



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 11, 2023, at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

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A. CALL TO ORDER: Co-Chairperson Ed Williams

B. ROLL CALL:

Establish Quorum: Michelle Brown confirmed quorum was present.

Welcome – Introductions - Farewells

Rohnda Butler has applied for the, CCHITA Alternate Seat

Members Present: Scott Erickson, Destiny Sargeant, Evan Price, Britt Tonnessen, Loren Jones, Chris Russell, Ryan Sand, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Nicole Ferrin, Ken Murphy, Eileen Hosey, Erin Walker-Tolles, Elaine Hickey, Jamie Bursell, Michelle Brown

Members Absent: Wade Bryson, Ed Quinto, Travis Wolfe, Louisa Phillips, Nathan Rumsey, Jennifer Pemberton, Warren Russell, Sabrina Boone, Tom Mattice

Others Present: Emily McMahan, Kathy Shea, Kirk Thorsteinson, Krag Campbell, Lindsay Wheeler, Mark Keplinger, Michael Pierson, Rhonda Butler, Sean Smack

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: October 11, 2023 - Agenda was amended to add Michael Pierson introducing his new boss, Lt. Lindsey Wheeler under Public Participation. And PSA announcement under New Business.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. September 13, 2023, Draft Minutes of the Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee unanimously approved.

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

Michael Pierson introduced his new boss, Lt. Lindsey Wheeler.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Elected Official Report – Wade Bryson – Not present

Emergency Programs Report – Tom Mattice – Not present

JPD-Scott Erickson reported that JPD needs police officers and asked the committee to refer potential applicants to them. He advised the committee that Lt. Krag Campbell will fill the LEPC Law Enforcement alternate seat that Deputy Chief Campbell vacated on his retirement.

CCFR – Not present

Hospital – Evan Price reported that the new hospital CEO would be starting next week.

Red Cross – Britta Tonnessen reported that the RC & LEPC hosted the quarterly Faith Community meeting on September 21st. The event included a preparedness exercise by the new preparedness specialist Mark Keplinger. Recent Juneau floods were used to discuss disaster response in Juneau; what that looks like now and what could be done in the future. What we can do to continue to support

families that were impacted. Hosted at Shepard of the Valley, lunch provided. The next Faith Community event will be in January, date to be determined. Tom Mattice is reaching out to FEMA to set up the 8hr mobilizing Faith Communities Disaster and Response course. Chapple by the Lake has agreed to host and provide food, waiting on date confirmation. The Faith Community Outreach is meant to be LEPC wide but currently Red Cross is doing most of it. Please join if possible. This week is fire prevention week. Tasked the LEPC to share RC info about how families can sign up for the free smoke detector installation. RC is participating in the great shakeout on October 19th, encouraged LEPC and others to participate. Promoted the Spooktacular open house on October 26th. Included a written Halloween story of disaster response. 5-6:30p. Competition for the best charcuterie board.

Weather Service – Nicole Ferrin – NWS has been facilitating office tours for Elementary Schools and a UAS class to educate the public about hazardous weather. Participated in the Ketchikan hosted Harbor Masters Conference speaking to Hazardous weather concerns and attended the Maritime Safety Committee meeting facilitated by USCG Michael Pierson. Last week was Winter Snow Preparedness Week. Juneau is coming into another round of heavy rain and wind tomorrow. October is consistently the wettest month and there is the potential for flooding from successive events and already saturated ground. NWS will also be participating in the shakeout drill on October 19th.

Alaska Native Tribal-Rhonda Butler– Primary LEPC rep. Sabrina is off getting married. CCTHITA has a lot going on and great things happening soon. Recently received a Homeland Security grant. At the end of October FEMA Region 10 and other Alaska Tribal Nations are coming to town, including National Tribal Affairs advocate Billy Kennedy and other FEMA leaders. They will be addressing Tribal Nations' needs and expectations from FEMA. They're working on their mitigation planning and response. Michelle Brown requested information on the CPR training and certification that they have been doing. Rhonda: Currently, it is being done internally. Now two CCTHITA departments have certified trainers, and they are hoping to offer this training publicly. More information is coming, possibly at the December meeting for 2024.

Healthcare System – Elaine Hickey – Advised that Public Health is doing a Flu Vaccination POD exercise October 21st at DZ Middle school from 10a-2p. Pre-registration is required, no walk-ins. Pre-registration and sign-up links are posted on CBJ Facebook page and CBJ website for more information. Currently only 6 individuals are registered. Offering flu vaccines for ages 9 and up, no covid vaccines. 300 doses are available. Public Health is seeking additional volunteers. They need a couple more vaccinators and assistance with check-in/check-out. Contact Elaine Hickey or Allison at Public Health.

