

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

DATE: DECEMBER 11th, 2024
 CHAIR: Amanda Loach
 RECORDER: Andrew Preis

MEMBERS PRESENT (P = Present, O = Online, A=Absent, AE=Absent/excused)

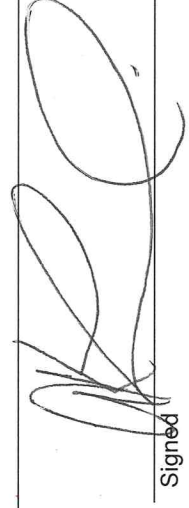
<u>LEPC Voting Members:</u>		<u>Other Agencies Represented:</u>		<u>Other Attendees:</u>
Chairperson – Amanda Loach/Civil Defense	P			
Doug Lamkin – Building Owner / Manager	A	Ruthanna Carr – POA	O	
George Vakalis – SERC / Member-at-Large	P	Drielle Welch – OEM contractor	O	
Alyssa Farrar – Local Environmental	O	Neverley Wake – unknown	O	
Manch Garhart – First Aid / EMS	O	Kathy Shea – AKDEC	P	
Ashley Lally - Member at Large	O	Michael Kubler – PAMC/JMEPG	P	
Lore Olson – Hospitals	AE			
John Huffman – Local Disaster Planning / CERT	AE			
Brian Dean – AFD Fire Marshal	P			
Brian Wilson – APD Captain/Law Enforcement	P			
<u>Support Staff:</u>				
Sean MacKenzie-OEM	P			
Andrew Preis-OEM	P			
<u>Ex-Officio Members (non-voting):</u>				
Aviva Braun - Weather	O			
<u>Reporting Agencies:</u>				
Community Right to Know (CRTK) - Jean Boyda	O			
State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)				
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) – Rai Sincipiano				
Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection (APIP) – Shawna Watson / Robert Carmichael				
Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG) – Michael Kubler				
Communications (AWARN/ALMR) Jason Beach	P			
Anchorage Health Department (AHD) - Renee Aguilar	O	Elisabeth Whitney online		
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT/Citizen Corp), John Huffman, Manch Garhart		Manch Garhart online		
Emergency Operations Center, Andrew Preis OEM				

Agenda Item		DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP (Track, Open, Close)	
AGENDA/ITEM	DISCUSSION				
Call to Order and Introductions	Meeting called to order by Chair Loach – 1:00 pm				
Welcome and Roll Call	Welcome & Rollcall – Andrew Preis Committee members present: 7/10 (quorum met)				
Safety Minute	- Sean MacKenzie, news interview on winter preparedness			Link to the news story: https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.youralaskalin.com/homepage/how-anchorage-drivers-can-prepare-for-icy-roads-and-winter-driving-emergencies/article_8abf3842-b431-11ef-a470-8749e0ad5150.html?!!IN9vJ2dmNYjWGSwtIBI E MIx5zRo-4y_Vp7EFoAa10hxt8z1FJuuLwU-uoVG7pKw9CcUz9dzsdCKwhdze0dpOhVFMrvCL0JXCnBEBK6uerhAi8hrtsQ\$	
Consent Agenda- Approval of previous meeting minutes from 9/25/24	Motion: George Vakalis Second: Brian Dean Result: motion pass unanimous				
Consent Agenda- Approval of Agenda for 12/11/24	Motion: George Vakalis Second: Brian Dean Result: motion pass unanimous				
Presentation	- Drielle Welch, OEM Contractor. After Action report from Covid-19 response - Update on the process with slide show			Andy Preis will include copy of slides in meeting minutes below. Drielle to send around the list of stakeholders	
AGENCY REPORTS:					
Community Right to Know Act (CRTK)	Jean Boyda, AFD/CRTK. - Preparing for 2025 CRTK reporting season. Reminder letters get sent out next week to facilities. Beginning of January through March for facility reporting. Still using the same online documentation and reporting system.				

