

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, May 8th, 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: By Recorder/Chairman

Members Present:

Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Jesse Kiehl, Ed Mercer, Dave Campbell, Nathan Young, Alison Brehmer, Mike Lopez, Mikko Wilson, Roger Rettig, Scott Novak, Dan Garcia, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin, Joel Curtis, Bill Legere

Members Absent:

Rich Etheridge, Destiny Sargeant, Rose Lawhorne, Brad Kiefer

Others Present:

Brent Fisher (CBJ), Dan Brady, Susan Pridgen-Webb, Eileen Nally (USCG D17), Sarah Lewis (UAF) Pamela Mueller-Guy (SAIL), Robin Brenner

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Hearing none, no changes were made.

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 reported that the LEPC budget will be presented soon with the hopes of a 20% increase. Also, that LEPC funds can be used to pay for background checks for CERT team members. He reported that the USCG exercise went well; that there is no more danger in urban areas of avalanche activity; and that there has been a lot of turnover in high level City positions; much of which was due to retirement.

1. CAP – Stands for Common Alerting Protocol. Tom Mattice reported that there are efforts being made to better distribute information to the public about emergencies such as natural disasters and manmade disasters. The CBJ website is now capable of displaying emergency info with links to more information; and is able to be updated by Mattice, the police and fire departments, and other individuals/entities. This method will enable a wider variety of information to be distributed compared to the EAS, including the urgency, duration, outcome, and any other additional information. This simultaneously alerts police, fire, media, NWS, and other active players.

B. Elected Official Report

Jesse Kiehl made mention that they are looking for a new police chief, deputy police chief, and City lawyer; amongst other positions.

C. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig reported that he had visited the Ketchikan Gateway Bureau's LEPC meeting last month and that the 3 days of Train The Trainer (TTT) went well. He also mentioned that there was a Hero's Breakfast to recognize the heroic efforts of two S.E. groups. The first group is from the Capital City Fire Department that fought the Gastineau Apartment fire; and the second are members of the USCG stationed in Sitka. He also brought handouts describing the Red Cross' smartphone app. The Red Cross is actively looking for training requests as to which classes individuals are interested in taking. The RC website contains a list of available classes to choose from. The Red Cross is working on shelter surveys with UAS and the Zach Gordon Youth Center (ZGYC).

D. CERT Report

Michelle Brown reported that the CERT team is seeking to train and eventually background check individuals for the CERT team who are interested in being deployed. The CERT meeting fell on the calendar after the LEPC meeting this month due to the month starting on a Wednesday, so there was nothing new to report. She invited everyone to attend the next CERT meeting on May 14th, 6 – 8pm.

E. Media Report

None.

F. OTHER Reports

Joel Curtis asked that the film *After the Waves* be viewed; and requested input to be returned. The film depicts medical response concerns for after a disaster, such as a tsunami. When asked about what to do in Juneau for a tsunami by an individual at the meeting, Mattice reminded the group that for earthquakes in Juneau: "if it knocks you down, seek higher ground". Brown added that everyone should have individual plans prepared for their own families, as there will be no specific directions given to individuals as to where they should seek higher ground; or the actions for other emergencies. Each person needs to be aware of their surroundings and determine safe places within the areas they frequent.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tier II - Nathan Young reported that the LEPC is in place to identify HAZMAT transportation and storage issues within the community and assure the information is available. Mattice added that reporting facilities file to the LEPC, CCFR and ADEC. The LEPC points the public to where they can find said filings at ADEC who will have them complete a written request and get them the information. The Community Right to Know Act [of 1986] requires that the public have access to information about hazardous materials being stored and transported within the community. The LEPC is working with the fire department to check the accuracy of their list of entities that need to file Tier II reports. They are looking for volunteers to gather information (phone numbers, email and mailing addresses). The ADEC has been petitioned again to set up electronic filing of Tier II reports.

B. Pandemic Plan Update & Discussion – Alison Brehmer gave a presentation about the Alaska Statewide pandemic influenza plan (Center for Disease Control/Department of Health and Social

Services). The WHO has 6 phases to classify the spread of illness: 1) no virus amongst animals, 2) animal virus known to transmit between animals, but not from animal to human, 3) known animal to human transmission, 4) known human to human transmission, 5) known human to human transmission in 2 countries within the same region, 6) known human to human transmission in at least 2 regions (pandemic). Brehmer also reported that it takes roughly 3-6 months to create a vaccine after sickness is detected, that there is not enough vaccine for everyone at first, and thusly, prevention is the best medicine. Susan Pridgen-Webb added follow up details and some information about the H7N9 infections in China; no known animal to human transmissions. Mattice read aloud his letter to the City Manager about the bird flu in China and preparedness for pandemics. Scott Novak highlighted that pandemic issues are more likely to be emergencies in Juneau compared to earthquakes and tsunamis, and that there should be more focus on them. Tom recommended a POD multi-agency planning meeting be set-up by PH to get input for the upcoming POD revision.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Vulnerable Populations Seat

1. Moved to next meeting, and input requested from the LEPC members and guests.
2. Request for input from LEPC members and guests to be turned into Brown.

B. Volunteers are needed for the Juneau Preparedness Expo Planning Committee.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

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

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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

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

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

E. Statewide DSAR Conference, Anchorage, Oct. 11-13 , 2013

F. CERT regular monthly meeting and advanced training. May 14, 2013 (6-8pm)

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

X. NEXT MEETING/S

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

Wednesday, June 12th, 2013 – 12:00 pm

Location: BRH, Administrative Conference Room A/B

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.