

**FINAL MINUTES**  
**JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)**

**Wednesday, January 08<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - 12:00 P.M.**

**Bartlett Regional Hospital**

Administrative Building – Classroom 204 A/B

(Questions Call – 796-6077)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order: Chairman Dan Garcia

Roll Call: Michelle Brown for vacationing Secretary Paul Nowlin

Establish Quorum

**Members Present:** Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Loren Jones, Ed Mercer, David Campbell, Alison Brehmer, Destiny Sargeant, Mike Lopez, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, Roger Rettig, Scott Novak, Dan Garcia, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Joel Curtis

**Members Absent:** Nathan Young, Rich Etheridge, Rose Lawhorne, Paul Nowlin

**Others Present:** Ray F. Rivers, USCG, Allison A. Natcher, Jeremy Johnson, Kate Helfrich, Jordan Negro

**II. AGENDA CHANGES**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Forwarded to February LEPC Meeting

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

**A. Welcome Ray Rivers, Chaplain - US Coast Guard**

Chaplain Ray Rivers, US Coast Guard was introduced and spoke to the group about his role in the region. He is looking forward to working with the LEPC supporters on emergency preparedness, suicide prevention, and other tasks that support a healthy community.

**V. REPORTS**

**A. CBJ Emergency Manager's Report**

Tom Mattice provided a written summary and spoke to the group about Avalanche Forecasting and training courses he would be presenting at Eaglecrest. He talked about the many roles, within our LEPC committee, that would be played in support of 14 Alaska Shield Exercise. He explained the ground work to add a Vulnerable Populations Seat to the LEPC, as recommended by the committee in the December LEPC meeting. Juneau and Anchorage Emergency Programs partnered with AARP to do two television programs demonstrating the importance of personal preparedness for seniors. He told the group that MOA work was continuing with the Red Cross, UAS, and National Guard to finalize shelter locations and train teams from multiple agencies to support the Red Cross

sheltering operations. The Centennial Hall backup generator is not online and operational, to insure power capability as a disaster shelter.

Michelle Brown told the group that during December storms effecting those living past 13 mile in Juneau experiences significant power outages and generators available to rent were gone quickly. One generator rented for her home and one for a close neighbor were old and did not work. It is important to plan now for personal preparedness.

Scott Novak advised those purchasing a generator for their home to look into those that run on propane; he said it was safer to store and 100 pounds would last approximately 3 days.

#### **B. Elected Official report**

Loren Jones encouraged the group to support the upcoming Legislative Reception and advised that Legislative sessions would begin on December 21.

#### **C. Red Cross Report**

Roger Rettig said the Red Cross had responded to 3 fires, providing victim support, since the last LEPC meeting. Multiple courses to support Shelter Operations were happening often over the next three months. He announced that submissions for the Red Cross Real Hero's nominations were due on Friday and encouraged folks to recognize appreciated volunteers.

Scott Novak recognized the generous contribution, of \$1350.00 to the RC, raised by Harbor View Elementary School "Roots and Shoots" program to assist the RC in their support of hurricane survivors in the Philippines. Media Report

Bill Legere, said the Local Emergency Communications Committee would meet Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to review and advise as needed and the State Emergency Communications Committee would meet next week.

#### **D. CERT Report**

Jeremy Johnson told the group the CERT met regularly on the second Tuesday of each month; the next meeting was on December 14<sup>th</sup>. CERT was really taking off and word of our success had reached other communities who had contacted us about coordinating additional trainers (Ketchikan and Skagway). We provided encouragement but do not have funding to support travel to communities outside of Juneau. Juneau CERT is working to get CERT Volunteers trained and deployable under CCFR, JPD, and Red Cross to increase the trained volunteer pool that can help support their needs.

#### **E. NWS Report**

Joel Curtis provided a printout talking about "Polar Vortex" a condition when a weather system stays in one location for extended periods. The effect is erratic weather systems for December which made it difficult to predict accurately into the future. January, February, and March look to be colder and wetter. We shall see... Yecch!

#### **F. Public Health**

Alison Brehmer advised the group in favor of getting their vaccinations and keeping them current. There is on outbreak of measles in the Philippines and flu season is upon us.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. CBJ Committee Fundraising Policy Updated**

Michelle Brown and Tom Mattice provided written materials and talked to the group about the new CBJ Fundraising Policy. A budget for FY15 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) which includes projected expenses and events must be developed, submitted by Jan. 31, 2014 and approved by the CBJ Assembly prior to fundraising. All funds raised must be spent the same Fiscal Year.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Vulnerable Populations Seat**

Jordan Negro expressed her appreciation of the LEPC Committees recognition of the need to improve Emergency Preparedness within vulnerable populations; and the Committees vote in support of creating a seat on the LEPC Committee to forward this in the community.

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

None

## **IX. INFORMATION ITEMS - Contact Tom Mattice 586-0371**

### **A. PIO Course Rescheduled - January (Date TBA)**

This course has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled after Alaska Shield.

### **B. ICS 300 - January 21-22, 2014 (Tuesday/Wednesday) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at JPD in the Juneau Emergency Operations Center. (Date corrected from 22-23)**

### **C. Avalanche Awareness w/ Companion Rescue Training – (8 hours at Eaglecrest)** 3 Separate opportunities – (Saturdays) January 11, and February 15<sup>th</sup>

### **D. Avalanche Skills Workshop Series (1 to 3pm at Eaglecrest)** January/Sundays - 5<sup>th</sup> -Beacons & Probes, 12<sup>th</sup> -Strategic Shoveling & Basic Medical, 19<sup>th</sup> – Beacons & Probes, 26<sup>th</sup> -Strategic Shoveling & Basic Medical

### **E. Legislative Reception- January 25 (5-6:30pm)**

## **X. NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – 12:00 pm

*\*Regular Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month*

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.