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JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, May 9th 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 12:02 P.M.
Quorum established.
Introductions

Members Present:
Scott Erickson, Ed Quinto, Kim McDowell, Bill Legere, Dan Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Ed Williams, Paul Khera, Joel Curtis, Jason Burke, Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

Members Absent:
Rob Edwardson, David Campbell, Todd Cameron, Lindsey Peterson, Destiny Sargeant, Tonia Montez, Mikko Wilson, Andrew Bogar, Chip Wagoner, Karen Wood, Zachariah Fischer

Others Present:
Robin Brenner (Brenner Interpreting Services), Andrew Ahlstrom (SEARHC), C.A. Garcia, Lisa Marx (CAP), Pamela Mueller-Guy (SAIL), John T. Flood (Armory), Michael Sanders (SEARHC), Addison Field (Alaska State Museum), Freya Anderson (Alaska State Library, Arley Paulus (US Forest Service), Louisa Phillips (Family Assistance Center), Kenneth Walker (VA Risk Services), Timothy Edwards (VA Risk Services), Steve Mullins, Erann Kalwara (Juneau Police Communications), Kristin Bartlett (Juneau School District)

II. AGENDA CHANGES - None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Approved

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

V. REPORTS

A. Tom Mattice:
- LEPC Grant offers the same funding as last year
- Shore side emergency response plan for cruise ship disasters completed

B. Bartlett Regional Hospital: Multi-agency exercise and mass casualty drill on 3rd of May. They had a bus versus car accident scenario and then a simulated fire in the hospital lobby. They learned about issues they had with flow and communications. Some of their radios were being stored in the charger in the "ON" position, which

wore down the batteries. They are getting new batteries and chargers. Members of the LEPC recommended Lithium-Ion batteries.

C. Red Cross: Andrew and Carly were in Ketchikan for the home fire and smoke alarm community training. The Red Cross presented the Pillow Case Project to the schools for grades 1-3. In this project, they travel to the homes to install the smoke detectors. The Juneau Red Cross is doing really well right now. Juneau Red Cross is the designated hub for all Southeast Alaska communities. During an emergency it takes time hours even days to mobilize volunteers and resources and get them on the ground in communities outside of Juneau. They encouraged having RC trained volunteers in each community that can start coordinating the response with Juneau RC. The Civil Air Patrol has an agreement with Red Cross to fly people to SE communities. The committee was asked to push forward the message of this need within their organizations that influence outside of Juneau. Volunteers are most likely already there; they just need to be identified and embedded into the Red Cross.

D. Army National Guard: On May 16-18, they will have training on The 12 Facets of Resiliency. The Ketchikan guardsmen will be coming to Juneau for the training and will have opportunity to meet the Red Cross. The last day, May 18, is a fun day and one can bring the family. Michelle Brown has the contact information.

E. Media: Bill Legere met with NWS on Items of mutual interest. During the process, he gained a new respect for importance of what they do.

F. SEARHC had an Active Shooter Event (ASE) exercise about 2 months ago. They held it in collaboration with the State Troopers. It was an overall success; communications were good and staff feedback was positive.

G. Weather - Joel Curtis

- We are having a late spring. April was a wetter than normal month and low water reservoir levels are catching up. There is a weak weather system moving in from the South and it will bring rain this evening.
- There is a possibility of having nice weather by next Monday.
- Attendance at a Tsunami workshop in Sitka. The Tsunami Warning Center is working on notification issues for communities in the inner waters. The question was came up on when to evacuate to higher ground and the answer was after an Earthquake of 20 seconds or one strong enough to knock one down.
- The Mendenhall Campground has very deep mud at the water line.

H. Princess Sophia Exhibit – Freya Anderson and Addison Field

- Exhibit for the 100-year Centennial of the SS Princess Sophia disaster in which 348 died. It remains the most tragic sea disaster on the West Coast. The accident

occurred at the height of the 1918 Spanish Flu and there was a quarantine in Juneau. However, there were no survivors.

- The Exhibit will open on First Friday, 1 June and run through the first week in October.
- There is an invitation for someone from LEPC to staff an LEPC table on First Friday from 1630 to 1830. Topics could include "kids don't float", "boating safety" or other. The focus should be on water Safety. Tom Mattice will look to collaborate with the USCG and the museum will make two tables available to us.
- At 7:00 PM, there will be a presentation by an underwater archeologist, Jacques Marx.
- Other activities during the run of the Exhibit will include
    - A curator talk
    - Author Ken Coates, who wrote the book The Sinking of the Princess Sophia. A book lauded as being very good.
    - A local history research day
    - Dan Fruits art exhibit
    - A memorial for the ship at Evergreen Cemetery
    - A yacht club dinner
- If interested in volunteering, one may contact Freya at 465-1315 or freya.anderson@alaska.gov.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. CERT is on solid ground and looking for more future direction. They are on a flat line right now. Their monthly meeting was yesterday.

B. The University recently hired Craig Cottrell as their emergency management planner. He has had previous experience working for the City of Hoonah.

C. Next month the Fire Department will hold a three-day ASE/EMS class. They will need players and promise to send invites once times and dates are established.

D. Tom Mattice
    - Next month Tom will present new Tsunami maps.
    - City had an open action for NRCS grant for Mendenhall River. The property owners did not reach an agreement so grant was not accepted in time and the money was forfeited.
    - The MMRS shelter will be set up to ensure everything works and to re-inventory all items. The MMRS trailer has been broken into twice.
    - Volunteers will be sought to help clean out the FEMA shelter located in Thane next to the rock dump. The FEMA connex has had humidity damage to its contents. The planned installation of a de-humidifier will solve this problem.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

VIII. NEXT MEETING – Wed June 13 at noon, BRH Admin Building, Executive Lounge

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM