

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, March 11th, 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, Maria Gladziszewski, Ed Quinto, Alison Brehmer, Cheri Moyer, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, Roger Rettig, Scott Novak, Dan Garcia, Alison Natcher, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin, Jason Burke

Members Absent:

Ed Mercer, David Campbell, Chad Cameron, Rich Etheridge, Destiny Sargeant, Mike Lopez, Matt Musselwhite, Joel Curtis, Pam Watts.

Others Present:

Pamela Mueller-Guy, Sue Pridgen-Webb, Lance Walters, Jennifer Mannix, Steve Landvik, John Broker-Campbell, Scott Erickson, Robin Brenner

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

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

None

V. REPORTS

A. Manager's Report

Tom Mattice reported that there has been little avalanche activity this season; and about AK Shield.

B. Elected Official Report

None

C. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig reported about the preparedness training for families with children; known as the Pillowcase Project. The date for the April Disaster Action Team (DAT) training is TBD, and will be held at the UAS Center. They are referring to the training as a “boot camp”, and it will likely run for one to two days; three days if needed (although unlikely). Tom Mattice added that the DAT is responsible for sheltering needs in Juneau. Maria Gladziszewski inquired as to how members are recruited; to which Rettig answered that this is accomplished by advertising; reach out efforts, and flyers. Michelle Brown asked Alison Natcher to ensure that the CERT members receive the DAT info.

D. Media Report

None

E. Other LEPC Reports

Michelle Brown reported about the Weather Ready Nation; floods; and the potential for a lack of a quorum at the April LEPC meeting due to the preparedness conference in Anchorage.

After discussion it was determined that we will attempt to fill the quorum and have the April meeting. Dan Garcia asked for an Expo update; to which Tom Mattice reported on, including in regards to a presentation given to a local Rotary club.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Dan Garcia asked for an Expo update; to which Tom Mattice reported on, including in regards to a presentation given to a local Rotary.

B. Mikko Wilson provided a Weather Ready Nation update; live tests on the 22nd and 28th; a tsunami test on Wednesday the 25th via the EAS, in which the audio will announce that it is only a test, but the video will display as if it is an actual event. They are working on testing new software that will be able to pinpoint geographic areas better, the test will be for S.E. only, and will not go statewide. They will continue to work on the ability to exclude non-problem areas from being alerted (e.g. inner/outer coasts). Wilson requested that anyone who views/hears the test to report any feedback. Tom Mattice asked everyone to consistently educate the public about the unlikeliness of a tsunami being dangerous to Juneau; and furthermore that the warnings are broad, and may be activated in areas outside of the danger zone; but that changes are being made to alleviate this confusion.

C. Tom Mattice gave a “canned” version of the A.L.I.C.E. training to the group; which included the following. The acronym stands for Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate; however, it was pointed out that this is not necessarily the order that actions should be taken in, rather a list of options. This training seeks, in part, to give permission to those in danger to take actions to escape that may normally be inappropriate (e.g. a student may break a window if it is necessary to escape). Alerts are to be kept simple, no codes (e.g. “code red”) shall be used, rather clear and concise descriptions accurately describing the situation should be used (e.g. “I heard gunfire near the front of the school”). Individuals in harm’s way, should take notice of their environment and use anything and everything they can to fend off an attack, or to barricade themselves in a safe location (e.g. a fire extinguisher may be used as a heavy object to hit an attacker with, or to spray flame retardant into an attacker’s eyes, PA and CCTV systems can be used in tangent to alert others and/or distract the attacker). Distraction is effective because the shooter must go through their OODA loop process; which in an active shooter situation, means the shooter must Observe (a target), Orient (square up to fire), Decide (to attack), Act (fire upon target). A distraction causes a delay, making the shooter reset their OODA loop; and every second counts in emergency situations. Another option is for many people to swarm the attacker; it is ideal to have 5 or more individuals for this maneuver (one for each limb, and one to control the head/prevent biting). The main point of the training is to educate the public of their options, to engrain said options, and for these options to be instinctive in the event of an actual situation. Law enforcement needs 4-5 minutes to mobilize

and travel to the scene; it is up to those in the situation to choose the best options to avoid injury and death. (NOTE: There are many options not detailed in these minutes).

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. A.L.I.C.E. Active Threat Response Community Training – Wed, Mar 11th, 2015, 5:30-7:00 pm, Centennial Hall, Ballroom 3 – FREE to public.
- B. Alaska Tsunami Warning System / EAS Live-Code Test – Wed, Mar 25th, 2015, at approx. 10:15 am. Broadcast & Cable TV, Radio, and NOAA Weather Radio.
- C. BRH Mass Casualty Exercise – Apr 9th, 2015 – Volunteers to act as victims are needed. Please email Mike Lopez for additional information. mlopez@bartletthospital.org
- D. CERT Regular Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, Apr 10th, 2015, 6-8:30 pm at the Hagevig Fire Training Center.
- E. 2015 Juneau Preparedness Expo – Fri/Sat, Sep 11th & 12th, Centennial Hall.
- F. 2015 DHS&EM Spring Preparedness Conference, Apr 7th-10th, Anchorage.

X. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 8th, 2015 – 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 12:53 pm