

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, November 13th, 2013 - 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, Loren Jones, Dave Campbell, Nathan Young, Destiny Sargeant, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, Roger Rettig, Scott Novak, Dan Garcia, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin, Joel Curtis

Members Absent:

Ed Mercer, Rich Etheridge, Alison Brehmer, Mike Lopez, Rose Lawhorne, Brad Kiefer

Others Present:

Kate Helfrich, Jorden Nigro, Jeremy Johnson, Daniel Brady, M.A.L. (illegible).

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Joel Curtis requested that he be given time to speak about seasonal weather (see section V. F. Other Reports)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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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 welcomed Loren Jones to the group. Jones is replacing Jesse Kiehl in the Elected Official seat. Kiehl was not in attendance but thanks was given for his time with the LEPC. He also spoke about the Emergency Programming grants and audits.

B. Elected Official Report

Dan Garcia introduced and thanked Loren Jones for joining the LEPC. Jones said there was not much to report at this time. He said he was here to learn and help and looks forward to participating with the group.

C. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig and Scott Novak's reports are attached. However Rettig did add that when you change your clocks it is good to get the habit of also checking your smoke detectors in your home.

D. CERT Report

Jeremy Johnson reported that the Expo went very well for the CERT team and that they had ultimately picked up some new members during the event. They have 15 graduating students. They will be mapping local members in the first quarter of 2014. By the end of 2014 Johnson's goal is to have 40 active CERT members. He is going to talk to the unions to support CERT membership. He also thanked the Wise Food Company, and others, for sponsoring the graduation. Michelle Brown said that 7 out of 10 of the food packets were tasty. Mattice explained the basics of the CERT program to new member Jones. One goal of the CERT team is to upgrade from good Samaritan status to responders. Brown thanked Rich Etheridge for his help and Mattice encouraged the LEPC board to stay involved with the CERT program. Daniel Brady inquired if the general public can take specific courses, or if one had to go through the whole program. Brown, Mattice, Johnson, and Mike Lopez all said yes and gave examples, such as nurses only wanting to know about the medical side of CERT.

E. Media Report

Bill Legere asked Mattice about social media being used for emergencies. Mattice reported that there are no broad level changes at this time and that the law department is looking into this topic. Brown suggest that the idea be sent to the City Manager [Kim Kieffer].

F. OTHER Reports

Joel Curtis spoke about weather tweets [from Twitter.com]. Mikko Wilson added that #AKWX is the weather for the entire state. There was discussion about how technology is being combined with eye witness weather reports. Curtis reported that the winter forecast is based off weather patterns, currents of the entire Pacific, but that there are no major signals for the upcoming months. Weather patterns move through the area quickly making it harder to forecast. There are signs suggesting that February through May will be colder than the usual; with possible freezing rain conditions.

G. Expo

Mattice reported that the Expo started slow but picked up at the end. More money had to be spent this year due to a decrease in support funds from the USCG. Reevaluation of the Expo is needed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of the addition of a Vulnerable Persons Seat was rescheduled for December.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. PIO Course Resheduled – January (date TBA)

B. ICS 300 (perquisites required) – January 21-22, 2014.

C. Avalanche Awareness w/ Companion Rescue Training – (8 hrs at Eaglecrest); 3 separate opportunities – (Saturdays) December 21, January 11, and February 15th.

D. Avalanche Skills Workshop Series (1 to 3 p.m. at Eaglecrest) (January/Sundays) 5th – Beacons and Probes, 26th – Strategic Shoveling & Basic Medical

X. NEXT MEETING/S

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

Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 – 12:00 pm

Location: BRH, Administrative Conference Room A/B

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:08 P.M.