Community Group - Juneau Animal Rescue – Karen Wood – JAR is moving to a managed intake model over the next few months. The Front entry drop off areas will be closed. To surrender an animal, people will need to make an appointment. This is a best practice according to the Humane Society of the United States and the ASPCA. Currently too many people are dropping off their animals and leaving no information. This change will allow people to drop off animals during working hours which will allow JAR to gather medical information and inquire about behavioral issues. This model will improve their ability to find an animal its best home. Animal Control will still be handling after hours emergencies. Rick Driscoll is the new Executive Director. Animal Control has been, once a month, taking their animals over to the Bridge Adult Daycare facility to visit with seniors. They plan to begin taking their animals to Saint Vincent's soon. JAR is packed full of animals currently, especially cats. Karen encouraged anyone interested or knows someone who is interested in adopting to come their way.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Public Service Announcement – Small Business Association (SBA) Disaster Loan Outreach Center is now open at the Diamond Park Aquatic Center. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 6pm and Saturday 10a-2pm. If you know anyone who needs assistance, SBA offers low interest loans. They are

there to help all those affected by the Glacier outburst Flood. This info is being announced on the radio and is available at Juneau.org on the CBJ website.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. **'Clifford' Community Armored Emergency Preparedness & Response Vehicle** by Krag Campbell, JPD CBJ's newest tool for emergency preparedness and response is the LENCO Bearcat armored vehicle that was acquired this year. It is parked outside so people can tour it after the meeting. JPD requested individuals do not take photographs and post them on social media.

Showed a video of the vehicle. The Lenco Bearcat G3. Built on the Ford F-550 Chassis. All Steel Armor Construction with High Ballistic Protection. The vehicle can be used to get first responders, including police or medics, into and out of dangerous scenes, with less risk of injury. The vehicle can be used to evacuate civilian victims, bystanders, and injured first responders from an unsafe scene. The vehicle enhances our capabilities to conduct voice to voice negotiations in situations where bulletproof vests aren't enough. The armored rescue vehicle is a great resource for Juneau's first responders. The video was followed by slides and a presentation explaining the dynamics and versatility of the vehicle and the many situations the vehicle can be used.

The vehicle was successfully used a couple months ago in the homicide investigation. Negotiators were able to remain in the vehicle while safely attempting communication in that potentially dangerous situation.

This dual-purpose vehicle is for the use of both JPD and CCFR. If it's a situation that isn't specifically police related, they would collaboratively determine who is best to drive it based on the situation.

3. **Working Drones in Juneau – DOT Pat Dreyer** presentation moved to the November 8 Meeting
4. **Airport Exercise Lessons Learned – Andres Delagado, Airport M&O** moved to the December 8 meeting.
5. **LEPC Recruitment** Committee and community partners are encouraged to apply and/or recruit to fill these positions. Open seat/s: JPD Alternate to be assigned by JPD.
6. **All Hazard Mitigation & Whole Community Input Planning** – Michelle Brown – Told the group that we received word the answer we sent to the State for FEMA was accepted and forward to FEMA. They have not released word or funding to any community yet. We are waiting and hoping they will do so soon. Jamie Bursell was looking at the August 12, 2012, plan that is on the CBJ website and noted that we have been waiting on FEMA for a long time. She volunteered to do some formatting updates because the document she looked at was formatted incorrectly. Response: Michelle Brown – We plan to use the FEMA funding, to work with the State to bring continuity to area community all hazard plans appearance. Each plan should have a similar layout while addressing each community's different needs. When that is completed, there will be a community meeting with this committee and others to gather input and identify topics and items that need to be added, then it will be revised, reviewed, adopted, and made accessible on the CBJ website.
7. **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program Update** – Ongoing Item – Inactive. Michelle Brown – Corey was planning to revive this program. With his departure from Juneau and CCTHITA Sabrina said she would work with Tlingit and Haida to determine if they want to move forward with this project. Otherwise, if you hear questions about the CERT program, forward them to Michelle. Perhaps we can identify someone who is willing to coordinate the program. The CERT program supports training volunteers to be prepared to assist in a community disaster. Nationwide they were used to support community needs during the initial COVID pandemic response years. There are many ways to utilize these volunteers and we plan to be able to call on them for support in disasters. From past LEPC funding we have supplies and equipment to support this program. It can be a great resource, we now need someone willing to put in the time to coordinate the program.

8. **LEPC Future Monthly Meetings Discussion – Michelle Brown** – We have until late spring 2024 to decide how, when, and where the LEPC will meet in the future. As we get closer and know what options are available, we will work together to make this decision.

Questionnaire/Poll will be sent to LEPC participants in 2023/2024.

Phil Adams, Deputy Manager, JNU Airport – Alaska Room available starting in Late spring 2024.

Note: Date change from 2nd Wednesday of each month **or time change** would be necessary.

I. ACTION ITEMS - None

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

Great Alaska ShakeOut

Date: October 19, 2023 (your event can be anytime)

More information: www.shakeout.org/alaska

Public Vaccination Event

Date: October 21, 2023

Location: DZ Middle School

POC Elaine Hickey, Public Health – elaine.hickey@alaska.gov

Cancer Connection Community Health Forum

Theme: Bridging Health & Hope

Speaker: Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer State of Alaska

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Time: 11:00am – 2:00 pm

Halloween Extravaganza

Collaborative event between spouses, Chief Warrant Officers Association Morale, Coast Guard, and National Guard

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Location: Nat'l Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

CCFR Haunted House

Date: October 20th and 21st, 27th and 28th

Time: 5:30-9:30p

Location: Fire Training Center

Alaska Health Fair

October 20th and 21st

3-5pm Halloween Pet Costume Contest at Juneau Animal Rescue

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, November 08, 2023, Noon to 1pm – Please attend in-person when possible.

Hybrid Meeting w/ZOOM Webinar Capabilities

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

PLEASE ATTEND IN PERSON WHENEVER POSSIBLE

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M. ADJOURNMENT – 12:51 pm

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