



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 10, 2023, at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

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A. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ed Williams 12:00pm

B. ROLL CALL:

Establish Quorum: Michelle Brown confirmed quorum was present.

Welcome & Introductions:

New Members:

Members Present: Scott Erickson, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Louisa Phillips, Evan Price, Jennifer Pemberton, Britt Tonnessen, Loren Jones, Chris Russell, Ed Williams, Ken Murphy, Eileen Hosey, Corey Padron, Sabrina Boone, Jamie Bursell, Michelle Brown

Members Absent: Wade Bryson, David Campbell, Travis Wolfe, Warren Russell, Ryan Sand, Karen Wood, Jeff Garmin, Erin Walker-Tolles, Elaine Hickey, Tom Mattice

Others Present: Celeste Lopez, Charles Wisner, Daniel Blount, Emily McMahan, Michael Pierson, Sean Smack

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 10, 2023 - Agenda approved

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. April 12, 2023, Minutes of the Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee moved to June meeting for approval.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 Minutes):

USCG, Michael Pierson provided a brief about the Ketchikan Full-Scale Active Shooter Multi-Agency Exercise. Multiple capabilities were tested with a variety of partners. It was a very successful event and provided actionable lessons learned. He offered special thanks for the 7 SE AK external partners who participated including AST, CCFR, and Tlingit & Haida Tribal Emergency Preparedness. The complete after-action report will be available in late July or early August. Michael will provide this information to the Juneau LEPC.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Emergency Programs Report- Michelle Brown Still, awaiting Federal grant funding release to proceed with community all hazard planning revisions. She advised that the State Emergency Management Conference in Anchorage provided excellent presentations and training opportunities. One focused on developing a successful drone program, where multiple partners could collaborate closely to provide a wide range of disaster/emergency services. She informed the group that JPD reached out to advise that they require more time to train and develop outreach to introduce the mission capabilities of the new BearCat Response & Rescue vehicle to the LEPC and public. Michelle advised the committee that she had reached out to Louisa Phillips to confirm her interest in accepting the LEPC recorder position to help with minutes and monthly meetings. Louisa agreed to accept the LEPC recorder position. Chairman Williams added it to Action Items.

BRH-Evan Price advised that BRH recently finalized their partnership with Wildflower Court. He is looking for individuals who know what is out there, and what is needed to strengthen Wildflower Court. BRH is interested in participating in and possibly co-hosting the MGT-488 training for staff, community, and SE AK partners. Because of staffing shortages, they have not yet assigned a POC to further this project.

Elected Official Report-Wade Bryson no report.

CCFR- Ed Quinto reported that extensive hiring efforts were in place, they are working at critical levels and need more firefighters. CCFR is currently testing a Firefighter 1 team that will be trained to assist with interior firefighting. There is a focus on out the road rescue and off-road training with partners.

JPD-Scott Erickson introduced Celeste Lopez in her new role as Dispatch Supervisor, she is now attending LEPC meetings as her schedule allows. The hiring campaign is still a priority to fully staff JPD. He tasked the LEPC with encouraging individuals to apply at JPD. JPD is looking to engage past CERT graduates in volunteer roles such as citizens academy and citizen patrol.

Alaska Native Tribal-Corey Padron reported that they had strong tribal participation for the 1st time in full-scale exercise and training in Ketchikan resulted in many lessons learned. Arianna was Acting Safety Officer and learned a lot. Rights and Authorities is one of the actionable items identified that needs improvement. Upcoming on June 9, 2023, is a Prince of Wales EMS Sheltering Exercise. The Juneau Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is intended to be a whole community CERT team including Tribal and their neighbors. **Sabrina Boone** went to WA to learn about the WA Tribal Recovery Team. It was very informative. T&H is almost ready to roll out an Emergency Planning course.

Haz/Mat-Ken Murphy (DOT)-advised that Drone capabilities are being put in place for observation & explosive delivery. Lidar capabilities assist in response, prevention, and preparedness.

