Weather Service – Nicole Ferrin reported about ORCA and Coast Guard exercises, improvements in weather modeling, and new plans that allow issuance of a flash flood warning and emergency alert system with a pre-prepared message if the HESCO barriers are breached. NWS is pleased to announce that three Gulf of Alaska weather buoys that have been down for years have recently been serviced or redeployed by the NDBC. USGS gauges in the basin are up and running with two camera views and two new sensors downstream. An NWS Senior Service Hydrologist worked closely with the UAS post-grad on juneauflood.com, which has the inundation maps and other educational resources. The website, weather.gov/Juneau/suicidebasin will continue to have operational/real-time information.

Tlingit-Haida. Sabrina Grubitz reported on Tlingit Haida's presentation to the state EOC on GLOF prep, presentations to FEMA, and coordination efforts with the USGG, landslide working group and Ketchikan community association.

DOT – Ken Murphy reported on bear activity at Mile 20 and that cars should keep moving along. He gave an example of why the coordination provided by the LEPC is valuable with sharing resources.

G. AGENDA TOPICS.

KTOO GLOF coverage with KTOO Managing Editor Claire Stremple.

Ms. Stremple explained KTOO's goal to disseminate news and public safety information as soon as possible, and to use both radio and TV to engage the public. KTOO is interested in pre-produced videos to engage and inform. NWS is working on educational videos that KTOO will help distribute. Discussion addressed resources and connections and how to disseminate public safety information. The plan for GLOF is to update residents with live coverage; it's helpful to have video coverage of the river to prevent people from putting themselves in harm's way to see it. NWS has had productive discussions with KTOO about definitions. Connect with Juneauflood.com

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

All Hazard Mitigation & Whole Community Input Planning update –

Mr. O'Shaughnessy explained that the all hazard mitigation plan is coming to a close. The risk assessment will be available to the public next week and a public meeting will be held on June 30. Public comment runs through mid-July. The next phases of the project is the mitigation action plan, approval, and ratification.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

SBA Economic Injury Assistance

Applicants may apply online and can find additional disaster assistance information at SBA.gov/disaster.

The deadline for applying for economic injury funding is July 16, 2025. If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept an SBA loan.

AlaskaEx 2026 – SE AK Regional Exercise with events beginning in 2025 through 2026

More information to come.

POC: Tom Mattice (907)209-9207 – tom.mattice@juneau.gov

ICS classes – full calendar of courses of courses available , courses scheduled through May 2026.

July 26 airport exercise

POC: andres.delgado@jnuairport.com

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

July 9, 2025 at noon

In-Person Hybrid Meeting with Zoom Webinar Capabilities

Location: Nat'l Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center (12300 Mendenhall Loop Rd - Room 116)

PLEASE ATTEND IN PERSON IF POSSIBLE

**Regular Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month*

L. ADJOURNMENT 12:45 pm.

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