

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 - 12:00 P.M.
Bartlett Regional Hospital
(Questions Call – 586-0371)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call: By Secretary Paul Nowlin

Members Present:

Tom Mattice, David Campbell, Ed Quinto, Alison Brehmer, Andrew Bogar, Dan Garcia, Allison Natcher, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin, Pam Watts, Bill Legere, Maria Gladziszewski, Mike Lopez, Mikko Wilson

Members Absent:

Michelle Brown, Ed Mercer, Rich Etheridge, Cheri Moyer, Scott Novak, Jason Burke, Destiny Sargeant, Joel Curtis

Others Present:

Ric Iannolino, Chip Wagoner (volunteer), Kristin Bartlett (JSD), Lt. Lance Walters, Pam Mueller-Guy (SAIL), Robin Brenner

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Smart 9-1-1 Presentation Date of next meeting s/b: 2/10/16

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

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

None

V. REPORTS

A. CBJ Happenings Report

Tom Mattice reported that the deadline for federal grants has changed from June to February; and the grant process is ongoing now. Mattice also reported that there are currently no avalanche dangers in the CBJ.

B. Elected Official's Report

None

C. BRH Report

None

D. Red Cross Report

Tom Mattice reported that the R.C. will be working with the CERT team on sheltering exercises at UAS; volunteers needed.

E. Media Reports

- None
- F. Other LEPC Member Reports
 - None
- G. CERT Reports
 - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Ric Iannolino gave a talk on a service called Smart 9-1-1. [It is the brand name of one of several like services; but this talk primarily focused on this product specifically, unless otherwise specified]. The TSA National Database is not allowed to have any medical info on it [due to HIPPA]. Some people carry medical cards that give information to those that would help them during a situation; however, these cards are often lost, forgotten about, or the person helping does not know to look/ask for the card. Iannolino started researching this topic, because he saw a problem and knew there had to be a better solution than cards. For some, say a person with dementia, they may not remember they have a card to give, and a database is the only way to link their ID with their ailment. Oahu, HI, has Smart 9-1-1 in place today. This system not only helps elderly people (e.g. dementia), but also helps physically and mentally disabled persons as well. For example, police may react negatively to an individual who is uncooperative, refuses to be touched, use combative speech, etc. If these same officers had a way of knowing that the person they are in contact with has certain disabilities they might handle the situation without assuming the actions are controllable; which at times, leads to injury to the person, or death. Ed Quinto added that the CBJ's upcoming 9-1-1 system will be better equipped to have such additions added, compared to the existing system. Mattice went on to say that the more linked the system is to the 9-1-1 system, the more costly it is for initial setup; and for annual membership fees. Since the City has access to activate the EAS in the case of an emergency, it is a hard sell to justify spending money on systems like reverse 9-1-1; such services push out messages in an emergency, rather than receive them. For example if a forest fire arose in the Valley, all residents of that area would receive messages alerting them to evacuate. Mattice also spoke about the difficulties of getting people to sign up for the service; and the difficulties of justifying spending large amounts of money whilst only a handful of people have signed up in the initial years. Iannolino stated that 1 in 9 people over 60 have dementia; as well as, 1 in 3 who are over 80. He quoted the price at being \$33k the first year; \$25k subsequent years; with a \$5k per unit/year. Other communities had held fundraisers to support the system. Organizations can sign up their clients. Mattice spoke about the dwindling funds that are readily available for 9-1-1 today. 9-1-1 has historically been supported by taxes on landline phones; which are less and less in use each year. And suggested that fundraising might be the most viable option.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. None

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. SE AK Snow & Avalanche Workshop, Friday, Dec. 11, 2015, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., Rockwell Ballroom, \$15.00 Charge.
- B. Juneau LEPC Meeting – Visit from State LEPC Program Coordinator, Jared Woody, Feb. 10, 2016
 - 1. Presentation on Tier II Electronic Reporting
 - 2. State LEPC Guidance

X. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 10th, 2016 – 12:00 pm

IMPORTANT NOTE: The LEPC LOCATION WILL BE AT THE BRH ADMINISTRATIVE CLASSROOMS.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm