

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, August 8th -2018 - 12:00 P.M.
Bartlett Regional Hospital
Administrative Building – Executive Lounge 3rd Floor, Juneau, AK
(Questions Call – 586-0371)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dan Garcia called the meeting to order at 1200

Roll Call by Dan Garcia

Quorum established

Members Present:

Rob Edwardson, Scott Erickson, Ed Quinto, Lindsey Peterson, Bill Legere, Andrew Bogar, Chip Wagoner, Dan Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Paul Khera, Zachariah Fisher, Tom Mattice

Members Absent:

David Campbell, Todd Cameron, Destiny Sargeant, Kim McDowell, Tonia Montez, Mikko Wilson, Joel Curtis, Jason Burke, Michelle Brown

Others Present:

Andrew Ahlstrom (SEARHC), Michael Sanders (SEARHC), Erann Kalwara (Juneau Police Communications), Scott Rinkenberger (Juneau Airport), Michelle Cuddihy, Jennifer Mannix (CBJ Risk Management), Lisa Brooks, Jennifer Carson, Craig Cottrell (University of Alaska), Jeremy Johnson (CERT), Doug Huffman (Sierra Survival), Delsey Rodriguez Ayala (Red Cross), Taylor Hupek (AT&T)

II. AGENDA CHANGES – Added Scott Rinkenberger to agenda

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approved

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Scott Rinkenberger: Juneau Airport annual Table Top Exercise on Thu Sept 20 from 0900-1200 in the Airport Alaska Room. Participation requested for this worthwhile scenario based exercise. Official invites will be coming in about a coming week.
The triannual full scale exercise will be held on July 20, 2019 in order to allow better environmental conditions for the role players.
- Craig Cottrell – University of Alaska- Fairbanks held a day long, large scale exercise with many players. The missing gap was a lack of police and ham radio operator participation. There were many lessons learned and communications was as usual the Achilles heel. With classes about to begin, there will be an Active Shooter Event (ASE) exercise for the returning staff.
A building was about to be demolished so the University was able to hold a drill, that involved some building damage, before the wrecking crews did the rest. The University is looking forward to more training opportunities and they have space available for those who want to participate. They want as many players as possible.
- Taylor Hupek: AT&T has developed First Net, which is dedicated to first responders. A system of priority and pre-emption exists today that allows one to take phone priority for a fee. This system

is stand alone with a completely separate infrastructure that will continue working if the public system were to go down. First responders will get the best access on the AT&T network. This system allows responders to be more efficient. The system can also prioritize first responders in order of urgency and it can bridge to all other first responder communications systems. Cities and communities can decide the system features they want to buy.

How far it reaches into the local areas is a decision the local communities will make depending on how far they build out the infrastructure. The City of Anchorage has already adopted this system.

- Doug Huffman of Sierra Survival will hold a three-hour [Survival and Preparedness workshop](#) on Saturday September 15, 2-5pm at the Mendenhall Public Library. The seminar is free to the public.

V. REPORTS

- A. CBJ Happenings: Volunteers needed to pull, clean and re-inventory all inventory from old FEMA trailer. Project happening Monday thru Thursday 9am-4pm. Volunteers appreciated for any time they are available. All are welcome.
- B. There is opportunity to bring much training to Juneau if we can enroll enough people. Tom will send out the classes available and we can talk about who can attend. The CBJ has trainers available for many of the classes.
- C. The City received a \$400,000 grant for Alaska Shield.
- D. Elected Official Report by Rob Edwardson – Beth Weldon congratulates the people who ran efforts for suicide basin emergency.
 - Assembly agenda: CCFR is getting an upgrade in personal
 1. 4 people or 6 people will meet tonight and the rules of the meeting do not allow public input.
 2. Beth Weldon has resigned to run for Mayor.
 3. Kelsch and Kurvis are not running for election this year.
- E. Bartlett Regional Hospital – no representative at meeting.
- F. Red Cross
 - Alaska staff has persons deployed at Red Cross shelters.
 - The smoke alarm program is continuing
 - A new Jesuit volunteer will start next month
 - There is considerable turnover with volunteers. When people resign, people do not always feel comfortable with the new person at the helm. Higher level trainings will bring those volunteer resources back to Juneau. There is growth in onboarding leadership and volunteers.
 - Working with the Salvation Army to assist with shelter feeding. The Moose Lodge has a kitchen that will help with meal preparation.
 - Disaster Action Team (DAT) is a team of volunteers who assist people who have lost their place to live in a house fire. Once dispatched, the system rings to all active Red Cross phones.
 - There will be recovery training for DAT on August 25.

- Shelter agreements need to be in place so that they can be registered with the Red Cross system.
- FY19 has started.

- G. Media– Bill Legere told of the July 18 activation of the EMS for suicide basin. The alert for a flood watch was mistranslated for a flash flood watch, which was confusing and discouraging to the public. The local weather service did the proper alerting for a flood, not a flash flood.
- H. HAZMAT- Paul Khera advised that he has taken a new job as Aviation System Planner. Anyone interested in Region Safety Officer Position, can set up an account with Workplace Alaska, check it every day, and be patient as it takes the State a long time to post and hire a position. Once posted, it might be advertised for just a week and it is best to be ready. The Position Control Number (PCN) is 252441. It would be wise to learn about the position, if interested. A good safety officer is very much needed.
- I. Public Health Public Health – Lyndsey: Ramping up for September 2018 and April 2019 exercises. Public health nursing is supporting DHSS exercise. POD plans to exercises at communities in Southeast Alaska. They are aiming for a fall date to coordinate with the administration of flu shots.
- J. Jeremy Johnson, a highly respected CERT Instructor, announced his resignation to spend time with family and other commitments. The Juneau CERT Program was brought back into existence under his leadership. He will be greatly missed and a new CERT coordinator is being actively sought.
- K. Tom Mattice –Tom recommends that future LEPC meeting reports be typed because our meetings last only one hour and we need to act as a planning team and not a briefing team.

VI. NEW BUSINESS – Discussion about upcoming September presentation on Partners in Disaster by Tom Mattice. He told the group that the presentation will speak about what losses of services look like, the role of players, and limitations to support. We need more disaster specific response plans and continuity of operations. If there is no continuity of operations or fall back plans, it will be a long time before first responders are able to help as they continue to reprioritize during a large emergency. As a city we have very limited resources.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. MMRS Shelter Inventory & Set-up Exercise
- B. FEMA Shelter Supplies Inventory
- C. LEPC Seat & Bylaws Changes
- D. CERT Program

VII. ACTION ITEMS

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Contact Tom or Michelle if you want to volunteer for stuff.
- B. **CERT meetings are on hold.**

IX. NEXT MEETING – Wed September 12, 2018 at noon, BRH Admin Building, Executive Lounge

X. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 1257.