

**FINAL MINUTES**  
**JUNEAU EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)**

**Wednesday February 13, 2019, - 12:00 P.M.**

Bartlett Regional Hospital

Administrative Building – Executive Lounge 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Juneau, Alaska  
(Questions Call – 586-0419)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dan Garcia established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon

New member Ben Murray, Alternate General Public Seat introduced to the committee

**Members Present:**

Scott Erickson, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Ben Murray, Bill Legere, Chip Wagoner, Dan Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Ed Williams, Paul Khera, Michael Sanders, Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

**Members Absent:**

Rob Edwardson, David Campbell, Todd Cameron, Kim McDowell, Tonia Montez, Warren Russell, Joel Curtis, Andrew Bogar, Karen Wood, Joel Curtis, Zachariah Fisher, Paul Chisholm

**Others Present:**

Mike Pierson - USCG, Bridget Thomson, Mike Tunley-AK DOT&PF, Les Gillespie, Robin Brenner-interpreter, Louisa Phillips, John T. Flood-AKNG, Andrew Ahlstrom-SEARHC, Brize Bezenek-NWS, Debra Fischman-BRH, Pete Boyd-NWS, Megan Taylor-BRH, Patricia Lamson-Red Cross, Christina Schulte-SOA/Public Health, Craig Cottrell-UAS/EM, Carolyn Garcia-Red Cross/Flying Lions, Pamela S. Mueller-Guy,

**II. AGENDA CHANGES – None**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 9, 2019 Minutes approved unanimously**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

**V. REPORTS**

A. CBJ Happenings: Snow conditions are safe for recreational activities and Avalanche program is going well. Annual DHS&EM HLS grant app for \$600K submitted. JAMI had a water pipe burst and flood both residential facilities. They had good plans in place and assisted their clients in relocating using their coop plan. Emergency Programs provided space dividers for the temp shelter. Otherwise JAMHI handled the transition into temporary housing smoothly. The event displaced approx. 20 people and greater flexibility of all their staff. CCFR was instrumental in saving the facilities from total water destruction.

Juneau's participation in the State's Alaska Shield 2019 Exercise (AKS) will consist of Urban Search and Rescue USAR K9 Decontamination training to teams throughout Alaska from March 15-17. April 8-12 Emergency Programs is facilitating two simultaneous events; TEEX will deliver FEMA PER-213 Wide Area Search to Fire and Search and Rescue (SAR) responders, and a Type 2 FEMA 30 person USAR team from WA. State Army N.G. will be facilitating a Structural Collapse and Building Stabilization training. April 13<sup>th</sup> participants from both trainings will engage in a full scale exercise that includes ANG USAR teams, K9 SAR, SAR teams, Fire crews,

and EMS. All three events include participants from throughout Alaska. Funding for these events is provided by Federal Homeland Security Grant monies.

ICS classes 300-400 will be held in April and May. Please advise Tom Mattice if you would like to attend the classes. Pre-requisites are ICS 100-800 and those classes should be taken on-line.

- B. BRH Mass Casualty Drill (MCD) - Megan Taylor provided an update. The BRH MCD will be held July 20 piggy backing on airport drill this summer. Started initial phases of SWOT analysis. Putting together a decontamination team for a 96 hour sustainability assessment. The goal is to get 20 individuals trained so that 6 to 7 will always be available.
- C. Other member reports: KTOO recently completed Active Shooter Event (ASE) training by JPD. It included eye opening exercise components after the training. This training can include facilities assessments that help in planning what to do in the case of an active threat event.
- D. UAA held building assessments for pro-active earthquake prevention, such as securing loose items.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:** Presentation by Nick Zito of the Alaska State Troopers. Troopers are trained to be a jack-of-all-trades. There are two divisions Wildlife Troopers and Alaska State Troopers. AST Duties include prisoner transportation, land based SAR management, working closely with the USCG for events within 3-miles of shore, investigation work with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), supervise VPSO's for law enforcement in rural communities, work closely with JPD, highway safety work, connecting public to dispatch, and work with the Forest & Park Service. As part of the Governor's security detail they act as adult probation officers in communities that do not have that capability. Troopers enforce wildlife infractions. Law enforcement and Wildlife troopers can do either job. Troopers serve warrants, organize with local responders, and are on standby 24/7. They have an umbrella insurance policy for damaged equipment, worker's compensation, etc... which is why they have such extensive duty capabilities. This insurance also covers Search and Rescue teams. Their highest objective is to work closely with everyone and provide needed resources, especially in the area of SAR. Tourists often get lost or hurt and Troopers may spend 30-45 minutes explaining how to use their GPS to victims, so they can be found. Often a victim's phone battery dies and communication is lost. Troopers encourage everyone to fill out a Wilderness Trip plan on the Trooper website and to carry an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT). If ELT's are used, they should be carried in a container that prevents accidental activation. Officer Zito's presentation provided an eye opening window to the multitude of services our Troopers provide us. They have been working at half-staff and are hoping to be fully staffed by summer.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. HEMP TTX AAR: All went well. Some of the questions provided after the event were:

- Public information –gap in ability to handle language barriers. The LEPC advised that the Olympics use a spiral bound booklet to assist with medical communications
- Work on alternative communications systems. Additional focus needed on communications to special needs population
- Coordination was good
- Challenges on prioritization of critical transportation needs may exist
- Limited day care facilities available to responders at off hours

- Local information may not be as quick as that available to tourists. The Cruise Line can provide more expedient information because they have the ability to text everyone on board
- Wider knowledge needed about ICS training. Many people had no idea of what ICS was. All organizations can use more training on ICS, including 300-400.
- How can we limit calls to 911 so they are not overwhelmed
- Decontamination can be set up at either end
- DX center could use an additional consul for large scale events.
- Video of ammonia leak would have been helpful to understand what it would look like

LEPC group asked about the availability of the following training

- Is there any ham radio training? – reach out to ham radio club

B. FEMA risk report has been updated for Juneau and it shows vulnerabilities and worst-case scenarios. It is in DRAFT form now. We will have a public discussion before its final.

C. Preparedness Expo: There will be more planning meetings. Discussion of highlighting various events that happened around the community. Talk about assigned days that focus on capabilities of organizations.

#### **VIII. ACTION ITEMS - None**

#### **IX. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. AK Shield Training - K9 Urban SAR, March 15-17, 8am to 5pmAK Shield Training - TEEX Wide Area Search, April 9-11, 2019, JPD Building from 8am to 5pm, oher organizations welcome
- B. AK Shield Training – Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Structural Collapse, April 9-11, 2019, Fire Training Center 8am to 5pm, Other organizations welcome
- C. The CLIMAX - AK Shield Full Scale Exercise with the WA State ANG Type II FEMA USAR Team, April 12, 2019, Location TBA- 8am to 5pm, Other organizations welcome
- D. Juneau International Airport-Full Scale Emergency Drill, Wednesday, July 20, 2019, Time and Partner Roles to be announced
- E. UAS Exercise – June... to be announced
- F. Preparedness Expo ... to be announced

#### **X. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 12:00 pm, - Location BRH Administrative Bldg. Executive Lounge

*\*Regular Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month*

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT at 1:01pm**