

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, March 13, 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.

Role Call: By Recorder/Chairman

Members Present:

Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, Jesse Kiehl, Ed Mercer, Nathan Young, Alison Brehmer, Destiny Sargeant, Mike Lopez, Rose Lawhorne, Bill Legere, Roger Rettig, Scott Novak, Dan Garcia, Matt Musselwhite, Ed Williams, Paul Nowlin

Members Absent:

David Campbell, Rich Etheridge, Mikko Wilson, Brad Kiefer, Joel Curtis

Others Present:

Kate Helfrich, Rick Forkel, Brent Fischer, Jorden Nigro, Jeremy Johnson, Marc Cheatham, Pam Watts, Pamela Mueller-Guy, Robin Brenner, Daniel Brady

II. AGENDA CHANGES

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

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)

Daniel Brady reported to the committee that Darren Snyder with UA Cooperative Extension testified this week on the HRC1 Resolution to form a working group to coordinate all groups involved in food preparedness. During the meeting the question as to why this was not already done and why there was any question about moving it forward at this time was a repeated theme that was answered by saying the reason it was not done earlier did not matter, it was being done now. Tom Mattice pointed out that the Governor's 2012 Funding went directly to a specific agency and bypassed going through committee. Dan said he did not find the local LEPC Committees were included in the HRC1 discussions and he and several members of the LEPC Committee felt this was an oversight that should be amended. Dan also talked about global solar flares potential to disrupt the geomagnetic field, transformers, and power grid etc.... causing widespread power outages for an estimated 130 million people for 2 to 10 years.

V. REPORTS

A. Emergency Programs Manager's Report

Tom Mattice told the group that he had met with United Way about the 211 system which basically provides one stop shopping for emergency services information sharing. The Local Emergency Communication Committee has almost reached readiness ability in the

CBJ website to post and notify public and the media simultaneously with emergency and/or disaster notifications.

He has been doing a lot of local avalanche training. Currently avalanche danger is high and there are active avalanches throughout the Juneau area.

A recent 1 day Mass Rescue EOC training/exercise with the USCG went well.

The CBJ EOC exercise with department heads was educational and received with enthusiasm.

The USCG has an upcoming exercise to test ability to determine State bed space and forward movement of patients in a disaster.

There are other exercises scheduled to support activities with the Airport, MMRS, Red Cross, and AK Shield 2014.

B. Elected Official Report

Jesse said he had taken plenty of time last month and had nothing to add at this time.

C. Red Cross Report

Roger Rettig told the group that he completed ICS 300 and participated in both the CBJ EOC and the USCG Maritime Response Mass Rescue exercises.

The R.C. and UAS are working together to finalize the ability to use the UAS Auke Lake Recreational Facility as an emergency shelter.

This month's training schedule for the Red Cross includes Client Assistance on March 14, 6pm and Safe and Well training March 19, 6pm. Both will be held at the Red Cross Office.

D. CERT Report

Mike Lopez and Jeremy updated the committee on CERT progress. 9 more participants graduated from the February Certification courses that total 17 new members since the start-up of the new CERT program in the winter of 2012. One participant was a wheelchair user with no use of her legs. She tackled and conquered each task and really redefined disABILITY. Over 100 people in Juneau are CERT trained now. Rich Etheridge, Fire Chief; Jeremy Johnson, CERT Coordinator; Mike Lopez, CERT Trainer, and Tom Mattice, Emergency Programs Manager, attended graduation exercise on March 12 to thank and congratulate graduates. The rest of the CERT meeting was dedicated to the theme of food preparedness and included tasty ideas to improve the palatability of dehydrated foods as well as planning, storage, and movement ideas.

E. Media Report by Bill Legere

Bill told the group that the broadcasting stations had received the new Public Emergency Alert System rules and equipment; but the equipment was defective and is currently in the process of being repaired. Until it is the functionality of the PEAS is impaired and will not be as instructive as it should be. But there is a plan in place to work around this issue until the new equipment is operational. Bill also noted the value and speed of Social Media.

F. OTHER Reports

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Emergency Communication 4 ALL – Michelle Brown

Michelle provided the group with a handout from the Fall 2012 Preparedness Conference and explained how to use the picture/symbol aids on one side to communicate with someone who could not communicate clearly through speech and how to complete the back with personal information and add it to your vial of life, glove compartment, and go bag.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Nominations and Election of a new LEPC Recorder

Paul Nowlin, HAZMAT Transporter seat, volunteered to be the new LEPC Recorder. Destiny Sargeant and Ed Williams nominated and seconded the nomination. Dan Garcia moved that Paul Nowlin be accepted into the position of LEPC Recorder.

Motion: Hearing no objection the motion passed unanimously.

The group thanks Paul and welcomed him to the position.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. CCTHITA 2013 Wellness for Caregivers Conference - 3/20/2012, 9 am-4pm at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall 320 Willoughby Ave.

A flyer was handed out and volunteers were requested of the entire group to assist with the display table and presentations.

B. 2nd Biannual Preparedness Expo -September 27, 2013 (Noon-7pm) and September 28 (10am-4pm)

Information was handed out and the group was encouraged to promote this event to their part of the community and to participate themselves. A planning group for this will be set up at the next meeting.

C. Homeland Security Bi-annual Preparedness Conference - Anchorage April 2-5, 2013

Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown, and Dan Garcia are attending this event and will bring info learned back to the group at the April meeting.

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

Tom advised the group that because of political undercurrents in Gustavus at this time, this exercise would seek a new community to host this event.

X. NEXT MEETING/S

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

Wednesday, April 10, 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.