

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 - 12:00 P.M.
Downtown CCFR Hall
(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, Ed Mercer, Chad Cameron, Destiny Sargeant, Mike Lopez, Mikko Wilson, Roger Rettig, Dan Garcia, Alison Natcher, Paul Nowlin, Pam Watts, Jason Burke

Members Absent:

Maria Gladziszewski, David Campbell, Rich Etheridge, Alison Brehmer, Cheri Moyer, Bill Legere, Scott Novak, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Joel Curtis

Others Present:

Pamela Mueller-Guy (SAIL), Lawrence Walter (ARES), Robin Brenner (SAIL), Lt. Lance Walters (Salvation Army), Eileen Nally (USCG Dist. 17)

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Michelle Brown and Ed Mercer were added to the Other LEPC Member Reports section below (V. F.).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

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

None

V. REPORTS

A. CBJ Happenings Report

Michelle Brown reported on the Mary Schoenfeldt presentation for emergency preparedness. One key point was to ask yourself: “Who depends on me?”; and to realize that your dependents and pets need your help in an emergency situation. It has been determined that it is more effective to get people prepared if they are thinking about others and not themselves; and to move people from “intention to motivation”. It is our nature to care about others more than ourselves; for example, if we forget to buy food for ourselves on the way home, we go to bed hungry, if we forget to buy dog food on the way home, we get back in our car and go to the store. Brown provided a link to a PowerPoint presentation that can be tweaked for an individual’s, or an organization’s, needs.

Tom Mattice reported that the LEPC budget was submitted for the same dollar amount as the previous year; the State is making budget cuts across the board, so we did not seek an increase; however, we will need to bring in more money from sponsorships/donations. Mattice also reported on the rebuilding of avalanche monitoring systems; gauges being

installed in Suicide Basin; and the Army Corp of Engineers is working on a new flood study for the lower river. CBJ is petitioning the State to enable digital Tier II reporting; this would allow the information that is already being collected to be more useful.

B. Elected Official's Report

None

C. BRH Report

Mike Lopez reported that there was no April exercise; and that it has been moved to early fall. Also about the possibility of SE AK Healthcare partners conducting an exercise; the tentative date will be set in 2016. This week is hospital week. A survey has been completed of local healthcare providers, their equipment, etc. The survey was completed by a third party via Survey Monkey (online), letters, and faxes. The end goal was to determine where injured parties could go in the event that BRH was overwhelmed; due to a large scale disaster/emergency event, or otherwise. Tom Mattice added that a triage would be set up, and reds (seriously injured/sick) would go to BRH, and the greens and yellows (minor and medium injuries respectively) would be directed to other healthcare providers in the community according to their abilities to treat patients. This would prevent a bottleneck from the inflow of patients trying to reach BRH.

D. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig reported that it has been relatively "quiet". The RC cancelled their large training (new date TBD). Rettig also spoke about the United Way's phone service, 2-1-1; which callers can receive information about "a wide variety of vital resources in [their] community including emergency food and shelter, disability services, counseling, senior services, healthcare, child care, drug and alcohol programs, legal assistance, transportation needs, educational opportunities, and much more" (alaska211.org). Tom Mattice said in layman's terms it is the 4-1-1 of healthcare. Rettig reported that the sheltering activity went well on POW Island and that a dozen locals participated.

E. Media Reports

None

F. Other LEPC Member Reports

Michelle Brown announced that the CCFR and the JPD are in need of at least 6 more casualty volunteers for a joint training exercise; and could use up to 20 more volunteers. The training is on Friday from 10:30-5. Volunteers are encouraged to wear old clothing that may be cut off their bodies, or stained from the activities.

Ed Mercer spoke about the recent threats to schools in the Juneau School District. The threats are believed to be connected to a number of threats to schools in other communities across Alaska and Washington State; although, there is a possibility that copycats could be responsible for calls in any given area. Each instance of threat is considered real, and a full response is initiated each time, in an effort to stave off complacency.

G. CERT Reports

Mike Lopez reported that they discussed the potential of the CERT team being a resource for police, fire fighters, and other responders; and is requesting sit downs with these organizations to discuss the possibilities, and the steps that need to be taken to accomplish said possibilities. They are seeking to use the Hagevig Fire Training Center to teach CERT members how to effectively use a fire extinguisher. Lopez finished by saying that the CERT members are

trained to work alone if necessary as good Samaritans in emergency situations; and hopefully will be able to assist the community in a larger role working with, and alongside, police and fire responders.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Preparedness Expo – Tom Mattice reported that we are in need of more funding for the upcoming Expo; and that we are still waiting to hear about sponsorship from the USCG.
- B. (See V. Reports A. CBJ Happenings Report)

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. BRH Mass Casualty Exercise – ~~Apr 9th, 2015~~ (cancelled/reschedule date TBD) Volunteers to act as victims are needed. Please email Mike Lopez for additional information.
mlopez@bartletthospital.org
- B. CERT Regular Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, June 9th, 2015, 6-8:30 pm at the Hagevig Fire Training Center.
- C. 2015 Juneau Preparedness Expo – Fri/Sat, Sep 11th & 12th, Centennial Hall.

X. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 10th, 2014 – 12:00 pm

ATTENTION! The LEPC TEMPORARY NEW MEETING LOCATION until July 2015 will be at the DOWNTOWN CCFR TRAINING ROOM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm