

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, January 14th, 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 Michelle Brown

Dan introduced and welcomed Chad Cameron to the primary Firefighter seat and Cheri Moyer to the alternate BRH seat. Individuals in attendance introduced themselves.

Members Present:

Michelle Brown, Chad Cameron, Destiny Sargeant, Cheri Moyer, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, Roger Rettig, Scott Novak, Dan Garcia, Allison Natcher, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Joel Curtis, Pam Watts

Members Absent:

Tom Mattice, Maria Gladyszewski, Ed Mercer, David Campbell, Rich Etheridge, Alison Brehmer, Mike Lopez, Paul Nowlin

Others Present:

Ivan Hazelton, Pamela Mueller-Guy, Robin Brenner, John Broker-Campbell, Scott Erickson, Dan Brady, Lt. Lance Walters

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved December 10, 2014 Minutes

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

None

V. REPORTS

A. Manager's Report

Michelle Brown said the Annual Report to the Assembly went well and thanked Tom and Dan for their presentations and everyone else who was in attendance to show moral support. LEPC quarterly report was ready to be submitted and the annual Tier II ad was published on January 11th, 2015.

B. Elected Official Report

None

C. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig reported four call-outs in December/January two were due to home fires (1 Ketchikan, 1 Sitka) and one due to flooding in a Sitka home and one to flooding in the Juneau Glory Hole which required a temporary shelter be established. The Juneau Red Cross is working closely with the Salvation Army and recently loaned them some cots.

D. CERT Report

Good attendance and participation, newsletter continuing to provide good information, and certification training was successful. No new news on fundraising efforts at this time.

E. Media Report

Bill, Mikko, and Joel said efforts to make the EAS more accurate, efficient, and region specific were ongoing.

F. Other LEPC Reports

Joel Curtis reported that winter weather patterns continued to be bleak with no reprieve in the foreseeable future. He said the weather is causing huge waves in the open ocean which effects barges ability to deliver goods to communities. Variance in temperatures and wind are causing issues with freezing pipes and high winds and freezing rain are creating poor driving conditions and snow plows compact the snow, and freezing temperatures build ice layers between snowfalls. The winter weather also increases the potential for personal injuries so be safe and weather smart.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. New LEPC Members were announced to the Vulnerable Populations seats. Pam Watts who had been attending the monthly LEPC meetings for years was welcomed into the primary seat and Jason Burke who had a previous commitment and could not attend will be filling the alternate seat.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2015 Preparedness Expo

Sponsor update - Michelle Brown reported that 2015 Preparedness Expo subcommittee had reached out to potential sponsors for assistance with the costs of the upcoming Expo. To date we have commitments for \$1,000 and will be doing presentations at two rotary's in the next two months. Date of the Expo is reserved with Centennial Hall for September 11th and 12th, 2015.

- B. Weather-Ready Nation – Joel Curtis said that the e-mails received about Weather-Ready Nation were sent out nationally and would not always apply to Juneau & SE AK. They would contain suggestions with information that could be passed on to the committee and community when appropriate. He also advised that the NWS website has a more sophisticated interactive map coming up. NOAA's twitter handle is: #akwx. Wireless e-alerts are not really happening in Alaska/Juneau. Verizon now has a presence in AK and will likely bring more products through increased competition.

- C. Home Fire Preparedness Campaign Presentation – Roger Rettig gave the Committee statistics on number of home fires and deaths. Home fires are the biggest threat to families. Working smoke detectors are the #1 method of being notified in time to prevent deaths. This Campaign will need to be the effort of the RC and numerous partners such as businesses, homeowner associations, apartment owners/managers, non-profits, CERT, scouts and the Fire Dept. Getting smoke detectors and education information into the hands of at risk populations will require utilizing multiple methods like, expos, fairs, door-to-door, schools, churches... At risk neighborhoods include mobile homes, apartments, and care facilities.

- D. Moose International – Emergency Disaster Services Discussion – Michelle Brown advised the Committee that the Moose International Group had recently entered into an agreement with the Salvation Army to offer support and assistance during an emergency/disaster. Juneau Salvation Army representative Lt. Lance Walters was in attendance and confirmed their local support including the use of its commercial kitchen facilities. This is a big step forward in our resources in Juneau. We thanked Lt. Walters for his support of this effort.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. CERT Regular Monthly Meeting – Tue. March 10, 2015 at the Hagevig Fire Training Center.
- B. A.L.I.C.E Training – For the Public – Wed. March 11, 2015 at Centennial Hall 5:30 – 7:00pm
- C. 2015 Preparedness Expo – Friday/Saturday, September 11-12 at Centennial Hall
- D. Moose International Training – Sat. January 24, 2015 at the Moose Lodge 10:00am – 4:00pm

X. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 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