

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 - 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, Ed Mercer, Ed Quinto, Alison Brehmer, Destiny Sargeant, Bill Legere, Roger Rettig, Andrew Bogar, Matt Musselwhite, Paul Nowlin, Joel Curtis, Jason Burke

Members Absent:

David Campbell, Rich Etheridge, Destiny Sargeant, Cheri Moyer, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, Scott Novak, Jason Burke, Pam Watts

Others Present:

James Zuelow, Lt. Lance Walters, Dan Brady

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

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

James Zuelow spoke about how the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) can handle all: non-military, non-police, non-fire; by passing structured messages. They are planning a training for new technicians; upon completion they would be licensed. They must have 8+ participants to hold the class. The cost for the student is \$10 for the test, and \$20 for the book.

V. REPORTS

A. CBJ Happenings Report

Tom Mattice reported that he attended the Homeland Security Preparedness Conference in Anchorage; the presentations were good; there were networking opportunities. Grants have been awarded. The flood study and assessment of bank stability on the Mendenhall river was completed by NRCS; and grants are available. The study including the Army Corp of Engineers report will be presented to the Assembly COW on or after Dec. 14th. Decisions need to be made on how/where to best spend grant money to protect the community against flooding and what situations the individuals would be responsible to protect their own property against flooding. Mattice reported that preparations for avalanche season were in place. Ed Mercer attended the Preparedness Conference in Anchorage and described the Sandy Hook presentation about dealing with the families in a small community after such a tragic event mixed with national news coverage. Mercer also spoke about the ongoing progress of the marijuana board, in regards to sales; security and threats in regards to the pipeline; A.L.I.C.E. training, and the importance of being properly trained on the most

effective actions individuals can make, as law enforcement cannot respond before injuries have occurred. Statistically once police arrive the shooter commits suicide. Mattice added that it is important for people to have the current training, because protocol has changed in a relatively short period of time; and people are still acting on old protocol that is not effective.

B. Elected Official's Report

None

C. BRH Report

None

D. Red Cross Report

Andrew Bogar reported that he also attended the State's Preparedness Conference in Anchorage; and attended classes on shootings, plane crashes, and bomb making. The later was a class on spotting potential individuals who may be making bombs. Last month the RC assisted an individual displaced in Angoon, a fire in Haines. Roger Rettig reported that after a recent fire an effected individual declined help from the R.C. as they had family to board with. Bogar announce local training to include a partnership with Juneau CERT; and will focus on sheltering.

E. Media Reports

Bill Legere reported that the State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) is working on a new plan for the State; as the old one is obsolete. FIPS codes are being streamlined with the NWS codes. Only 3 communities in Alaska currently have communication plans: Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks.

F. Other LEPC Member Reports

Michelle Brown reported that she attended the State Preparedness Conference; during which she attended the bomb making class, and found it to be interesting, she mentioned a couple of the many telltale signs to identify a potentially dangerous situation are volatile chemicals stored together and/or with extreme clutter and individuals acting "edgy" or unstable. Brown also reported to the State LEPCA Committee that the Juneau bylaws had been rewritten to include vulnerable populations; 300+ people took tickets at the Expo; and the Expo ads were revamped to be more appealing to the general public, with the use of imagery that was more sentimental and family/individual oriented rather than photos of first responders. Tier II reporting is hoped to be, but not guaranteed, to be ready for electronic filing by the next reporting cycle; it will utilize drop down boxes for ease and continuity; and Juneau was one of the first communities to approach the State about moving to electronic filing.

G. CERT Reports

Tom Mattice reported that 25 students are signed up to become CERT members.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Brown spoke about a potential public outreach workshop type effort partnering with local businesses to encourage folks to obtain a few preparedness items each week/month; and in 12 weeks an individual would have a 7-day emergency kit for their home. She thought that one potential would be to work with schools to help families build kits or the kits could be put together by students in school groups, and at community events. Brown solicited a volunteer to lead a group in the building of 7-day emergency shelter kits; the kits can also be built in home. Bill Leger said that this had been done successfully via a radio outreach promo. Andrew Bogar raised his hand to help with this effort. He added that

groups such as the Girl Scouts of America could engage in friendly competition to see who could build kits the fastest; or the most kits, etc. This type of gamification has been used in other volunteer programs and efforts.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Preparedness Expo; After Action Report

Tom Mattice reported that there were 380+ visitors; individual's specific needs and questions were addressed; Andrew Bogar gained 3 volunteers for the Red Cross; and Joel Curtis had fun exchanges of knowledge with people.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. CERT Regular Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, September 8th, 2015, 6-8:30 pm at the Hagevig Fire Training Center.
- B. 2015 Juneau Preparedness Expo – Fri/Sat, Sep 11th & 12th, Centennial Hall.
- C. The Great Alaskan Shake-Out – Thursday, October 15, 2015 @ 10:15 am
- D. CERT Training – October and November (See handout for full details)

X. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 9th, 2014 – 12:00 pm

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm