FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, September 11th, 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 12:00 P.M.
Role Call: Secretary Paul Nowlin
Members Present:
Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Jesse Kiehl, Alison Brehmer, Destiny Sargeant, Mike Lopez, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, Roger Rettig, Scott Novak, Dan Garcia, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin, Joel Curtis..
Members Absent:
Ed Mercer, David Campbell, Nathan Young, Rich Etheridge, Rose Lawhorne, Brad Kiefer.
Others Present:
Eileen Nally (USCG D17), Kate Helfrich, Keith Merchant (USCG), Larry Walter, Dan Brady.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Hearing none, no changes were made.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Juneau LEPC – August 14th, 2013
Approved

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

Dan Brady spoke about the importance of upgrading our power grid to be resistant to EMP blasts from the Sun. [note: it is also possible for a nuclear device to be detonated in the air causing the same potential for EMP outages]. Brady reported that the legislature is considering what extent the grid should be upgraded; and in June it was reintroduced to the House. He also let the group know about a drill, called The Grid EX II Drill, that is happening November 13th and 14th. It will address EMP, but the main topic is cyber security. The drill is multinational, not mainstream, and will have scenarios involving PC viruses.

V. REPORTS

A. Emergency Programs Manager's Report – Tom Mattice talked about the Mass Casualty Exercise in Haines. He reported that there were many different communities working together, and that everything ran smoothly. Michelle Brown was impressed with the amount of volunteers from Haines that participated. Mike Lopez said they are still looking for volunteers for the emergency operations drill. Mattice suggested that the same volunteers (fake victims) be used for the BRH and Airport in order to use the human resources more efficiently. Destiny Sargeant wanted to recognize Mattice and Brown's 5 years of work to grow the emergency drill to the size it is today. Mattice later

added that the UAS is still looking to fill the position of Emergency Programs Manager and has proposed a partnership with CBJ Emergency Programs to oversee that.

B. Elected Official Report

Jesse Kiehl reported that the UAS Chancellor reach out to the City Manager to access the potential of a partnership between CBJ and UAS for Emergency Programs. He also reported that the airport firefighting vehicle needs replacing. The Assembly is also reviewing if it is time to add a Lemon Creek Fire Department. The new Juneau Police Department (JPD) management is in place and making minor changes. The JPD is also now required to staff officers full time at the airport; because private security is going to be phased out over the course of one year.

C. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig reported that it has been quiet as far as responding. The Red Cross is working with the USCG for next year's exercise. They also continue to work with UAS on emergency shelter needs. The Red Cross is looking for volunteers. Sargeant suggested to approach sports coaches for volunteers, as school teams are known for helping out the community as needed. Brown asked if there are any age restrictions; to which Rettig answered that volunteers must be 18 years of age. Rettig introduced Larry Walters to the group. Walters is with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES [pronounced: Aries]). Walters informed the group that in the event of an emergency a radio operator from his group could be placed at key Red Cross locations. They would serve as an alternative communications method; in cases where traditional methods fail. They even have the capability of sending email via the ARES system. Mattice thanked the Red Cross for being a integral part of making emergency planning possible; and that the community should take advantage of Red Cross' training classes and events.

D. CERT Report

They are looking forward to the next series of training on October 1st (class start).

E. Media Report

Bill Legere said that they will set up ready to go radio communications to show to the public at the Expo.

F. Other Report

The food cache will have minutes ready for the LEPC soon.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. September Expo - everyone approach a vendor; need volunteers to make phone calls.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 2013 Biannual Juneau Preparedness Expo September 27, 2013 (Noon-7pm) and September 28 (10am-4pm)

B. MMRS Meeting / Exercise Sept 4-7, 2013

C. Tri-Annual Airport Full Scale Exercise [Airport/Hospital], September 14TH 9-Noon.

1. Pre-Drill Aug 29th (1:30) in the Alaska Room at the Airport.

D. DHS&EM Fall Bi annual Preparedness Conference, Anchorage, Oct. 8-11 [COR], 2013

E. Nominations for chair and vice chair positions will be taken for the LEPC.

F. CERT – Advanced training every month.

X. NEXT MEETING/S

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

It was voted that the October meeting be cancelled due to a potential lack of a quorum.
Wednesday, November 13th, 2013 – 12:00 pm
Location: BRH, Administrative Conference Room A/B

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.