

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, November 8th 2017 - 12:00 P.M.
Downtown Fire Station (Training Room)
820 Glacier Ave (Parking at rear of building)
(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.

- Introductions and welcome:
 - Rob Edwardson (Elected Official-Primary Seat)
 - Karen Wood, Gastineau Humane Society (Community Group-Primary Seat)

Members Present:

Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Rob Edwardson, David Campbell, Ed Quinto, Mike Lopez, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, Chip Wagoner, Dan Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Paul Khera, Joel Curtis, Jason Burke

Members Absent:

Ed Mercer, Todd Cameron, Lindsey Peterson, Destiny Sargeant, Martha Palicka, Andrew Bogar, Zachariah Fisher

Others Present: Sue Pridgen-Webb (for Lindsey Peterson), Pamela Mueller-Guy, Robin Brenner, John Flood (AKARNG), Josh Claeys (AKARNG), Jeshua McMasters (AKARNG), Judy Bristow, Matthew Ziemer

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Add capabilities update from Josh Claeys and weather report from Joel Curtis.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 11th, 2017 – Approved without changes.

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

- A. Josh Claeys went over capabilities for AKARNG including Air Rescue, Mass Casualty, Black Hawk, and hand held communication. All Life Med resources in Alaska agreed to augment their services by utilizing AKARNG capabilities if unable to respond. Claeys requested inclusion in local exercises and invited everyone to stop by their facility by wings to do a walking tour.
- B. Joel Curtis advised the committee that SEAK was experiencing La Nina weather effects which included extreme precipitation and wind. Stating that we had been lucky to date because most of the wind had been in the outer coast and not in town. He spoke about the Jordan Creek flooding; gage showed a new record set by 3 feet above moderate flood stage, peaking the afternoon of October 27th. It was over 11 ft.; flood stage begins at 8 ft. Damage to homes and businesses included crawl space, roads by NAPA and Lyles, small debris flows, and mud

slides on hill sides and roads. AAR will concentrate on how the current system worked with this flooding stage and weather system. Montana Creek was also high but no damage reported from that flood. Members asked about mitigation possibilities, much of the flooding was caused by back flow through storm drains that could not facilitate that much water fast enough. In fun Joel predicted the first measurable snow for November 11 at 23:00.

V. REPORTS

A. CBJ Happenings Report

Tom Mattice reported that we anticipated an additional DHS&EM SHSP funding award to wrap up JPD, CCFR, and Airport projects. The Meander Way Project is still in talks. He advised that an All Hazard Mitigation Plan Contractor was being secured by the State to assist with all HMP's within the state. He told the Committee that the Assembly had passed approval on \$72K to setup a Low Barrier Downtown Warming Center to serve our homeless population. Temperature limits will be established to direct when the center will be opened and approximately 20 cots & blankets are to be provided, no food. Anticipated hours are 10:30pm to 6:30am. Staffing and volunteers will be coordinated by AWARE and the Glory Hole; they are seeking volunteers. Avalanche season will officially begin with the official opening of Eaglecrest Ski Area. Training schedule will be available next month.

B. Elected Official's Report

Rob Edwardson the LEPC's new Elected Official to the Assembly introduced himself saying he had been a Commercial Fisherman, in the Coast Guard, and is ICS trained.

C. BRH Report

Mike Lopez advised that the hospital was planning an Exercise in the near future that would test their plan for capabilities to operate when critical utilities like oxygen were lost. Date would be announced soon.

D. Red Cross (RC) Report

Chip Wagoner reported that the night of Nov. 7th the RC had responded to a fire in Hoonah caused by a chimney fire; they are serving the family. Revised DAT Handbook is complete. Priorities continue to be capability growth to support disaster shelters, casework, planning, logistics. Chip is to participate in a TTT next week in Anchorage.

E. Media Reports

Bill Legere reported that KTOO had been appointed as the media station to lead EAS alerts and emergency broadcasts. The SE Communications Committee will meet tomorrow in Anchorage and determine the LEP2 station (likely KATH). And review/update State Plan.

F. Other LEPC Member Reports:

Sue Pridgen-Webb, Public Health, was present to fill in for Lindsey Peterson's absence. She provided updated on the recent Public Flu Vaccination POD Exercise. 310 shots were given in 3 hours; each participant took about 6 minutes to get through the entire process; the flow was very good. Bus transportation for those with accessibility/mobility issues went well. Triage was tested at the door, plan evaluators were staged throughout event, and chain of command was followed smoothly. The two family tables served more families than any past exercise. The Harborview School location worked well. There were 33 volunteers from a wide range of partners. Mike Lopez felt that the increase in community volunteer participation could be attributed to new initiatives that have participation requirements. A full AAR meeting is scheduled for Dec. 1 12-1 at Public Health.

Paul Khera invited Tom (Emergency Programs) to participate in Wings shorter Flight Exercise and the Coast Guard also requested they be included. Paul reported that the recent occurrences of street lights being out in the Lemon Creek area were attributed to the fact that when a car accident takes out one light it causes multiple outages which take more time to get back on line. He also advised the Committee that the DOT had an Avalanche advisor through a UAS contract.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. New meeting space for future monthly LEPC meetings. Michelle continued discussion with group on potential locations for future LEPC monthly meetings. December to be in Assembly Chambers and January at JPD with facility tour.
- B. **CERT Certification-** Ongoing-See info item. Judy Bristow represented CERT and invited the group to the Graduation/Potluck on November 11. It will be at the Valley Library at 4 pm.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None

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

- A. CERT Certification Graduation - November 11th, Valley Library at 4pm
- B. Happy Thanksgiving – November 23, 2017

X. NEXT MEETING

****Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 – 12:00 pm. Location Assembly Chambers**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm