



# LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 14, 2023, at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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## 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:** Wade Bryson, Scott Erickson, Destiny Sargeant, Louisa Phillips, Evan Price, Warren Russell, Britt Tonnessen, Loren Jones, Chris Russell, Ed Williams, Ken Murphy, Erin Walker-Tolles, Sabrina Boone, Elaine Hickey, Jamie Bursell, Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

**Members Absent:** David Campbell, Ed Quinto, Travis Wolfe, Jennifer Pemberton, Ryan Sand, Karen Wood, Jeff Garmon, Eileen Hosey, Corey Padron,

**Others Present:** Nathan Rumsey, Nicole Ferrin, Chelsea Swick, Phil Adams, Sean Smack, Zachariah Fisher

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** June 14, 2023 - Agenda approved

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. April 12, 2023, Minutes of the Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee unanimously approved.
2. May 10, 2023, Minutes of the Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee unanimously approved.

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

None

**F. STAFF REPORTS**

**Elected Official Report-Wade Bryson** – No report.

**Emergency Programs Report- Tom Mattice** reported that Gustavus is relinquishing the mobile shelter. We agreed to the State's inquiry about relocating it to Juneau. The State has moved the award of Federal grant funding to proceed with Whole Community all hazard planning revisions to the Fall. CBJ has been conducting outreach within our community to identify partners interested in running warming shelters. CBJ Emergency Programs will be hiring an individual in November to train into the coordination position Michelle is retiring from at the end of February. Suicide Basin is filling again this summer. Anticipating levels below critical threshold. Airport drill is coming up, ATT will be showcasing First Net and we will learn about assets.

**JPD-Scott Erickson** – Hiring, need lots of cops. Please spread the message.

**CCFR- Ed Quinto** – Not present

**General Public-Destiny Sargeant** invited the group to the Juneau Amature Hand Radio Club field day. Set-up will be the afternoon of June 23 with contest going through Sunday afternoon. Lots of fun for the public with a free hotdogs and hamburgers at the event. Public event begins Saturday, June 17 and ends on Sunday at 10am. Next Destiny spoke to how our community is hurting right now because of multiple traumas. Car accidents and fires resulting in fatalities and serious injuries. She encouraged us to recognize our local heroes, first responders of all kinds. Make sure to include care for those individuals. Be gentle with ourselves and others. There are places in our communities to go for help, centers that provide services on an outpatient basis and sliding cost based on needs. Some she mentioned were Bartlett outpatient, NAMI, mental health page on the State website, private practitioners, help hotline 211, employer assistance programs, 988 crisis line 24/7.

**BRH-Evan Price** advised that BRH would have an upcoming planned service outage that would affect phones. **Michelle Brown** – Nate Rumsey applied for the BRH Alternate Seat, which should be approved by the July meeting.

**Red Cross-Britt Tonnessen**- RC has been busy supporting spring break-up. Damage assessment training was hosted in Juneau to be ready to assist. More volunteers are needed, please help with recruiting. We currently have 240 active volunteers in Alaska, and we were unable to staff the needed three shelter teams. It was necessary to bring volunteers from down south to serve Alaska in this year's dynamic winter river breakups. We are accepting pets in disaster shelters which requires multiple partners. Most people with pets will not utilize shelters if their pets are not allowed. We are also seeking local Mental Health First Aid and CPR training opportunities through disaster partners. Currently, Red Cross in Alaska is not providing this training and because in the past we did, we are receiving requests and would like to be able to provide referrals. **Loren Jones**-RC is moving to an emergency dispatch system. Call the 1 800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) number and there will be duty officers in Alaska answering the phones; they may not be in Juneau. Reach out to Britt Tonnessen if you know of individuals or organizations that would be interested in volunteering with the Red Cross in Alaska.

**Right to Know-Chris Russell (State Troopers)** reported staffing issues through the end of July due to individuals retiring and transferring into the Blue Shirt side. Blue Shirts vs Brown Shirts are two different divisions. Brown shirts are dealing with search and rescue and helping JPD. Statewide they are down 65 positions, however Juneau is in good shape currently. They will have a lot of turn over in Juneau over the next few years. Currently they are hiring.

**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. **Nicole Ferrin (NWS)** is the new WCM at the National Weather Service office in Juneau. She has applied for the Haz/Mat Seat on the Juneau LEPC taking the seat Jeff Garmon has been covering until the WCM position was filled. She asked the group to reach out to her as point of contact for community needs like exercises and trainings. She advised that the Montana Creek alert levels were being adjusted to assure timely public action statements.

**Alaska Native Tribal-Sabrina Boone** reported that they had been busy in June preparing to hire 3-4 VPSO positions throughout SE Alaska. They worked with Officer John Cryderman, [jncryderman@juneaupolice.com](mailto:jncryderman@juneaupolice.com) for ALICE training for employees. They are moving into train the trainer courses in June. Staff assisted in traditional food distribution for tribal disaster areas. Canoe landing on June 25 was successful. Hosted visiting TTCHITA Emergency Manager. FEMA reps coming mid-June to see how everything was being run within the organization.

## G. NEW BUSINESS

**Congratulations to Nicole Ferrin with NWS on her promotion to the Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM)**

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. **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. We have until February 2024 to decide. Tasked LEPC participants to check their schedules and send recommendations to Michelle Brown, [michelle.brown@juneau.org](mailto:michelle.brown@juneau.org). Group recommended sending a poll for recommendations.
4. **LEPC Recruitment**-Michelle Brown  
We currently have no open seats.
5. **New Tactical EMS/Rescue Vehicle** presentation by JPD & CCFR – deferred to future meeting.
6. **All Hazard Mitigation & Whole Community Input Planning** – to begin Fall 2023. Tom Mattice advised that some meetings would begin soon.
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. Need to meet with CCFR and JPD to begin the process.

**I. ACTION ITEMS - None**

**J. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**K. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**Wednesday, July 12, 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

**M. ADJOURNMENT – 12:41 pm**

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