

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 - 12:00 P.M.
Bartlett Regional Hospital
(Questions Call – 586-0371)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Mattice called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Roll Call: By Secretary Paul Nowlin

Members Present:

Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Jamie Bursell, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, Andrew Bogar, Paul Nowlin, Joel Curtis, Mike Lopez, Pam Watts, Ed Mercer

Members Absent:

Maria Gladziszewski, David Campbell, Rich Etheridge, Cheri Moyer, Scott Novak, Dan Garcia, Allison Natcher, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Jason Burke

Others Present:

Stephen Harrison (USCG), Chip Wagoner, Matt Ziemer, Lindsey Taylor (RN), Lt. Lance Walters, Pam Mueller-Guy (SAIL)

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

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

None

V. REPORTS

A. CBJ Happenings Report

Michelle Brown reported that she, and others, attended the DHS & EM Bi-Annual Preparedness Conference in Anchorage; and learned about the future of funding for the LEPC, which includes small financial and administrative changes. Tom Mattice stated that the State level LEPC has added a few people. Brown said that they have created a checklist to help rate local LEPC's performance and needs. Due to LEPC's expanding from HAZMAT to encompass all emergencies, the State is continually adjusting to meet the needs of each LEPC community. Mattice talked about the revised emergency plan, GAPS Analysis, response plans, training plans, AK SHIELD went well, the bi-annual Preparedness Conference, the State LEPC reaching out to smaller communities, telephonic options for meetings, wireless emergency alert (no testing in AK yet), Suicide Basin (monitoring/USGS; water in basin is filling, equations to model water volumes are being bettered).

B. Elected Official's Report

None

C. BRH Report

Mattice spoke about BRH and SEARHC having a cooperative mass casualty exercise; in addition to the annual drill. Mike Lopez said they have been very busy at BRH; including the joint drill with SEARHC, which sought to improve the tracking of staff in emergency situations; and the two entities traded information. They finished several planned procedures; attended a regional tabletop in Sitka and conference.

D. Red Cross Report

Andrew Bogart reported that the RC has a new volunteer that is working full time. The RC installed 27 fire detectors in homes; 17 more families are standing by; and that they are doing high risk homes first.

E. Media Reports

None

F. Other LEPC Member Reports

Lindsey Taylor spoke about Public Health; CDC, POD planning; communication improvements, and sharing information.

G. CERT Reports

Mike Lopez reported that the CERT has been very active; including volunteering with the RC. CERT members have value beyond first aid and CPR; for example, thanks to the CCFR, they are able to practice extinguishing fires at the Hagevig Regional Fire Training Center; including the use of a fire simulator, that detects the proper use of an extinguisher and grades the effort. The CERT received support from the CBJ Managers Office.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Joel Curtis gave a presentation on What's New for the N.W.S. He spoke on many topics, including: Weather Ready Nation is an effort to prepare society to efficiently respond to weather dependent events; including tsunamis, floods, hurricanes, and tornados. The plans address transportation, logistics, mutual support, unusual natural disasters (e.g. mudslides), pandemics, environmental spills (oil, HAZMAT). Events must be assessed, in order to create a plan and identify impacts. Impact-based Decision Support Services (IDSS) is about accuracy and giving people the confidence to act. Specific effects of the weather are now catalogued, because understanding the impacts directs the emphasis, communications, and details in the forecast; for example, if the 60 mph wind consistently knocks down powerlines, warnings will be given if the wind reaches 60 mph. Local Area Forecasting focuses on populated areas. The NWS website has been given a more standardized feel. The Juneau Forecast Office will be having an open house around June 16th; but the true date and time are TBD.
- B. Destiny Sargeant asked the group if they would support her idea to create an educational Facebook page by supplying information. She also solicited for someone to help administrate the page. The group asked for additional information about her vision for the website.
- C. Destiny Sargeant offered to give a class in disaster psychology; it is a RC class; due to its 1 ½ hour length, it will be held after a LEPC meeting.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. None

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. *****MOTION***** Mattice moved that the Committee support LEPC readiness training; seconded; none opposed; the motion passes.
- B. *****MOTION***** Sargeant moved to have the LEPC support an educational FB page on preparedness; seconded; motion tabled until Destiny brings additional information to the June meeting.
- C. *****MOTION***** Brown moved to have Sargeant give a presentation in regards to disaster psychology; seconded; none opposed; the motion passes.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. **Juneau Forecast Station Open House – around June 16th; date and time TBD**
- B. **LEPC Presentation courtesy of the National Guard by James Zuelow, June 8**

X. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 8th, 2016 – 12:00 pm

NOTE: June LEPC Location will be at the BRH Administrative Bldg. Classrooms A/B

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm