

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC) Wednesday, November 14th 2018 12:00 P.M.

Bartlett Regional Hospital
Administrative Building – Executive Lounge 3rd Floor, Juneau, AK
(Questions Call – 586-0419)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ed Williams called the meeting to order at 1200

Roll Call confirmed by Paul Khera

Quorum established

Members Present:

David Campbell, Ed Quinto, Todd Cameron, Destiny Sargeant, Bill Legere, Andrew Bogar, Chip Wagoner, Nicholas Zito, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Paul Khera, Joel Curtis, Zachariah Fisher, Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

Members Absent:

Rob Edwardson, Scott Erickson, Kim McDowell, Tonia Montez, Mikko Wilson, Dan Garcia

Others Present:

Andrew Ahlstrom – SEARHC, John Flood-ARNG, Arley Paulus – US Forest Service, Craig Cottrell – UAS Emergency Management Planner, Michael Pierson – USCG, Kollin Monahan – CBJ P&R, Patricia Lamson – Red Cross, Pamela S. Mueller-Guy, Robin Brenner (Deaf interpreter)

II. AGENDA CHANGES – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 10, 2018 Minutes approved

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Introduction of new attendee assigned as permanent representative from the USCG, Michael Pearson, USCG retired and he is working in Maritime Security and is looking forward to working with the Juneau LEPC.

V. REPORTS

A. CBJ Happenings:

- There is no avalanche forecast when there is not enough snow to warrant one.
- Alaska Shield exercise is scheduled for April 9-12. National Guard committed to bring Washington's Urban Search and Rescue Team to participate.
- FEMA disaster shelter inventory cot cleanup will continue Dec. 4-5 from 0900-1600 at the Thane Warehouse. Volunteers needed!
- The LEPC annual report is scheduled for December 17, 6-7 pm.
- DHS&EM/LEPC – State LEPC Manager will attend the January 9, LEPC meeting. Reconvene from 2-5 pm in the Juneau Police Department (JPD) EOC room to facilitate a multi organizational TTX to test and enhance CBJ's Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan (HMEP) and multiple vendors response plans.

- LEPC open seats:
 - General Public seat, waiting for applications to be finalized.
 - Bill Legere has been helping with outreach to fill the Media seat.
 - The Vulnerable Populations secondary seat is open. Irene Gallion was cited as a good fit for the seat, but she works for the CBJ and our goal is to have diversity in the LEPC seats for the widest community representation. Community outreach will be continued.
 - Rob Edwards has been assigned to remain the Assembly rep. on the LEPC.
 - Nicholas Zito (State Troopers)-committed to doing a LEPC presentation at the January 9th meeting.
- B. BRH Report:
- Space is available in the upcoming bombing incident preparedness
 - Both an Active Shooter and a Mass Casualty exercise are planned.
 - “Ragin’ Contagion” w/DHSS is scheduled for the 2nd week of April 2019 as part of AK Shield.
 - Bartlett maintains a continuous program of disaster training for its employees.
- C. Red Cross:
- Disaster Academy for senior volunteers is scheduled Friday thru Sunday at the Red Cross and BRH training rooms.
 - Red Cross has the capability to assist organizations and individuals develop Emergency Action Plans (EAP).
- D. The CBJ funded Homeless Warming Center will open mid Nov. whenever temperature is forecasted at or below 32 degrees or if factors dictate necessity.
- E. NWS Long-Term Weather: Warm wet winter season is being forecast. Not much snow.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Disaster Mental Health Presentation: Destiny Sargeant spoke to the committee about the article “The Conversation: The Mental Health Impact of Disasters like Michael, Irma or Maria.” She pointed out that Insurance claims take time and FEMA cannot provide for everyone. It usually takes a minimum of 1-3 years to recover from a large scale disaster.

In the meantime there are long term impacts of disaster recovery caused by secondary trauma due to personal attachments to the event. We must identify priorities and stay clear of the politics on how the incident started. Maintain a no fault no blame atmosphere for victims.

Paradise, California is not dissimilar to what could happen if Juneau lost all of its homes and the town was leveled. Despite a low body count, anxiety, depression, and loss have long term consequences. Most of us could not remain living here. Past studies have shown the need for long term care because of issues like increased substance abuse, domestic violence, psychiatric issues, and divorce rates. Children’s suffering may go unnoticed while parents focus on day to day family survival. A lot of the kids feel responsible for the disaster and this presents a huge psychological issue. All emergency

responders could be lost because of emotional difficulty in continuing to do their jobs. Post-traumatic stress treatment programs have proven effective.

Communities that have coordinated Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs) have a proven ability to recover in half as much time.

Unsolicited donations present a huge logistics challenge and significant costs resulting from distributing, transferring, or disposing of donations. Organizations end up with an abundance of donations that do not fit the need and not enough of what is needed. Cash donations are always best because organizations can purchase what is needed.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion-Free Flu Shots for the Public: There are no free community flu shot events scheduled in Juneau for this flu season. Local drug stores provide flu shots to insured with no deductible. There is nothing for uninsured individuals that do not qualify under the strict and very limited DHSS-Public Health criteria. There is a need, but coordinating with partners would be required. No action was taken.
- B. Discussion-2019 Preparedness Expo: Committee discussed whether they wanted to continue hosting a Preparedness/Safety Expo. Available funding decreased about \$2K. Ideas discussed included scheduling it for a different month than September, shortening it from two to one day, combining it with a community shelter exercise or other event. A vote determined the committee's support of hosting a 2019 event (see Action Items). Members needed more information before making personal time commitments. An Expo planning committee was organized to develop ideas and a timeline to be presented at the December 12 LEPC monthly meeting. Joel Curtis, Andrew Bogar, Michelle Brown, Tom Mattice, and the USCG rep. volunteered to be on the planning committee.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. The Committee voted unanimously in support of hosting a Preparedness Expo in 2019.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Volunteers are still needed for the Thane Warehouse disaster inventory of cots. Dec. 4-5 from 9 to 4:30 pm. need more info? Contact Tom Mattice 586-0419.
- B. DHSS-HMEP LEPC TTX, Jan. 9, 2019, 2-4:30 pm-JPD EOC room
- C. UAS exercise: 1st or second week of June. No firm date yet.
- D. LEPC Annual report to the Assembly HR Committee.
Monday, December 17, 6-7 pm

X. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 – 12:00 pm, - Location BRH Administrative Bldg. Executive Lounge

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 12:59