

## Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

**DATE:** DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Q. 4

**CHAIR:** Amanda Loach

**RECORDER:** Andrew Preis

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

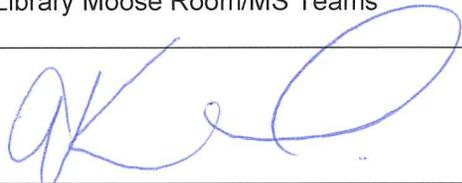
<b><u>LEPC Voting Members:</u></b>		<b><u>Other Agencies Represented:</u></b>		<b><u>Other Attendees:</u></b>	
Chairperson – Amanda Loach/Civil Defense	P				
Doug Lamkin – Building Owner / Manager	A	Kathy Shea, ADEC	P		
George Vakalis – SERC / Member-at-Large	A				
Alyssa Farrar – Local Environmental	O				
Manch Garhart – First Aid / EMS	A				
Ashley Lally - Member at Large	A				
Lore Olson – Hospitals	A				
John Huffman – Local Disaster Planning / CERT	P				
Brian Dean – AFD Fire Marshal	P				
Brian Wilson – APD Captain/Law Enforcement	P				
<b><u>Support Staff:</u></b>					
Sean MacKenzie-OEM (Kari filled in)	P				
Andrew Preis-OEM	P				
<b><u>Ex-Officio Members (non-voting):</u></b>					
Aviva Braun - Weather	O				
<b><u>Reporting Agencies:</u></b>					
Community Right to Know (CRTK) - Jean Boyda	O				
State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)	A				
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) – JJ Little	A				
Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection (APIP) – Hillary Palmer / Benjamin Hartlieb	A				
Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG) – Michael Kubler	O				
Communications (AWARN/ALMR) Jason Beach	O				
Anchorage Health Department (AHD) – Katherine Stodgell	O				
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT/Citizen Corp), John Huffman, Manch Garhart	A/P				
Emergency Operations Center, Andrew Preis OEM	P				

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP
<b>Call to Order and Introductions</b>	Meeting called to order by Chair Loach – 1:02 pm		
<b>Welcome and Roll Call</b>	Welcome & Rollcall – Andrew Preis Committee members present: 5/10 (quorum NOT met)		
<b>Safety Minute</b>	- Sean MacKenzie, OEM Program Manager. Winter Safety presentation	Slides will be in the minutes below	
<b>Consent Agenda- Approval of previous meeting minutes from 9/17/25</b>	Motion: NO VOTE Second: Result:		This will be voted on at the Q1 2026 meeting.
<b>Consent Agenda- Approval of Agenda for 12/10/25</b>	Motion: NO VOTE Second: Result:		This will be voted on at the Q1 2026 meeting.
<b>Presentation</b>	- Sean MacKenzie, OEM Program Manager. 2025 Western Alaska Storm Response presentation	Slides will be in the minutes below	
<b>AGENCY REPORTS:</b>			
<b>Community Right to Know Act (CRTK)</b>	Jean Boyda, AFD/CRTK. -		
<b>Emergency Plans</b>	Amanda Loach, OEM -	Slides will be in the minutes below.	Amanda to send LEPC the presentation, the draft plan update, and allow time for feedback. OEM to share HIRA with Renee and others as they want it.
<b>State Emergency Response Committee (SERC)</b>	George Vakalis - N/A		

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<b>Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS &amp; EM)</b>	JJ Little, DHS&EM - N/A		
<b>Alaska Partners for Infrastructure Protection (APIP)</b>	- N/A		
<b>Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG)</b>	Current member: - Michael Kubler. Want to host workshop on mass casualty response, more TTX than full scale. Scenarios include MCI in Anchorage, MCI outside community, MCI outside community requiring air transport into Anchorage. Goal is to test plans. Planning meeting for this workshop this week, rolling out the idea to the JMEPG next week. - Also would like presentation at JMEPG soon on how MOA interacts with hospitals during response. - Thanking MOA Radio Shop for their help with radio issues recently, 20/10 wonderful to work with.		
<b>Communications: (AWARN/ALMR)</b>	Jason Beach – MOA Comms/Radio Shop - N/A		
<b>Anchorage Health Department (AHD)</b>	Katherine Stodgell/Renee Aguilar – AHD EP - Michael Macans new program manager for EP. Logistics position filled recently as well.		
<b>Citizen Corps/CERT</b>	John Huffman – UAA Director EH SRM - CERT class on 10/8 for UAA, trained 6 staff members to become CERT members. Also had several in training from Yakutat. Holding PIO trainings in the near future in conjunction with the State. - UAA selected for a case study, to determine how best to prepare students for earthquakes. This is happening in 2026. Manch Garhart, Girdwood VFD/CERT - N/A Dean Cox, Eagle River CERT - N/A		

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<b>MOA Emergency Operations Center</b>	Andrew Preis – Program Manager, OEM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing additional to add, other than how to give feedback on the response by responders.</li> </ul>		
<b>Ex-Officio member comments</b>	Aviva Braun, NWS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have had a LOT of weather events happening the last few months. Halong, and recent wind storm in Mat-Su.</li> <li>- During Halong response, sent update packages to the EOC to support the response.</li> <li>- NWS had issued a “wind advisory” for the wind event in the Mat-Su. This was an effort to be flexible on receiving feedback. This is being trialed, and welcoming feedback. Seeing that the advisories might need to be triggered at lower thresholds, example 50mph for Mat-Su.</li> </ul>		
<b>Break</b>			
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalized, signed, and sent forward funding letter from Anchorage LEPC to lots of recipients since the last quarterly meeting. This has been completed. Received feedback from a couple recipients that they received and appreciated letter.</li> <li>- LEPCA/SERC were supposed to meet in October, but those meetings were superseded by the ongoing Typhoon Halong response. Not sure yet when these meetings will be rescheduled.</li> <li>- Ongoing concern that the letter was a request for funding, related to the ever increasing cancellation of funding sources related to emergency management, and yet the Governor’s proposed budget coming out in December to be finalized next year looking at a lack of opportunity to speak to the LEPCA/SERC in time for 2026 budget finalization.</li> <li>- LEPC LOGO: no work done by OEM staff in the last quarter to create additional samples.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggested that we look into Anchorage LEPC requesting special/urgent meeting with the LEPCA and/or SERC, and if possible request that meeting BEFORE next regularly scheduled LEPCA/SERC meetings in April, 2026.</li> <li>- Chair Loach to follow up with DEC staff for recommendations on approaching the SERC and LEPCA with the request for a special meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OEM to share logo samples with John Huffman at UAA, to share with his internal graphic designers to work.</li> </ul>

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	John Huffman offered to take a look at logo suggestions.		
<b>New Business:</b>	- N/A		
<b>Public Comment</b>	- N/A		
<b>Committee Member Comment</b>	- N/A		
<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>	Motion requested to adjourn meeting Motion: NO VOTE Second: NO VOTE Result: Meeting adjourned at: 2:28 pm Next meeting will be Wednesday DECEMBER 10 <sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm Loussac Library Moose Room/MS Teams hybrid		

  
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3/24/2026  
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 Date

Safety Minute Presentation

**Anchorage Office of  
Emergency Management  
Safety Minute**

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**Sean MacKenzie**  
**December 10, 2025**



**Social Media Post – 02 December**

Prepare for #winter by keeping an emergency supply kit in your car with these extras:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction
- Water, non-perishable food, and an extra set of warm clothes

More: [www.ready.gov/car](http://www.ready.gov/car) #WinterReady



**Social Media Post – 04 December**

Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from a fireplace, wood stove, or space heater. #WinterReady



**Social Media Post – 09 December**

Natural gas is efficient and reliable—but safety comes first. Here are a few quick tips to protect your home and workplace:

- ✓ Install carbon monoxide detectors
- ✓ Know the smell – Natural gas has a rotten egg odor
- ✓ Don't ignore a leak – If you smell gas, leave immediately and call 911 or your gas provider
- ✓ Never use gas ovens to heat your home
- ✓ Know how to shut off the gas

Let's keep our communities safe and warm this winter. #NaturalGasSafety #EmergencyPreparedness #HomeSafety #EnergyAwareness



### Social Media Post – 11 December

When seconds count, every moment matters. Snow-covered fire hydrants can delay firefighters during an emergency. You can make a life-saving difference:

- ✔ Keep a 3-foot radius clear around hydrants
- ✔ Remove snow after each storm
- ✔ Report buried hydrants to your local fire department

Let's work together to keep our neighborhoods safe this winter. Your shovel could save a life! 🧰❤️

#FireSafety #WinterPreparedness #ClearHydrants #CommunitySafety #AnchorageStrong



### Social Media Post – 16 December

🧡 Check In. Reach Out. Save a Life. ❤️

During emergencies—like power outages, severe weather, or natural disasters—a simple check-in can make all the difference.

