

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, February 12th, 2014 - 12:00 P.M.
Bartlett Regional Hospital
Administrative Building – Classroom A
(Questions Call – 796-6077)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

Roll Call: By Secretary Paul Nowlin

Members Present:

Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Ed Mercer, David Campbell, Nathan Young, Alison Brehmer, Destiny Sargeant, Mike Lopez, Rose Lawhorne, Bill Legere, Roger Rettig, Dan Garcia, Allison Natcher, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin, Joel Curtis.

Members Absent:

Loren Jones, Rich Etheridge, Mikko Wilson, Scott Novak, Matt Musselwhite.

Others Present:

Kate Helfrich, Jeremy Johnson, Pamela Mueller-Guy, Robin Brenner.

A. Allison Natcher was welcomed to the group; she sits in the Alternate ‘Right to Know’ seat.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved as an OPEN AGENDA to add items as necessary.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections the minutes were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Non-Agenda Items (10 Minutes)

None.

V. REPORTS

A. Emergency Programs Manager’s Report

Tom Mattice reported about training with the USCG; intro to search and rescue; a Swiss avalanche specialist spoke about how to spot people in an avalanche; and AEL&P sponsored the training. He also spoke about the ICS 300 in January. Mattice said they still need volunteers for the April 2nd drill. He also reported about the mass care plan with hospital. The Emergency Management Position went to the Assembly Finance Committee, moved forward, there will be a public hearing, then back to the Assembly for final approval. He also reported that there is another push to make tier II reports digital; this is necessary for information to be of significant value to the agencies that reference them.

B. General Public

Allison Brehmer reported that there are cases of the flu statewide. She also spoke about AK Shield. Mattice added that the AK Shield drill will include a 300 bed mass casualty scenario.

C. BRH

Mike Lopez reported about building healthcare coalition for S.E. Mattice added that it replaces the former MMRS grant; now funded by Department of Health, and formerly by homeland security.

G. Media

Bill Legere reported about the Local Emergency Communications Committee (LECC); the provisional local communication plan; and a local test to the system. They are working on activation by local officials.

H. Red Cross

Roger Rettig reported that there was a local fire in the Auke Bay area. There were two mudslides in Southeast; Sitka and P.O.W. The Red Cross helped judge a competition put on by the Girl Scouts; which used robotics to address emergency situations, specifically providing water; the competition was a success and the participants came up with inventive, out of the box ideas. Lopez added that it was very impressive. Mattice added that he had received several calls and email from various Girl Scouts from across the nation requesting information about avalanches.

I. Right to Know Act

Dan Garcia reported about a joint emergency drill between UAS and the CBJ. The drill is to vet a virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC); rooms are set up; invitees login; assign tasks; up/down channel information; and the virtual rooms enable each city to see the same screen in real time.

L. NWS – Joel Curtis

Joel Curtis reported that the actual has changed from what the original forecast was in November; it is much drier than was expected; but the weather might switch to snow. He also reported that the weather service cannot predict mudslides because they concern more than just rainfall, but rather also concern freeze/thaw, wind, shallow root systems, and the soil itself. He requested that the live code test (March 27th, 10:15 a.m.) for tsunami warning be localized to coastal towns rather than to every jurisdiction; and is waiting for approval. In Skagway, one person was not receiving NOAA radio reports, however, the issue was resolved, and could have been due to faulty receiver equipment rather than the NOAA broadcast.

M. Cert

Jeremy Johnson reported that CERT had trained 177 people since 2002; 118 of those in the last 5 years; with 38 currently active. They are performing data pruning to keep their records current to the last 3 years. Set One posters will be released next week. Johnson is the only union rep in his department so he is pushing for workplace preparedness. The next CERT graduation will be in May.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. The Vulnerable Persons Seat will go in front of the Assembly in March

B. Mattice suggested that preparations begin now for the Semi-Annual Preparedness Expo of 2015.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. PIO Course Rescheduled – After AK Shield (date TBA)

**B. Avalanche Awareness w/ Companion Rescue Training – (8 hours at Eaglecrest)
February 15th**

C. Great Alaska Shakeout! – March 27, 2014 (1:36 PM) DROP COVER HOLD,
Earthquake Drill in commemoration of the Great Alaska Quake will be triggered
by activation for the Emergency Alert System. Exercise what you would do in an
earthquake; update your family's plans for response and reunification. Work
toward a good 7 day survival kit.

D. CERT Meeting & Advanced Skills Training – Tuesday, March 11 (6-8:30 PM)

E. Alaska Shield – Fed/State/Local Level Disaster Drill. Area Maritime Security
Exercise – Juneau – Wednesday, April 2 (All Day). Full Scale Exercise with
over 20 agencies in Juneau participating.

F. Spring Preparedness Conference – Tuesday-Thursday, April 15-17 (All Day)
Anchorage, Marriott Downtown

G. SERC and LEPCA Meetings – Friday, April 18 (All Day) Anchorage, Marriott
Downtown

X. NEXT MEETING/S

(Regular Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month)

Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 – 12:00 pm

Location: BRH, Administrative Conference Room A/B

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:59 P.M.