

# LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM

**In-Person with Zoom Capabilities**

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**LOCATION:** Nat'l Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center (12300 Mendenhall Loop Rd - Room 116)

OR via Zoom: <https://juneau.zoom.us/j/99118835453> or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 991 1883 5453

**A. CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Ed Williams

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Introductions** – Online and In Room

**Vacant Seat** – Hospital Alternate Seat

**Thank You & Farewell** – Kim McDowell, BRH

**Welcome** – Justin Shoman, Media Seat; Ryan OShaughnessy, Emergency Programs Manager

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – February 12, 2025

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. January 8, 2025, Draft Minutes of the Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

**E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (10-15 Minutes)**

None.

**F. STAFF REPORTS**

Elected Official – Assembly Member Ella Adkison reported that the Assembly unanimously approved the LID for the HESCO barriers on the Mendenhall River at the February 3 regular meeting. She noted that 117 residents opposed the LID. At the meeting the Assembly removed the interest requirement for the first ten years of the project.

Emergency Programs - Ryan OShaughnessy introduced himself as the new Emergency Programs Manager, and noted that his focus would be on expanding capacity, planning efforts and training infrastructure. Teri Rehfeldt introduced herself as the new grants specialist and LEPC staff, filling Michelle Brown's role. Tom Mattice noted that this is the first expansion of Emergency Management staff in 16 years, and he looked forward to working together. Teri noted that the LEPC is still looking for someone to take notes during the meeting to support completion of the monthly minutes.

JPD – Jeremy Weske reported on new staff in training and vacancies.

CCFR - Theresa Ross reported on departmental vacancies and new hires.

Hospital - Kim McDowell reported on new emergency operations plans and the new emergency manager. BRH will participate in the upcoming airport drill and is collaborating with JPD for a new crisis team.

Red Cross - Britt Tonneson reported on new Red Cross staff positions including a new Juneau position. Shelter training is coming up in April.

Haz/Mat - NWS Weather and Preparedness Update – Nicole Ferrin reported that NWS is collaborating with local and regional partners including the Southeast Landslide Working Group; Juneau Hazard Mitigation Plan; regional avalanche forecasters; USCG; and preparing for the GLOF with CBJ and UAS, including outreach. For the GLOF, NWS

plans to keep a range of values for the predicted river crest height and timing, and is working to update the impact statements at the new record levels to incorporate observations from last year during the post-event survey.

Alaska Native Tribal - Sabrina Grubitz reported on Tlingit Haida's efforts regarding the flood response, with collecting data for the CBJ hazard mitigation plan update. Tlingit Haida participated in the ICS training with the Coast Guard. Tlingit Haida is working with Alaska Seadogs for landslide rescue, expanding the program to Prince of Wales island. Sabrina described various collaborative efforts with FEMA Region X and Southeast Conference. Alisha Sell noted an upcoming CERT class in March, open to all, flyers available.

**G. NEW BUSINESS** - Justin Shoman, KTOO President and General Manager. Justin provided a presentation on the Emergency Alert System (EAS) in Juneau and planned infrastructure improvements in the EAS system at KTOO. Justin gave an outline of emergency alert systems and how these systems can be used in different disaster scenarios, as well as monitoring efforts that come from six different sources. Justin provided an interactive map with alerts in different areas across the country, and provided examples of how the system works, such as during the 2024 Mendenhall River flood. The National Weather Service is the primary source of information. Tom Mattice noted that there is a state emergency communications committee, and CBJ is the only community in the state that has a seat on that committee.

#### **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **All Hazard Mitigation & Whole Community Input Planning update – Ryan OShaughnessy**

Ryan reported that the all-hazard mitigation plan update is moving along well and currently in the risk assessment phase. The risk assessment phase will end in approximately April, followed by community review, then will move to review and high level planning of mitigation projects. The draft plan will likely come before the CBJ Assembly in May or June, with final approval by FEMA in July or August. Completion of this project will set the stage for new funding opportunities. Ryan noted that this is the only multi-jurisdictional plan addressing a glacial outburst flood in the nation.

**Mendenhall River Flooding** – Ryan noted that the HESCO barrier plan is moving forward with site assessments.

#### **I. ACTION ITEMS** - None

#### **J. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **SBA Economic Injury Assistance**

Applicants may apply online and can find additional disaster assistance information at [SBA.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster).

The deadline for applying for economic injury funding is July 16, 2025. If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept an SBA loan.

##### **Shelter Training 2025**

April

More information to come

POC: Britt Tonnessen – (907) 727-5361 – [britt.tonnessen@redcross.org](mailto:britt.tonnessen@redcross.org)

##### **AlaskaEx 2026 – SE AK Regional Exercise with events beginning in 2025 through 2026**

More information to come.

POC: Tom Mattice (907)209-9207 – [tom.mattice@juneau.gov](mailto:tom.mattice@juneau.gov)

**ORCA Exercise-103rd WMD-CST, AK ANG**

SAVE THE DATE: June 9-13, 2025

POC: CPT Rehberg, Kyle J - [kyle.j.rehberg.mil@army.mil](mailto:kyle.j.rehberg.mil@army.mil)

**K. NEXT MEETING DATE**

March 12, 2025

In-Person Hybrid Meeting with Zoom Webinar Capabilities

Location: Nat'l Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center (12300 Mendenhall Loop Rd - Room 116)

***PLEASE ATTEND IN PERSON WHENEVER POSSIBLE***

*\*Regular Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month*

**L. ADJOURNMENT 12:55 pm.**

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