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Emergency Plans	Sean MacKenzie, OEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sean gave an update on Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment project 		Andy to include slides from powerpoint into meeting minutes below
State Emergency Response Committee (SERC)	George Vakalis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recently attended the bi-annual SERC meeting. Short meeting, lots of written reports submitted. - Once again was able to pitch that funding for LEPCs needs to be restored especially for the smaller communities. Chair loach intends to work toward making a pitch to the AK State legislature. - Kathy Shea reported that the Aleutian-Pribilof Island LEPC has established a 501C3 non-profit to help fund LEPC work, and AKDEC can help offer support for other communities to set up something similar 	George Vakalis recommends there be some follow up with the Alaska State legislature to make a formal pitch for the State's LEPC funding be restored to local jurisdictions.	
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS & EM)	Rai Sempliciano, DHS&EM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A - Might be a new LEPC point of contact from the State soon. Will report back with an update. 		Andy will follow up with DHS&EM to figure out new POC
Alaska Partners for Infrastructure Protection (APIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N/A - Andy Preis, OEM reported the next meeting date, time, location. Gave out name of DHS&EM contact for those interested in attending. 	Benjamin Hartlieb is the current public sector co-chair of the APIP, and can be contacted for meeting schedule, Teams link, and mailing list additions. Benjamin.hartlieb@alaska.gov	
Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG)	Michael Kubler – PAMC Preparedness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last JMEPG meeting was in October, the group got a report out from Sean Murphy, Alaska Regional emergency manager, who had recently deployed as part of a DMAT down to the southeast hurricanes. - Also reported that there have been shortages on some critical medical supplies due to manufacturing facilities being impacted by the recent hurricanes. - IV supplies are starting to come back online slowly but still shortages, and issues with supply chains. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at a topic for a JMEPG TTX next year 2025, possibly special pathogens preparedness. - Next meeting is next Tuesday 2pm 12/17, looking at activities coming up for 2025 and IV supply issues. 		
Communications: (AWARN/ALMR)	<p>Jason Beach – MOA Comms/Radio Shop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still rolling out APD handheld fleet, slowly integrating them into the fleet. Beta test is done. - Summer project schedule for some equipment upgrades coming up next year 2025. 		
Anchorage Health Department (AHD)	<p>Dr. Elisabeth Whitney – AHD EP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listening in for the first time to gain visibility and learn what these meetings report out. 		
Citizen Corps/CERT	<p>John Huffman – UAA Director EHSRM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Absent/excused <p>Manch Garhart, Girdwood VFD/CERT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large scale incident training with other FDs with motor vehicle accident scenario, practicing scene size up, patient tracking, etc. 		
MOA Emergency Operations Center	<p>Andrew Preis – Programs Manager, OEM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December 3, duty officer responded to a large apartment fire, no unmet needs ended up coming up, but OEM was standing by to assist. - OEM onboarding 2 new duty officers to the rotation and they are ready to join the rotation full time - Recently had a command and general staff meeting from the EOC command and general staff for planning purposes and general improvement items. OEM will be hosting and running these C&G meetings quarterly to try and stay on top of EOC improvement planning. 		
Ex-Officio member comments	<p>Aviva Braun, NWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Present, no report. 		<p>Chair Loach will reach out to new AHD Chief Medical Officer Dr. George Conway to join.</p>

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Break		10 minute break		Motion: no break Second: Result:		
Unfinished Business:		- N/A				
New Business:		- 2025 meeting schedule is all reserved except for Q4, which will get reserved tomorrow (limitation on reserving library rooms a year out).				-
Public Comment		- N/A				
Committee Member Comment		- George Vakalis, recently attended an exercise about natural gas shortage, did not feel confident about Anchorage's ability to respond to a shortage. Talked about EOC previously having run local utility exercises with local utility providers, specifically to address shortfalls of utility provision, how to handle brown outs and rotations, when/where to set up warming centers. Strongly recommends setting up a discussion-based exercise with all utilities and local players to walk/talk through all of these potentials.		Put together an exercise planning committee to set up and run an energy shortage TTX		OEM will make recommendation to run a local utility shortage TTX
ADJOURNMENT:		Motion requested to adjourn meeting (time) Motion: Brian Dean Second: George Vakalis Result: unanimous Meeting adjourned at: 2:10pm Next meeting will be Wednesday DECEMBER 11, 2024 1pm-3pm Loussac Library Moose Room/MS Teams hybrid				


 Signed _____
 Date 5/6/2025

MOA Covid-19 After Action Report presentation:

MOA COVID-19 AAR/IP Purpose and Scope

Purpose

- The purpose of this AAR/IP process was to provide an opportunity to review response and recovery activities coordinated and supported by the Municipality of Anchorage to identify strengths and areas for improvement. This process supports future planning for emerging threats and hazards towards building further resiliency across the Municipality of Anchorage.

