

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, February 11th, 2015 - 12:00 P.M.
Downtown CCFR Training Room
(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, Chad Cameron, Alison Brehmer, Mike Lopez, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, Roger Rettig, Dan Garcia, Alison Natcher, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin, Joel Curtis, Jason Burke

Members Absent:

Ed Mercer, David Campbell, Rich Etheridge, Destiny Sargeant, Cheri Moyer, Scott Novak, Pam Watts

Others Present:

John Broker-Campbell, Andrew Migel, Ivan Hazelton, Larry Walter

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 is a free to attend A.L.I.C.E. training coming up; a request was filed with the CBJ to allow the LEPC to raise funds in the amount of \$20,000 to help support the CERT program and the biannual Preparedness Expo; John Campbell has completed the UAS hazard assessment; and a foreign natural hazards intern will be working with the City on flood and avalanche studies.

B. Elected Official Report

C. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig reported that the Red Cross has been keeping busy; there were no fires since the last meeting; upcoming training events can be viewed on the R.C.'s website; and work is still being done to promote the Project Pillowcase campaign.

D. Media Report

Mikko Wilson reported about the upcoming EAS tsunami test; which will seek to alert only part of the State. This test will be in addition to the regular monthly test; and is scheduled for March 25th at 10:15 a.m. AKST.

E. Other LEPC Reports

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The group did introductions and welcomed new members to the committee.

Assembly member Maria Gladziszewski introduced herself to those in attendance of the meeting. Her experience includes being an EMT, park ranger and much more; and she has lived in Juneau for 25 years.

Jason Burke introduced himself to those in attendance; his employment is with public assistance; he is active on other boards; has involvement with the Civil Air Patrol; was formerly an ADA coordinator; and was formerly a mass care coordinator. Burke reported that it could take up to 3 responders to help one vulnerable person during an emergency; especially, if said individual is without their essentials (e.g. wheelchair, etc.).

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Michelle Brown reported that we are now reaching out to sponsors for the upcoming Preparedness Expo in September. Mike Lopez and Tom Mattice also spoke on the importance of finding sponsors; and the later mentioned that the Expo would not be possible without the help of the community and other individuals/groups.
- B. Weather-Ready Nation. Joel Curtis talked about the dangers of driving across flooded roadways, and presented the apt slogan: Turn around, don't drown. He cautioned that the roads near Skater's Cabin and the gun range on the back loop are very prone to these adverse driving conditions. Curtis also reported that of the 3 bad storms of recent, the second had the least amount of wind force, but did the most damage in terms of dollars and cents. Many companies were proactive in preparing for the strong winds, which reduced the potential for damage costs to have been even greater. The third storm had gusts exceeding 90 mph. Curtis warned of the dangers of parking in or near a gravel parking lot during wind storms; windows were broken out of boats, cars, and 1 house. The third storm also initiated many phone calls due to societal fears regarding the storm; however, these concerns also led to the public preparing better beforehand. Curtis also spoke about joint research being done with UAS in regards to mudslides in Southeast. Mike Lopez inquired if there had been recent mudslides in the area. Tom Mattice replied that there had been a few downtown and out Thane.
- C. Alison Brehmer and Mike Lopez conducted an influenza/pandemic table top exercise. This included discussions about workplace policies combining sick and vacation leave into one personal leave fund; and the problem that it actually acts as an inducement for employees to come to work sick. Organizations must be prepared for gaps in service; a suggested way to accomplish this is to have a Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan in place before it is needed. Maria pointed out that this awareness would go no further than this room, because most people did not understand what COOP meant. She recommended outreach to business and organizations to encourage preparedness and planning. Tom replied that he regularly assisted groups with planning including COOP and that those in the room had wide reach to many facilities for move the message forward. He said individuals reaching out with questions and needs could be referred to him.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. A.L.I.C.E. Active Threat Response Community Training – Wednesday, March 11th, 2015, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Centennial Hall Ballroom 3 – Free to the Public
- B. CERT Regular Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 8:30 p.m. at the Hagevig Fire Training Center
- C. 2015 Preparedness Expo-Friday/Saturday, September 11 & 12, Centennial Hall

X. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 11th, 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 1:08 pm