

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

DATE: JUNE 21st, 2023
 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	P			
Erich Scheunemann – Vice Chair and Fire	P	Drielle Welch - OEM	O	Donald Frederick
Doug Lamkin – Building Owner / Manager	O	Andy Kendrick – Kendrick Consulting	O	
George Vakalis – SERC / Member-at-Large	P	Kathy Shea - ADEC	P	
Alyssa Farrar – Local Environmental	O	Kari Wiederkehr - OEM	O	
Manch Garhart – First Aid / EMS	A	Steve Hall - AACC	P	
Ashley Lally – Civil Defense	AE			
Lore Olson – Hospitals	O			
John Huffman – Local Disaster Planning / CERT	P			
(incoming) Brian Dean – AFD	AE			
(incoming) Brian Wilson - APD	P			
<u>Support Staff:</u>				
Sean MacKenzie-OEM	P			
Andrew Preis-OEM	P			
<u>Ex-Officio Members (non-voting):</u>				
Dr. Michael Savitt - Health	A			
Aviva Braun - Weather	O			
<u>Reporting Agencies:</u>				
Community Right to Know (CRTK) - Jean Boyda	A			
State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)	P	(George Vakalis)		
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) – TBD	A			
Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection (APIP) – Shawna Watson / Robert Carmichael	A			
Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG) – Lore Olson	P	(Lore Olson)		
Communications (AWARN/ALMR) Jason Beach	O			
Anchorage Health Department (AHD) - Renee Aguilar	P			
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT/Citizen Corp)	P	(John Huffman)		
Emergency Operations Center	P	(Andrew Preis)		

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP
AGENDA/ITEM Call to Order and Introductions	Meeting called to order by Chair Loach – 1:01pm		FOLLOW-UP (Track, Open, Close)
Welcome and Roll Call	Welcome Rollcall – Andrew Preis Committee members present: 7/9 (quorum present)		
Safety Minute	<u>GETSMPS</u> – Andrew Preis, (OEM) (Handouts attached)	Renee – recommends testing the system on a holiday when system may be more clogged and present a realistic test environment.	
Consent Agenda- Approval of previous meeting minutes from 9/28/22	Approval of previous meeting minutes: March 22, 2023	Motion: George Vakalis Second: Erich Scheunemann Result: Pass unanimous consent	Amanda to sign, Andy to post approved meeting minutes on OEM LEPC website after the meeting
Consent Agenda- Approval of Agenda for 12/7/22	Approval of current meeting agenda: June 21, 2023	Motion: George Vakalis Second: Erich Scheunemann Result: Pass unanimous consent	Andy to polish the notes and send around for review prior to next meeting
Presentation	Animal Safety/Preparedness – Steve Hall, Anchorage Animal Care and Control (AACC) Animal Care and Control is a contracted service through the Anchorage Health Dept. 50% of Anchorage households have pets, and all consider them to be part of the family. Sheltering and protection are responsibility of pet owners. People often don't want to leave/evac without their animals. Failure to evac can put them AND first responders at risk. Service animals have to be let in to people shelters for those with disabilities (ADA). Pet sheltering supplies are in connex boxes at Animal Care and Control, ready to deploy. When need arises, shelter supplies picked up and delivered	At some point soon, the animal response plan needs some edits, like the EOC positions and desks that don't exist any longer, or CHAT teams at the AHD. AHD/Renee to follow up on this as the animal response plan is part of the AHD Response Plan.	

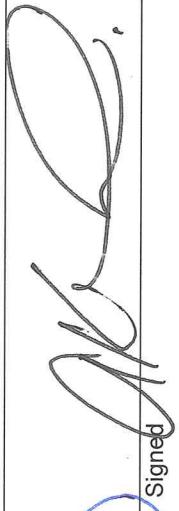
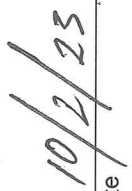
	<p>where needed likely by a contractor. Fencing, tent coverings, kennels, tracking resources, bowls, leashes, etc are in the connex boxes. AACC provides consult and labor for set up and short term limited staffing of pet shelters, but need volunteers as well as owners, usually co located in people shelters, to help care for their animals. AACC will demob, dismantle, clean, inventory, track expenses.</p> <p>Activation – event happens, EOC activates, someone at the EOC (probably Ops section) activates the AACC, AACC helps with setup and temp staffing but need owners and volunteers, then helps with demob and take down also.</p> <p>Animal response plan needs some edits, but the concept still solid in that EOC activates AACC, advises with AHD to determine sheltering needs, would call AACC for pet sheltering needs.</p>		
<p>AGENCY REPORTS:</p>			
<p>Community Right to Know Act (CRTK)</p>	<p>N/A</p>		
<p>Emergency Plans</p>	<p>Drielle Welch – OEM WCIF report. Recent survey sent around for agencies and partners to respond to. WCIF is the THIRA/SPR for capabilities, gaps, funding sources, and an overall comprehensive assessment of the jurisdiction’s hazards and known capabilities. Final WCIF due September 30th. Thanks to all who replied to the survey, may be additional surveys in the future to have additional input and collaboration.</p> <p>CEOP report. Plan has been promulgated by the Mayor, and also on the Assembly’s agenda. It is now official.</p>		
<p>State Emergency Response Committee (SERC)</p>	<p>George Vakalis (representing public at large, and ASD for Ashley Lally).</p> <p>Semi annual regular business meeting of SERC held in April, 2023. Staff went through some of the different disasters since the last meeting. Typhoon Merbok, minor earthquakes, river flooding, etc.</p>		

