

MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, April 11, 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.

Roll Call: By Dan Garcia

Quorum established.

Members Present:

Scott Erickson, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Tonia Montez, Bill Legere, Chip Wagoner, Dan Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Karen Wood, Paul Khera, Joel Curtis, Jason Burke, Zachariah Fisher

Members Absent:

Rob Edwardson, David Campbell, Todd Cameron, Lindsey Peterson, Kim McDowell, Mikko Wilson, Andrew Bogar, Ed Williams, Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

Others Present:

Robin Brenner (Brenner Interpreting Services), Alison Gains (Sitting in for Lindsey Peterson), Andrew Ahlstrom (SEARHC), C.A. Garcia, Lisa Marx (CAP), Joshua Claeys (Army National Guard), Pamela Mueller (SAIL), John T. Flood

II. AGENDA CHANGES - None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February and March Minutes approved with the change that Jason Burke was present.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

V. REPORTS

A. BRH Mass Casualty Drill – Tonia Montez

ICS scenario on May 3, 2018 and an EMT meet on April 12

The Table Top Exercise is complete. The full scale exercise will include an internal and external scenario. The external scenario will be a bus accident.

A flyer was sent out to recruit volunteers. 20-25 volunteers are needed, 9 have been confirmed.

B. Red Cross – Chip Wagoner

Five persons trained in Anchorage on basic and advanced training in disaster response, resources, and coordination. Not part of Preparedness Conference.

There will be an open house for the new Red Cross facility on April 26.

There has been one fire response in Juneau since the last meeting.

C. Media – Bill Legere

No comments

D. Public Health – Alison Gaines

The mumps issue is fading away. There has been no new case in several weeks. Sixteen nurses throughout the State will participate in the Alaska Shield Exercise. Annual update of All State plans was completed in March.

E. Weather – Joel Curtis

Below normal water levels in the southern half of the State's panhandle has been causing issues with hydroelectric power. Some communities had to resort to expensive diesel fuel generators. Oddly, Ketchikan who was in a drought, recently received enough rain to allow the use of hydro power. Wrangell, Petersburg, and Sitka all have below normal water levels while Juneau remains close to normal. Snow packs at elevation are low throughout the State, which could cause future problems with fish breeding streams and other things.

Since January 2 there have been two wildland fires in Southeast Alaska.

- The Lucky Me Fire burned 2 acres on Douglas Island
- 1.5 weeks ago there was a fire outside the Berners' Bay Cabin. Strong winds and dry conditions would have caused the cabin to burn were it not for the quick actions of first responders.

Recreational pallet fires near beaches and the associated dry grasses could cause wildland fires this spring.

F. USCG Multi-Agency Exercise – Ed Quinto

April 4 – 5 exercise involved a scenario where two persons stole radiological materials to produce a Radiological Dispersal Bomb, aka "dirty bomb." One "bad guy" actor was pulled over and caught by JPD while the other boarded the AMHS Columbia. Volunteer Carolyn Garcia described the stress involved while on the Columbia and stated that the exercise painted a very good picture of the actual stress experienced in a real world emergency.

This was a multi-agency exercise but it was mostly for the USCG. Partner agencies involved the FBI, JPD, and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). It was the first time the USCG and the Juneau SWAT team has worked together. The CBP has the training and equipment to remove dirty bomb material. All agencies worked well together. It was determined that some agencies needed a stronger ICS structure. There will be an After Action Report (AAR) next week.

Alaska Shield will take place on April or May of 2019. The USCG is required to do a full scale exercise that year and may be involved.

G. Princess Sophia Exhibit – nothing to add

H. CERT – May 8 is the monthly CERT Meeting

I. Preparedness Conference in Anchorage – Tom Mattice and Michelle Brown are in attendance this week.

J. National Guard – The infantry and MPs will deploy to Afghanistan and Iraq in early 2019. They will be gone for at least one year.

Air Search and Rescue will be more visible this summer and aims to play a bigger role in Southeast Alaska.

VI. NEW BUSINESS - none

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEXT MEETING
TBD

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:36 PM