

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, June 12th, 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:

Ed Mercer, Mike Lopez, Bill Legere, Mikko Wilson, , Roger Rettig, Dan Garcia, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin, Joel Curtis.

Members Absent:

Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Jesse Kiehl, David Campbell, Nathan Young, Rich Etheridge, Alison Brehmer, Destiny Sargeant, Rose Lawhorne, Scott Novak, Brad Kiefer.

Others Present:

Marc Cheatham (JNU Airport), Jorden Nigro (SAIL), Dan Brady, Eileen Nally (USCG D17), Pamela Mueller-Guy (SAIL), Robin Brenner, Darren Snyder (University Extension)

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Hearing none, no changes were made.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Bill Legere was present at the Ketchikan Gateway Bureau, rather than the Gateway Bureau.

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

None

V. REPORTS

A. Emergency Programs Manager's Report

Tom Mattice was not present. Dan gave a reminder to contact businesses about the September Expo. He also said we need volunteers. Eileen Nally-USCG added that attendance could be improved from last year; that we should coordinate with the Federal Executive Association to let their employees off for 2 hours to attend the Expo.

B. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig provided a handout about flooding. He said there was not much to report. There was one community presentation (mostly for children) at the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) Lodge. There is no training this quarter, but he again urges the public to look online at the classes that could be made available. There will be sheltering classes in the Fall. Rettig also reminded the group that activities are listed on the Juneau Empire's community calendar. Darren Snyder asked about food spoilage in the flooded village of Galena, AK; and if the Red Cross was addressing the issues there. He also inquired about a \$1000 payment to not return to the village until cleanup

efforts were finished. Rettig said the electricity was out and many of the food spoilage issues were due to refrigeration issues. Rettig had not heard about the \$1000 payment. However, he said it may have to do with the fact they have to wait until they have freezing temperatures to cross certain rivers and other areas. Many people lost boats, rifles, and other gear needed for sustenance living.

C. Media Report

Bill Legere said the EAS bugs have been largely resolved. These issues had stemmed from equipment change overs; including equipment not working right out of the box. Roger Rettig questioned if the Red Cross Earthquake App might play into this new system. Joel Curtis said he has used it Down South, but that it does not work here. Mikko Wilson commented that the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system is being built into many new cell phones. Curtis cautioned that the warm weather is going to increase recreational boating and camping and fire danger due to drying out of the forest at the same time; and to be extra cautious about wildfires. He also said there was a chance of lightning storms over P.O.W. and the Canadian border of the Taku River.

D. OTHER Reports

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Vulnerable Populations Seat

1. Moved to August or September
2. Input requested from LEPC members and guests to be turned into Michelle Brown.

B. Pilot Alaska Food Emergency and Community Resilience Plan

1. Darren Snyder spoke about prevention of disruptions in the community's food supplies. When the question arose, Dan Garcia said that this is indeed an LEPC issue. Roger Rettig asked if the State had squashed their program that is similar to the program being proposed by Snyder. Snyder replied that it had not been squashed, but rather they are revamping it. When asked what he wanted from the group, Snyder replied that he would appreciate it if the group would help build the system, but that he had no intention of laying the entire burden on the LEPC. Garcia informed the group that the LEPC had a food cache subcommittee in the past and could attempt it again. Mike Lopez suggested a vulnerability assessment for food spoilage and a food HEA, as this is what would be required as a first step. Lopez then volunteered to work with Snyder to accomplish these goals. Ed Williams was quick to also volunteer to help Snyder with the food cache system. Dan Brady asked about the HCR1 status. Snyder said the Senate and House put together a food workgroup; it is moving forward slowly; and still needs to be signed by the Governor.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Committee Vote

1. Dan Garcia was reappointed as the LEPC Chairman by unanimous vote.
2. Ed Williams was reappointed as the LEPC Co-Chairman by unanimous vote.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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

C. Airport Tri-Annual Full Scale Exercise, September 14, 2013

1. Planning Meeting on June 20th (1:30) in the Juneau Room at the Airport

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

E. Statewide Disaster Search & Rescue(DSAR) Conference, Anchorage, Oct. 11-13 [COR], 2013

F. CERT – Advanced training every month.

Due to time restraints the information items were only briefly mentioned; and dates were corrected.

X. NEXT MEETING

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

Wednesday, July 10th, 2013 – 12:00 pm

Location: BRH, Administrative Conference Room A/B

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:04 P.M.