	<p>Shown pictures of the damages from the west coast storm.</p> <p>Finance for LEPC's, still an issue of debate. Has not been reinstated yet, eliminated for 3 years running. Anchorage lucky to have a funding source through CRTK facility fees. Brought up at SERC meeting what to do about the lack of funding for LEPC's around the state who may not have the CRTK fees, or the tax base through which to fund LEPC's.</p>		
<p>Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS & EM)</p>	<p>N/A</p>		
<p>Alaska Partners for Infrastructure Protection (APIP)</p>	<p>N/A</p>		
<p>Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG)</p>	<p>Lore Olson – Chair JMEPG, ANMC Preparedness</p> <p>Meet every other month usually. Met last week, first meeting since January. Working on getting members back into meetings.</p> <p>Discussed Javari system, tracking HVA's (hazard vulnerabilities assessment). Comms drill coming up soon. Full scale in October, JMEPG in the planning phase. Active school shooter in Homer is the scenario for full scale. Contact Lori or Charles Pelton to get involved.</p>		
<p>Communications: (AWARN/ALMR)</p>	<p>Jason Beach – MOA Comms/Radio Shop</p> <p>Vakalis asked about Police and Fire patching/communicating over shared radio channels. Fire not allowed to have APD channels any longer for lack of C-JIS clearances, but there are ways to share, including central channel on AWARN from Talkeetna to Seidovia, where they can communicate. APD still has Fire channels on their radios.</p>		
<p>Anchorage Health Department (AHD)</p> <p>06/21/2023</p>	<p>Renee Aguilar – AHD EP Interim Director</p> <p>Internal equipment check drill recently, went well.</p>		

<p>Citizen Corps/CERT</p>	<p>In planning phase for Homer Fury, full scale exercise in October (see above JMEPG). Also participating in planning for AlaskEx with OEM.</p>		
<p>Emergency Operations Center</p>	<p>John Huffman – UAA Emergency Manager. UAA CERT back up and running. Last month did CERT basic training, recruiting new members and hosting trainings. Creating CERT document for local CERT teams to pick up and build a successful CERT team. <u>Andrew Preis – Programs Manager, OEM:</u> Responses: - No current responses but have been collabing with public safety and other stakeholders for pre and early fire season EOC facility update: - Safety inspection revealed a number of issues, getting some help from facility maintenance to address some of the violations - OEM staff managing grant funds for EOC to get a new roof installed - OEM staff managing potential grant program to pay for new whole EOC Training/Exercise: - Upcoming trainings from ASD, MGT 340 (crisis leadership and decision making) and MGT 312 (Senior officials workshop for preparedness)</p>		
<p>Ex-Officio member comments</p>	<p>Aviva Braun – NOAA/NWS New zone update going live in September Anchorage Bowl zoning will change to more accurately reflect the jurisdiction’s weather patterns and alerts and warnings.</p>		

<p>Unfinished Business: Open LEPC positions</p>	<p>AHD – Renee Aguilar filling in for Dr. Savitt. Recruiting for program manager for EP. Still open.</p> <p>Open positions, still actively recruiting. OEM accepting nominations.</p> <p>Transportation ideas – Alaska Railroad, Linden, Matson.</p> <p>Media – KTUU, ADN, public radio</p> <p>Health/Medical – Recruit new program manager once hired</p> <p>Non-Profit – United Way of Anchorage</p>	<p>Follow up with Andy with ideas, or with direct contacts Andy can reach out with recruitment materials</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>New recruits for Police, Fire</p> <p>Next meeting to vote on new applicants, get on SERC agenda for the October regular business meeting.</p> <p>New business item of OEM asking Anchorage LEPC to give recommendations to State LEPCA for additional funding recommendations. By next Anchorage LEPC meeting, need recommendations for the SERC on what additional funding needed.</p> <p>George gave good background of formation of SERC, subsequent LEPCs and LEPCDs, and history of funding.</p> <p>Recommended 3-fold approach. 1.) LEPCs send letters to SERC. 2.) OEM send letter through Mayor's office to Governor's office and legislature. 3.) Anchorage LEPC send letter to LEPCA with recommendations.</p>	<p>Andy owes Brian Wilson, APD an application</p> <p>Andy to also contact DHS&EM LEPC contact Dave Reilly to let him know new applications will be inbound for October SERC meeting.</p> <p>Anchorage LEPC committee members come up with ideas for State funding recommendations through LEPC grants, follow up next LEPC quarterly meeting. Also come up with ideas for State level legislative priorities for the MOA.</p> <p>OEM staff to set up an additional brainstorm meeting to produce letter(s) for funding requests.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Erich Scheunemann – Vetting Brian Dean as replacement for Fire position, and possibly vice chair, also CRTK falls under his Fire Marshall position at AFD. AFD has further WUI funding coming this year and waiting on new PIO and WUI Program Manager positions to be released for hiring.</p> <p>Huffman – would like to present on dissertation at the meeting for funding recommendations, rather than</p>		

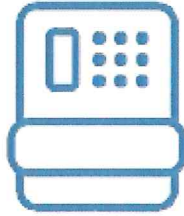
	<p>waiting until next quarterly LEPC meeting.</p>		
<p>ADJOURNMENT:</p>	<p>Motion requested to adjourn meeting (time) Motion: George Vakalis Second: Erich Scheunemann Meeting adjourned at: 2:56pm Next meeting will be Wednesday SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 1pm-3pm Loussac Library Moose Room/MS Teams hybrid</p>		


 Signed _____

 Date _____



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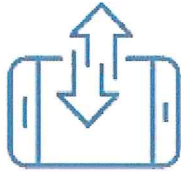
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