

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, August 12th, 2015 - 12:00 P.M.
Bartlett Regional Hospital
(Questions Call – 586-0371)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call: By Secretary Paul Nowlin

Members Present:

Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Maria Gladziszewski, Ed Quinto, Alison Brehmer, Mike Lopez, Roger Rettig, Dan Garcia, Allison Natcher, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin, Joel Curtis, Pam Watts

Members Absent:

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

Others Present:

Robin Brenner (interpreter), Larry Walter (ARES), Eileen Nally (USCG), Kristin Bartlett (JSD), Andrew Migel, Carolyn Garcia

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

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

Larry Walter reported that a new repeater has been added that allows HAM radio operators in Juneau to talk to Haines, and the Yukon. During the AK Shield exercise a similar system was used. The Land Mobile Radio (LMR) is dedicated to amateur networks; in Alaska (AMLR); and is a statewide communication system. There are repeaters at Lena Point, Peterson Hill, and at the top of the Tram. As long as email systems exist elsewhere in the U.S., Walter is able to use High Frequency (HF) signals to broadcast and receive email to and from said running email systems. At the end of June, they had a 100' antenna set up for a field day; and sent a message to the Mayor and Assembly members.

V. REPORTS

A. CBJ Happenings Report

Tom Mattice thanked the new attendees for coming to the meeting, and encouraged the group to invite new people each month. Mattice reported that the Mendenhall River report is getting edited; and Mathieu Tisne's report should be done at the beginning of next month. FEMA did an overlay map; with different actions, and different responses; recommendations for improvements; conducted many new studies, for example, 6 or 7 new studies were done on Duck Creek; this FEMA study is not an adopted flood map, and thusly, will NOT affect flood

insurance rates. They are tweaking some holes in the report. All 3 aforementioned reports will be published in the beginning of November. Mattice also reported that the exercises with AEL&P, JAMHI, the Johnson Youth Center, and multiple other players went well. And that LEPC grants are going well. More A.L.I.C.E. training is being planned. Mattice asked Kristin Bartlett (of the JSD) how the training is going in the schools. Bartlett replied that although they originally thought it would be challenging, that it was going well; and the JPD helped make it systematic. On Tuesday and Wednesday all staff will receive the A.L.I.C.E. training. Paul Nowlin asked if the training was being extended to day cares, to which Mattice said was not something they had thought about, but that it was a good idea and would move forward with it. It was suggested to contact the Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) as a resource for this venture.

B. Elected Official's Report

None

C. BRH Report

Mike Lopez reported that the Mass Casualty Survey has been finished, and they received great feedback; when asked if individuals would participate, many people responded favorably. They are starting the planning phase, and will determine how BRH will respond. Tom Mattice added that companies responded similarly, in that, when asked if they would work with BRH in a mass casualty situation none responded negatively. Lopez reported that the Ebola Mass Casualty exercise took several months of planning and man hours; the work should improve response time; and was extended to deal with any infectious ailments. The upcoming Mass Casualty Exercise is on a date to be determined.

D. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig reported that the R.C. supported 2 fire clients; supported an aviation disaster with help of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), with special thanks to the individuals who gave their time and the JSD for providing facilities. The R.C. will have a booth at the Governor's Picnic, which will be held at the UAS campus this year. Rettig praised the 2-1-1 service, but noted that in Alaska there are limitations; for example, it was reported that on POW Island it doesn't work well. Despite its limitations, it is one of the most referred to resources when R.C. cannot help; and Rettig suggested that even fire, police, and other responders use the resource as needed as well. Roger Rettig announced that his replacement Andrew Bogart would be present at the next meeting. Many members of the LEPC thanked Roger for his many years of service in both the Red Cross and the LEPC. It was expressed that he will be missed on the LEPC and we look forward to continuing working with him as a Red Cross volunteer

E. Media Reports

None

F. Other LEPC Member Reports

None

G. CERT Reports

Mike Lopez reported that they inventoried their packs for upcoming classes. During the spring class 21 individuals signed up. They are not going to be able to use the live fire

apparatus, and thusly, are attempting to build a mock fire unit. [However, it was later discussed that there may still be the possibility of using the live fire apparatus]. Lopez reported that they meet each Tuesday for task groups (outreach, etc.). There are 100 active volunteers; and they are getting closer to becoming a viable asset to responders.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Preparedness Expo

Michelle Brown requested that each member reach out to draw in businesses to come share valuable information with the community. Tom Mattice added that LEPC members need to turn in their own forms for the agencies they work for. The State will not be sending down its earthquake simulator due to fiscal reasons. We have a fair amount of companies involved so far, but there is still more outreach to do; and asked for volunteers to make around 20-30 phone calls to lockdown some companies' paperwork. Brown reported that there are several organizations offering helping hands to set up booths, and things of this nature. And also said that JAMHI's planning for floods could be useful for residents in the area, and may help them develop their own family plans. When asked about attendance, Mattice answered that there are typically 700-1000 in attendance to the Expo. Brown closed the topic by announcing that there will be a CERT sign up at the Expo. On a related note, Mike Lopez announced that there will be a National Preparedness Month display at the mall again; and he will need help setting it up.

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 13th thru November 7th (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