Scope

- The scope of this AAR/IP included response and recovery activities conducted from December 2019 through October 2022.

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MOA COVID-19 AAR/IP Process

This AAR was conducted using a three (3)-phased approach:

- ☐ Phase I: Project initiation
 - ☐ Kickoff meeting
 - ☐ Stakeholder identification
- ☐ Phase II: After action documentation review, surveys, interviews
 - ☐ Survey development and dissemination
 - ☐ Interview questionnaire development and facilitation
- ☐ Phase III: AAR report development and finalization
 - ☐ Survey and interview data analysis
 - ☐ Draft AAR development and review
 - ☐ Draft AAR stakeholder review
 - ☐ Delivery of final AAR

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Relevant Document Review

- MOA Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP)
- Incident Action Plans, Situation Reports, and Operation Briefings
- EOC Policy Group meeting notes and documentation
- Interim COVID-19 After Action Reviews
- COVID Testing Plan
- EOC Transition Plan
- Executive Orders and documentation related to Assembly actions
- COOP Plans
- AHD documentation and materials
- Social media related to COVID-19 response

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Data Collection and Stakeholder Engagement

- Total of 34 survey responses received
 - ✓ 21 General Response Partners
 - ✓ 4 NGO/CBO Partners
 - ✓ 8 General Public
 - ✓ 1 Business Partner
- 25 1:1 and follow up interviews conducted



COVID-19 AAR Focus Areas

Multi-Agency/Operational Coordination	Response Readiness and Planning	Utilization of Technology
Information Sharing	Resource Management, Procurement, and Warehousing	Health and Social Services
Public Health and Medical Services	Recovery	COVID-19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Vaccinations



COVID-19 AAR/IP Component Highlights

- MOA response review
- Tied into FEMA core capabilities
- Strengths/successes/lessons learned
- Areas for improvement and corrective actions
- Observations and analysis
- Improvement Plan includes POETE categorization, prioritization for corrective actions, and lead agencies to support corrective action implementation
- Incident timeline



Next Steps

- Incorporate feedback from stakeholders into IPP.
- Finalize COVID-AAR and distribute to stakeholders.
- Incorporate COVID-AAR IPP action items into master IPP tracker and process.
- Grant closeout.



Conclusions

- The MOA successfully implement many best practices identified through many COVID-19 after action reviews from across the country including communication with external partners, establishing a joint information system (JIS), use of incident command, early adaptation and transition to virtual platforms, and leveraging private sector innovations.
- MOA staff and contractors remained committed to innovation and identifying solutions in an ever-changing environment.
- MOA OEM provided calm guidance, leadership, and a focus on collaboration to accomplish difficult things.
- Valuable partnerships were created and strengthened which improved the overall resiliency for the residents on Anchorage.



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MOA Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment project update:

Municipality of Anchorage

Office of Emergency Management

2024 Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) Update



2024 HIRA Update Risk Assessment Overview

- Threat Identification: Potential to Cause Harm
 - Hazard Profile, Location, Extent, History, Probability
- Vulnerability: MOA Susceptibility to the Hazard
 - Vulnerability to People, Property, Environment, MOA Operations
- Consequence Analysis: Impacts to the MOA
 - Public, Responders, Continuity of Operations, Property/Infrastructure, Environment, Economy, Public Confidence in the MOA's Governance

2024 HIRA Update Hazard Summary

16 Hazards

4 Geological	2 Weather	3 Technological	3 Health	3 Human-Caused
Avalanche Earthquake Ground Failure/ Landslide/ Severe Erosion Tsunami *	Extreme Weather Flooding	Utility Failure Dam Failure Hazardous Materials Release Transportation Incident	Communicable Diseases Volcanic Ash Fall Air Pollution	Civil Disturbance * Fire Tsunami *

*New hazards identified during the 2024 HIRA Update



2024 HIRA Update Hazard Vulnerability Overview



2024 HIRA Update Local Planning Team

- 45+ MOA Representatives
 - MOA Department POC Representation:
 - Mayor's Office
 - AFD
 - APD
 - AHJ
 - Port of Alaska
 - Ted Stevens International
 - Transportation Planning
 - Parks & Recreation
 - O & M, AWWU
 - IT
- 6 one-hour planning meetings
 - Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
 - Capabilities Assessment
 - Hazard Vulnerability Overview



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