- 🏠 Knock on a neighbor's door
- 📞 Send a quick text or call
- 👴 Prioritize seniors, people with disabilities, and those living alone

We're stronger when we look out for each other. Let's build a safer, more connected community—one neighbor at a time.

#CommunityResilience #EmergencyPreparedness #NeighborsHelpingNeighbors #AnchorageCares #WinterSafety



### Social Media Post – 18 December

Cold temperatures can drain your phone battery faster than usual — and in an emergency, a dead device can leave you stranded without communication or access to critical information.

- ✔ Charge devices regularly
- ✔ Keep a power bank handy
- ✔ Store electronics in warm places
- ✔ Avoid leaving phones in cold vehicles



Whether you're commuting, traveling, or just out enjoying the snow — a charged device is your lifeline. Stay powered, stay safe. ⚡📱

#WinterSafety #EmergencyPreparedness #StayCharged #ColdWeatherTips



### Social Media Post – 23 December

❄️🧣 Layer Up for Winter Safety! 🧤🧥

When temperatures drop, **dressing in layers** isn't just about comfort—it's about survival.

- ◆ **Base layer:** Keeps moisture away
- ◆ **Middle layer:** Insulates and retains heat
- ◆ **Outer layer:** Shields from wind, rain, and snow

Layering helps regulate body temperature, prevents hypothermia, and allows flexibility as conditions change. Whether you're commuting, working outdoors, or enjoying winter recreation—**layering is key** to staying warm and safe.

#WinterSafety #DressSmart #EmergencyPreparedness #ColdWeatherTips #LayerUp



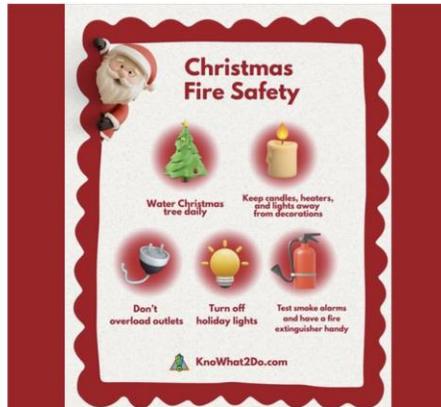
### Social Media Post – 25 December

Please see the following post from #KnoWhat2Do

Christmas is a time for joy, but holiday fires are all too common. Protect your home and loved ones with these important fire safety tips:

- 🌲 Water your Christmas tree daily to prevent dryness
- 🕯️ Keep candles, heaters, and lights away from decorations
- 🔌 Use flame-resistant ornaments and avoid overloaded outlets
- 💡 Turn off holiday lights when you leave or go to bed
- 🚒 Test smoke alarms and have a fire extinguisher handy

A little caution goes a long way to keeping your holidays bright and safe!  
 For more information, visit:  
<https://knowwhat2do.com/local-hazards/holiday-safety/>  
 #ChristmasFireSafety #HolidaySafety #FirePrevention



### Social Media Post – 30 December

⚠️ Winter Generator Safety Tips ⚠️  
 When the power goes out, generators can be lifesavers — but only if used safely.

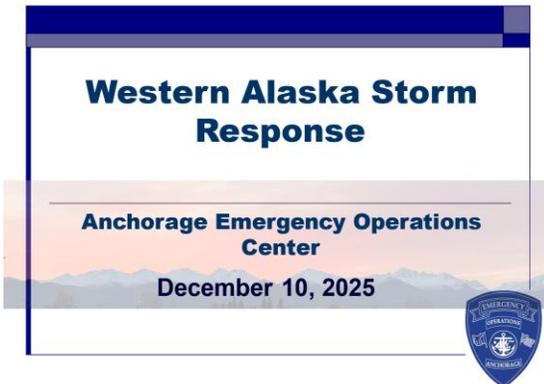
- ✅ Always use outdoors — never in garages, basements, or enclosed spaces
- ✅ Keep at least 20 feet away from windows, doors, and vents
- ✅ Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home
- ✅ Let generators cool before refueling to prevent fires
- ✅ Use heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords

Carbon monoxide is invisible and deadly. Stay warm — but stay safe. 🚫

#WinterSafety #GeneratorSafety  
 #EmergencyPreparedness #COAwareness  
 #PowerOutageTips