Red Cross-Britt Tonnessen- RC is currently preparing for response to support spring break-up. Damage assessment training was hosted in Juneau to be ready to assist. Extreme events are surging worldwide. More volunteers are needed, please help with recruiting. Red Cross supplies and installs smoke detectors and provides preparedness training. Bed shakers are available for those without hearing. April 13 from 11 to 1 at the HUB at JCC church is the first quarterly meeting of the Faith Community Disaster Preparedness Group, Emergency Programs and other partners presenting. Reach out to B Tonnessen if you know of individuals or organizations that would be interested.

General Public-Louisa Phillips, Nat 'I Guard spoke to the group about Team Red White Blue. A program organized to support the assimilation of veterans into the community with an emphasis on physical and mental health. It is a strong program elsewhere in the U.S., but new to Juneau. Anyone can join or participate in free and low-cost events. In celebration of Memorial Day there are two-day walks planned leading up to Memorial Day. She invited the group to participate and spread the word.

G. NEW BUSINESS

2. **Aviation Safety presentation by FAA Chip Wisner** – started his presentation by inviting those interested in the group to attend future FAA Aviation Safety meetings that are held twice a year on the last week of March and September. Aviation Safety meetings and trainings are all about air safety and the reduction of accidents to save lives. Presentations in the March 2023 Safety meetings included special guests and partners from USCG, FAA, NWS, and Traffic Control. One important consideration for all individuals is carbon monoxide poisoning. In Alaska there is a large geographical area to cover. Chip gave a special thanks to First Responders for putting their life on the line to save others. The group was provided copies of the FAA safety magazine which contained helpful articles and information. He advised that there is an L.E.A.P. program to enhance understanding of drone usage. If interested in this program, contact Chip and he can coordinate bringing it to Juneau.

3. **Nat 'I Guard Armory/UAS Rec – Joint Use Center Facility Tour by SSG, Sean Smack** – our group was provided a tour of the facility. In the event of a local emergency/disaster there is sheltering capacity which could be utilized to house emergency/disaster partners temporarily in our community to assist. If the Nat 'I Guard were part of the response or otherwise using the facility, their needs would come before others.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. **New BearCat EMS Response/Rescue Vehicle presentation by JPD & CCFR** – deferred to future meeting.
 5. **LEPC Future Monthly Meetings Discussion by Michelle Brown**, Deputy Airport Manager Phil Adams reached out to offer the Alaska Room at the Juneau Airport for future meetings. They would waive parking fees. This would be available in the spring of 2024 once parking renovations are completed. The Rotary currently uses this room at the same date and time as the LEPC meetings. We would need to change the date or time of our LEPC meetings to take advantage of this. Tasked LEPC participants to check their schedules and send recommendations to Michelle Brown, michelle.brown@juneau.org.
 6. **All Hazard Mitigation & Whole Community Input Planning**-Michelle Brown
Awaiting Federal funding release and award of funding before hiring a consultant to coordinate and develop a new AHMWC Plan for all of Juneau. Many partners are necessary to assure we capture the information needed to end up with the comprehensive plan we need. Currently coordinating advisory team to begin meeting after the LEPC meetings from 1 to 2 pm. Additional meetings may be required once we begin working with the contractor.
 7. **CERT Program (Ongoing Item-Inactive)** Seeking leadership, partners, and a strong partnership with CCFR, JPD, and Tribal Government. Corey Padron advised that he, through Tlingit & Haida; plan to coordinate a resurgence of the CERT program for the Juneau area. Corey had no progress update. Need to meet with CCFR and JPD to begin the process.
- I. **ACTION ITEMS** – Louisa Phillips was nominated and accepted the nomination for the role of Recorder for the Juneau LEPC. Motion was made to approve the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day

Date: May 19, 2023

Local Sponsor: NWS

National Safe Boating Week

Date: May 20-26, 2023

Local Sponsor: NWS

Educational Safety Information: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/safeboating-week>

K. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Minutes, March 08, 2023, LEPC Meeting

L. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, Noon to 1pm – Please attend in-person when possible.

Hybrid Meeting w/ZOOM Webinar Capabilities

Location: Nat'I Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center Joint Use Facility. Room 116

M. ADJOURNMENT – 12:45 pm

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