

MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 - 12:00 P.M.
Telephonic/Virtual-Zoom Conference
(Questions Call – 586-0371)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Ed Williams called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.

Roll Call: Michelle Brown confirmed quorum present

Members Present:

Scott Erickson, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Ben Murray, Daniel Wiersma, Tonia Montez, Jennifer Pemberton, Britt Tonnessen, Loren Jones, Ryan Sand, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Michael Tunley, Jon Suk, Zachariah Fisher, Erin Walker-Tolles, Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

Members Absent:

Wade Bryson, David Campbell, Travis Mead, Warren Russell, Chris Russell

Others Present:

Autumn Simmons, Banu Mufale, Daniel Blount, Dan Garcia, Bill Legere, Delsey Rodriguez, Elaine Hickey, Gina Halverson, Kathy Shea, Kathy Ensor, Michael Pierson, Sabrina Boone, Phil Adams, James Goddard

II. INTRODUCTIONS and WELCOME

Official farewell to Bill Legere. With much appreciation for his participation on the committee since 2012, the group welcomed his replacement Jennifer Pemberton, VP and Managing Editor at KTOO to Seat 6 Media, already approved by the HRC.

Also farewell to Michael Tunley, Seat 10 HAZ/MAT Transporter, he is resigning to accept a transfer to Anchorage. Today is his last meeting. The group expressed their gratitude and best wishes.

III. AGENDA CHANGES

Remove item D “HAZMAT” from Section VI. REPORTS (was done last meeting), removed NEW BUSINESS (item duplicate in UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 12, 2022 Minutes Approved

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Non-Agenda Items

Michael Pierson (Coast Guard) – Arctic Edge 2022 to take place mid March. This is a training exercise for DoD US Northern Command and US Alaskan Command taking place in Gastineau Channel. Coast Guard is the conduit for communication until DoD is established, and they have been provided contact information for local organizations.

VI. REPORTS

- A. CBJ Emergency Programs Report** – Tom Mattice – Expressed his thanks to Bill and Michael for their service and the representation they brought to the committee. Annual reports and applications for police and fire project funding going out. Snow report – considerable/high avalanche danger has persisted with regular precipitation but slide sizes remain small.

- B. CCFR & AKANG** - Ed Quinto – No major updates for Van Winkle, EMS Symposium or Ironman – planning meetings continue. See Information Items.
- C. Red Cross** – Britt Tonnessen – RC is participating in many upcoming exercises. They are seeking a cooperative partner interested in developing youth preparedness leaders.
- D. Elected Official Report** – None
- E. Other Member Reports** – Destiny Sargeant noted that the community appreciates Tom's Avalanche forecasting.
- F. NWS Weather Update** – Jon Suk – Current flood watch dropped, precipitation decreasing. Next storm system (mostly rain) is coming in on Friday. Approaching record precipitation amounts for Jan/Feb, already surpassed average amount of precipitation for all of February. Temperatures expected to be slightly warmer than normal through the end of February.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. JNU International Airport Full Scale Exercise** – Phil Adams, JNU Airport Superintendent – Screen share report on airport exercise planning. Tentatively scheduled for July 23. Next planning meeting is April 14. Intention is to exercise core capabilities/objectives of each agency. 60-70 causality incident, need volunteer actors, controllers/evaluators, and moulage. Contact phil.adams@jnuairport.com (907) 321-3803
- B. New Seat Discussion** – Bylaws change proposal developed by the CBJ Law Department. Tribal Seat Subcommittee decommissioned, as new proposal met our needs. If a separate tribal organization requests a seat, on the Juneau LEPC, we will add a unique seat. See Action Items.
- C. COVID-19 Discussions, Information Sharing, and Updates** - Elaine Hickey (Public Health) – Juneau COVID Risk lowered to Moderate, the numbers are steadily decreasing; vaccine clinics are every Wed/Fri. Free Home test kits are being distributed and n95 masks will be available soon. FDA is meeting on the 15th for possible approval of vaccine for 6mo-4 y/o.
- D. Juneau Winter 2022** – No updates/discussion
- E. Training and Exercise Planning** – On February 25, JMR, SEADOGS, and CCFR will be conducting an urban avalanche drill to utilize public volunteers for response efforts.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Motion to adopt bylaws change proposal as drafted by the law department vote held, unanimously approved.

Roll call vote: Scott Erickson – Y, Ed Quinto – Y, Destiny Sargeant – Y, Daniel Wiersma – Y, Jennifer Pemberton – Y, Britt Tonnessen – Y, Ryan Sand – Y, Karen Wood – Y, Michael Tunley – Y, Zachariah Fisher – Y, Tom Mattice – Y
- B.** Elections – Postponed until next meeting due to time constraints

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. COVID-19 Info**
Community Testing Hotline (907) 586-6000 Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.
EOC Logistics covid.logistics@juneau.org to request resources
COVID-19 questions e-mail: covidquestions@juneau.org

B. Arctic Edge 2022 – Full Scale Exercise

March 14-19 / Staging will be visible beginning Feb. 18, 2022

Location: Gastineau Channel.

POC: DoD US Northern Command and US Alaskan Command. USCG, Michael Pierson is the conduit for communication until local DoD is established

C. Van Winkle – Regional Full Scale HAZMAT Exercise

POC- AK National Guard 103 Civil Support Team

email christopher.e.phinney.mil@army.mil (907) 980-6079

CCFR POC – Ed Quinto ed.quinto@juneau.org

Next Planning meeting February 12, 2022 - Time: 9am & Location AKANG/UAS Joint Bldg
Exercise March 21-24, 2022

After Action Report: March 25, 2022

D. SE AK EMS Symposium - [Southeast Region EMS Council – Ensuring the Best Possible Emergency Medical Care Across Southeast Alaska \(serems.org\)](http://serems.org)

POC – Andrew Pantiskas, CCFR e-mail: andrew.pantis@juneau.org

Pre-Symposium March 30 – April 1, 2022

Symposium – April 2-3, 2022 Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall

E. Airport Full Scale Exercise – July 23 2022 (tentatively), next planning meeting April 14

POC – Phil Adams Airport Superintendent, phil.adams@jnuairport.com (907) 586-0921

F. Ironman – Organized by The IRONMAN Group www.ironman.com

Local POC Liz Perry, Travel Juneau liz.perry@traveljuneau.com (907) 586-1761

Main Event: August 7, 2022

G. CERT Program – Ongoing Item – Inactive. Seeking strong partnership with CCFR & JPD

X. NEXT MEETING/S

***Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 – 12:00 pm, - **ZOOM**

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

*****Future Temporary Meeting Locations***

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.