### West Coast Storm Response Presentation:



### Agenda

- Effects of Western Alaska Storm
- Emergency Response
- Future Efforts

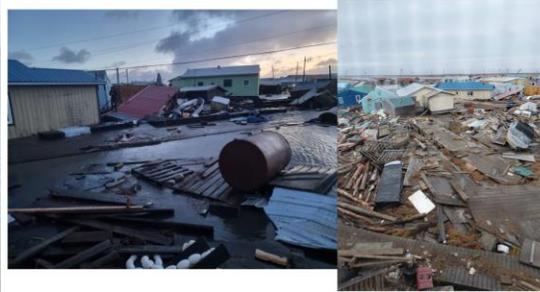
### Effects of Typhoon Halong



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Response to Typhoon Halong



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Response Timeline

- 08 Oct – Initial Western Alaska storm
- 09 Oct – Governor Dunleavy issued a State Disaster Declaration
- 11 Oct – Remnants of Typhoon Halong cause storm surge
- 14 Oct – SEOC requested shelter for up to 1,500 evacuees
- 15 Oct – Anchorage EOC activated to level 3; Shelter opened at UAA Alaska Airlines Center
- 16 Oct – Egan center ready to receive evacuees
- 17 Oct – Anchorage declares a local disaster
- 22 Oct – President Trump approved a major federal disaster declaration
- 28 Oct – Tidal Basin contracted to assist with transitioning evacuees to hotels
- 30 Oct – 100% of evacuees transitioned to five local hotels



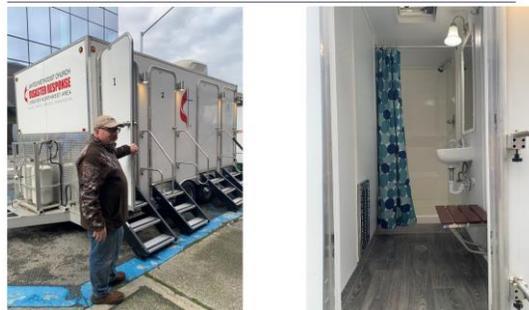
Red Cross Ready to Receive Evacuees



### Additional Support



### Shower Trailer



### Anchorage Public Library Support



### People Mover & Anchor Rides



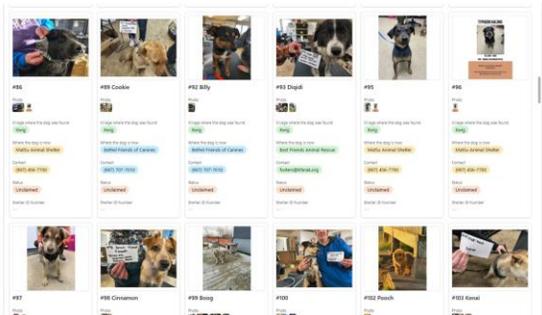
### Emergency Pet Shelter



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### Alaska Typhoon Dogs Webpage



### Team Effort

- Anchorage School District support for evacuated children and transportation
- Municipal HR support for the staffing the Emergency Operations Center
- Municipal Safety Officers efforts both in the field and at the Emergency Operations Center
- Municipal Attorney's Office assistance
- Anchorage Parks and Rec for supporting evacuees at the Rec Centers
- Employees the Health Department and from across the Municipality staffed the Emergency Operations Center

### Future Efforts

- Municipal expenses and reimbursement from the State / Federal government
- Be ready to receive additional evacuees if needed
- Be responsive to the State of Alaska requests for support
- Maintain our good relationships with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, private industry, and a host of other partners supporting this operation
- Office of Emergency Management continues to monitor recovery meetings
- Gather after action lessons learned and conduct improvement planning

Mitigation Plan Updates Presentation:



Planning Process

Plan evaluation against national standards



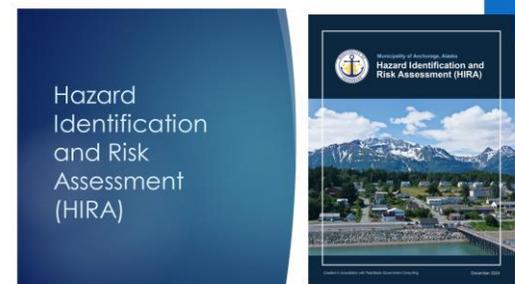
Mitigation Work Since 2022 Plan Approval

- ▶ All Hazards Mitigation Plan (AHMP) Chapter 5 Updates with Project Prioritization
- ▶ Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA)
- ▶ Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update
- ▶ Tsunami Study and Signage
- ▶ Seismic Hazard Zone Analysis and Mapping
- ▶ Wildfire Risk Reduction Project
- ▶ Equal Language Access Project
- ▶ Integration of AHMP into Land Use Plans



Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

- ▶ Project start Date: ongoing since plan approval in 2022
- ▶ Projected completion date- Dec 2026
- ▶ Current status:
  - ▶ Evaluated against national standards- compliant in 5 of 11 elements
  - ▶ Consequence analysis
  - ▶ Chapter 4 updates: Incorporated HIRA findings throughout plan
  - ▶ Chapter 5 Updates with Project Prioritization and monitoring of mitigation activities
- ▶ Next Steps:
  - ▶ Continued updates to plan prior to submission for FEMA approval in 2027
  - ▶ Incorporate findings and updates from recent hazard studies and projects
  - ▶ Coordinate prevention activities, monitor threats and hazards, and create a process to evaluate and revise accordingly



MOA HIRA Results

- ▶ Project start Date- Sept 2024
- ▶ Completion date- Dec 2024
- ▶ Next Steps: Maintenance
- ▶ 16 Identified Hazards for MOA
  - ▶ Avalanche
  - ▶ Earthquake
  - ▶ Extreme Weather
  - ▶ Fire
  - ▶ Flooding
  - ▶ Ground Failure/Landslide
  - ▶ Tsunami
  - ▶ Volcanic Ashfall
  - ▶ Communicable Disease
  - ▶ Terrorism
  - ▶ Civil Disturbance
  - ▶ Air Pollution
  - ▶ Utility Failure
  - ▶ Dam Failure
  - ▶ Hazardous Materials Release
  - ▶ Transportation Accident

2024 HIRA Update Hazard Rankings

Risk scores were calculated using the following methodology:

Threat	Vulnerability	Consequence
Measures the recurrence interval of each hazard	Measures exposure of people, property, infrastructure and operations	Evaluates the severity of impact of people, property, environment, and operations.
3 (High): Expected recurrence within 3 years	3 (High): Majority of planning area infrastructure is highly vulnerable	3 (High): Severe impact lasting over 1 week
2 (Moderate): Recurrence expected within 10 years	2 (Moderate): Significant portions are at risk	2 (Moderate): Moderate impacts lasting under 1 week
1 (Low): Not expected to recur within 10 years	1 (Low): Minimal portion affected	1 (Low): Minimal or short-lived impacts, under 24 hours
Overall Risk		
Once each element was reviewed, each hazard was given an overall risk score.		
3-5 = Low • 6-7 = Medium • 8-9 = High		

2024 HIRA Update Hazard Ranking Matrix

Hazards	Threat	Vulnerability	Consequence	Overall Risk Score	Hazard Risk
Air Pollution	2	3	3	8	High
Avalanche	2	3	2	8	High
Fire	2	3	3	8	High
Flooding	1	3	3	8	High
Hazardous Material	2	3	3	8	High
Hazardous Materials Release	2	3	3	8	High
Ground Failure/Landslide	2	3	2	7	Medium
Avalanche	2	3	2	7	Medium
Tsunami	1	3	3	7	Medium
Communicable Disease	2	2	3	7	Medium
Dam Failure	1	3	3	7	Medium
Utility Emergency	2	2	3	7	Medium
Air Pollution	2	2	2	6	Medium
Transportation Accident	2	2	2	6	Medium
Terrorism	1	2	3	6	Medium
Civil Disturbance	1	1	2	4	Low



### Update Neighborhood Plans

### Wildfire Preparedness- English/Russian

### Equal Language Access Project

- ▶ Project start Date: July 2023
- ▶ Projected completion date- Dec 2026
- ▶ Current status:
  - ▶ Wetlands Management Plan
  - ▶ Historic Preservation Plan
  - ▶ North Anchorage
  - ▶ Central Anchorage
  - ▶ Buildable Land Capacity Study
- ▶ Next Steps:
  - ▶ Continue plan updates

### Translated Documents

### Wildfire Preparedness- English/Russian

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- ▶ Project start Date: 2021
- ▶ Projected completion date- July 2026
- ▶ Current status
  - ▶ Created and translated 3 emergency preparedness documents into 7 languages from 2021-2024 (21 total documents)
    - ▶ Chamorro, Hawaiian, Hmong, Korean, Samoan, Latin American Spanish, and Tagalog
  - ▶ Created and translated 14 Personal Preparedness Documents into 5 languages in 2025 (70 total documents)
    - ▶ Russian, Hmong, Samoan, Tagalog, Spanish
  - ▶ Uploaded translated documents to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) website and updated the website
- ▶ Next Steps:
  - ▶ Awaiting SOA approval for final phase of project/closeout

