



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

July 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

In-Person with Zoom Capabilities

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

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION:

<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

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Establish Quorum - Michelle Brown

Welcome & Introductions

New Members - Hospital Seat Alternate-Nate Rumsey (BRH)

Haz/Mat Transporter Seat-Nicole Ferrin (NWS)

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - July 12, 2023

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1. June 14, 2023, Draft Minutes of the Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee

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

F. STAFF REPORTS

Elected Official - Wade Bryson

Emergency Programs

JPD

CCFR

Hospital

Red Cross

Haz/Mat & NWS Preparedness Update

Alaska Native Tribal

Other Member Reports

G. NEW BUSINESS

2. Virtual Course Discussion-Tom Mattice: <https://ruraltraining.org/course/mgt-405-v-mobilizing-faith-based-community-organizations-in-preparing-for-disasters/>

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. **LEPC Future Monthly Meetings Discussion** - Michelle Brown

Phil Adams, Deputy Manager, JNU Airport - Alaska Room available starting in Fall 2023

Date Change from 2nd Wednesday of each month or **time change** would be necessary.

Questionnaire/Poll will be sent out in the next couple of months.

4. **LEPC Recruitment**

Committee and community partners are encouraged to apply and/ or recruit to fill these positions.

Open Seats:

We have no open seats currently ☐

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Host: Consumer Protection Safety Bureau

Date: Thursday, July 27, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:00 am Alaska Time

Registration: [Registration Lithium-ion Battery Safety Meeting](#)

POC: Kathy Shea, Interagency Coordination-Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

kathy.shea@alaska.gov 907-269-3071

8. **Alaska Red Cross Community Potluck**

Host: Juneau Branch Red Cross

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Registration: [RSVP & Potluck Signup](#)

POC: Britt Tonnessen, American Red Cross of Alaska, Disaster Program Manager - Southeast

britt.tonnessen@redcross.org

907-727-5361

K. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

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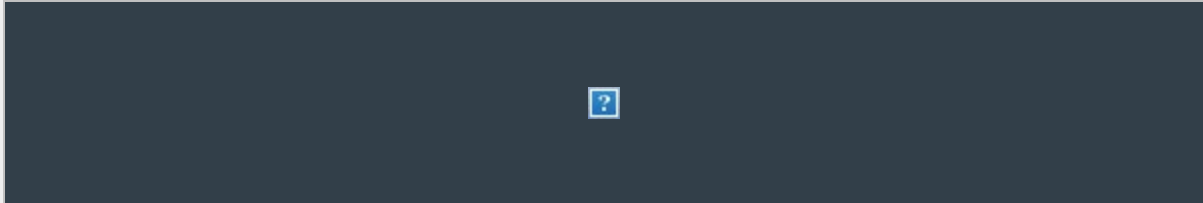
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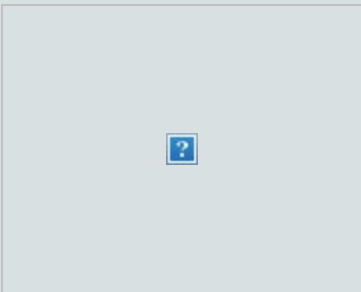
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