

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, January 10th 2018 12:00 P.M.
Juneau Police Dept. EOC Room
155 S. Seward Street, Juneau, AK
(Questions Call – 586-0371)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dan Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Roll Call: By Michelle Brown

Quorum established.

In a Special Recognition of Mike Lopez he was given a plaque for a lifetime of volunteer service and our gratitude for his many years of service to the LEPC. This is Mike's last meeting as a seated member.

Members Present:

Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Scott Erickson, David Campbell, Ed Quinto, Todd Cameron, Lindsey Peterson, Destiny Sargeant, Tonia Montez, Bill Legere, Andrew Bogar, Chip Wagoner, Dan Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Karen Wood, Paul Khera, Joel Curtis

Members Absent:

Rob Edwardson, David Campbell, Kim McDowell, Mikko Wilson, Ed Williams, Jason Burke, Zachariah Fisher

Others Present: Mike Lopez, Louisa Phillips, Carly Jenkinson, MJ Hinman, RN/Red Cross, Gerardo Lopez, Rick Janelle, Michael Smathers, Andrew Migel (Risk Management), Carolyn Garcia (AK Ed), Arley Paulus, Matthew Zimmer, John Flood

II. AGENDA CHANGES

- A. Add LEPC Seat discussion to New Business
- B. Add Weather update to Other Member Reports
- C. Add Warming Center to New Business

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 13th, 2017 – Approved

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Non-Agenda Items – 10 minutes

None

V. REPORTS

A. CBJ Happenings Report

Tom Mattice reported that the Avalanche Workshop had to be cancelled because the presenter was indisposed. He advised that the Alaska Assessment for 2018 was in process and LEPC input would be needed. FEMA Flood Map revisions are also in the works.

B. Elected Official's Report

None

C. BRH Report

Mike Lopez advised the group that BRH were planning a multi-agency mass casualty disaster exercise for mid-April. The exercise is to include testing capabilities for handling individuals with access and functional needs. The State & Health Care Coalition plan to be involved.

D. Red Cross (RC) Report

Andrew Bogar reported on number of volunteers deployed from Juneau and throughout Alaska. Chip is volunteer coordinator for the Juneau office. Rick Janelle is in charge of the DAT Apartment Complex exercise Feb 23-24 (Fri-Sat). Juneau now has 3 DAT teams. The Juneau office plans to host 2 classroom style training classes per month.

E. Media Reports

Bill Legere reported that the revised EAS Plan was submitted to the State for adoption. Coast Alaska (KTOO Radio) shipped two portable radio kits to Puerto Rico for the ongoing disaster response. They are being run out of a Western Shelter just like those stationed by the EMPG Grant in SE AK. These kits were invented, designed, and engineered by a KTOO employee.

F. Public Health

Lindsey Peterson reported that the 2017 Fall POD Exercise successfully tested priorities in information sharing, mass care, and core capabilities. They served 308 clients in 3 hours (approximately 102 per hour). PH feels this needs improvement. PH is moving toward a computerized process to increase efficiency and improve follow-up capabilities. They are considering improving communication capabilities by adding walkie-talkies.

G. National Weather Service

Joel Curtis provided a overview of the 2017 weather season stating that temperatures, rainfall, and extreme fluctuations in weather patterns were all above normal throughout the year. He also said the State needed to increase capabilities to handle wildland fires in Alaska.

H. Gastineau Humane Society

Karen Wood reported that the Animal Shelter was currently at capacity for cats and that donations of HAZMAT cleanup materials were being sought.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LEPC Seat and Bylaws discussion

1. Add Health Seat

Michelle Brown introduced Michael Sanders, SEARHC Regional Safety Officer. Michael told the group that SEARHC has 30 clinics in SE Alaska. He plans to attend and support the Juneau LEPC to help with furthering safety & preparedness throughout the region. He is in support of adding a Health Seat to further diversify representation on the committee. Michelle and Tom Mattice advised the group that this was in line with both Fed. and State objectives and guidelines. The group agreed a Health Seat would be a valuable asset they agreed to leave the BRH Seat with both primary and alternate seat representation. The group moved this to Action Items.

2. Discussion to change title on Seat 11 Vulnerable Populations to Access and Functional Needs

Jason Burke, primary Vulnerable Populations seat recommended changing the title to Access & Functional Needs; which is in line with the State's newest terminology for this. Bill Legere spoke in favor of this action. The group agreed to move this to Action Items.

B. Cold Weather Warming Center/ Emergency Shelter

Michelle Brown introduced Scott Ciambor, Chief Housing Officer for CBJ. He provided an update to the group about this new community service. In 2017 215 people were homeless; of those 59 were totally unsheltered. Intervention for supportive housing is considered the best practice and goal. The new Housing 1st housing complex provided accommodations for 32 individuals. The CBJ Assembly approved 75K for 2018 for a new Cold Weather Emergency Shelter in the Public Safety Building, 450 Whitter Street. The shelter is coordinated and managed by Aware and The Glory Hole through a CBJ contract. It is to be opened Dec. 1 to April 15, from 11pm to 6:30am on nights when temps are expected to drop below 32°. It provides a warm place with a blanket and cot to individuals to overnight in the shelter. No food. To coordinate staffing in advance they work with the NWS to determine in advance when temps below 32° would require opening the shelter. JPD provides security assistance as needed. In December the shelter was opened 17 nights, averaging 18 individuals per night, and served a total of 309 people. The highest attendance in Dec was 29 people.

C. New meeting space for monthly LEPC meetings

Michelle Brown said the search to secure a new meeting space was going well and she anticipated having it wrapped up before the next meeting. The Downtown Fire Station Conference room is scheduled for the Feb. meeting.

D. CERT Certification- Ongoing- No additional information

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Group voted unanimously to recommend a change to the LEPC Bylaws to add a dedicated Health seat and change the seat currently titled Vulnerable Populations to Access and Functional Needs.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS (Contact Tom Mattice 586-0419)

- A. SE Alaska Snow & Avalanche Workshop. Decision Making
Friday Jan 12, 7-9pm, Rockwell Ballroom
- B. DHS Spring Preparedness Conference and LEPCA Meeting
April 10-13 in Anchorage
- C. Multi Agency Backcountry Avalanche Search and Rescue Avalanche Exercise
Saturday & Sunday Jan 13/14 - CANCELLED NO SNOW
- D. Snowmobile Club Avalanche Awareness Training Day
TBD
- E. Project Homeless Connect
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 – 9am to 3pm
- F. Warming Center Volunteers needed. Contact:
 - 1. AWARE – mandyoc@awareak.org
 - 2. Glory Hole – info@feedjuneau.org
- G. CERT Monthly Meeting
February, 13, 2018

IV. NEXT MEETING

****Wednesday, February 14th , 2018 – 12:00 pm. Location: Downtown Fire Dept. Training Room**

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm

The meeting was followed by a guided tour of the JPD facilities which the group found very enlightening. Thanks to Chief Ed Mercer Deputy, Chief David Campbell, and Lieutenant Scott Erickson for hosting the meeting and tour.