

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

DATE: September 28th, 2022
 CHAIR: Amanda Loach

RECORDER: Andrew Preis

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

<u>LEPC Voting Members:</u>	P	<u>Other Agencies Represented:</u>	A	<u>Other Attendees:</u>
Chairperson – Amanda Loach	P	Lore Olson (ANMC, JMEPG, pending Hospital seat)	A	Ron Britton
David Barton	A	Alyssa Farrar (AVWU, pending Local Environmental seat)	O	
Doug Lamkin	O	John Huffman (UAA EM)	P	
Erich Scheunemann	O	Gerard Asselin (APD, pending LE seat)	O	
Ron Swartz	AE	Manch Garhart (GVFD, pending Fire/EMS seat)	O	
George Vakalis	O	Kathy Shea - ADEC	P	
Robert Wyatt	A			
<u>Support Staff:</u>				
Audrey Gray-OEM	P			
Andrew Preis-OEM	P			
<u>Ex-Officio Members (non-voting):</u>				
Health – Dr. Michael Savitt	A			
Weather – Aviva Braun	A			
SOA/DHS&EM – JJ Little	A			
<u>Reporting Agencies:</u>				
Community Right to Know (CRTK) - Jean Boyda	O			
State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)	O	(George Vakalis)		
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) – JJ Little	A			
Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection (APIP) – Shawna Watson	O/P	(Shawna Watson and Robert Carmichael)		
Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG) – Lore Olson	A			
Communications (AWARN/ALMR)	O	(Jason Beach)		
Anchorage Health Department (AHD) (Kelly Isham, Pending Health/Medical seat)	O	(Renee Aguilar)		

Agenda Item

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS

FOLLOW-UP

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT/Citizen Corp) – Manch Garhart	O			
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)				

AGENDA/ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP (Track, Open, Close)
Call to Order and Introductions	Meeting called to order by Chair Loach – 1:03pm		
Welcome and Roll Call	Welcome Rollcall – Preis Committee members present: 3/5 (quorum)		
Safety Minute	Great Alaska Shakeout – Audrey Gray (refer to slide presentation)	Committee to go check out OEM's new website design, and provide feedback to Audrey Gray	
Consent Agenda- Approval of previous meeting minutes from 12/6/21	May, 2022 meeting minutes Motion to approve: Vakalis Second: Lamkin Result: Pass June, 2022 meeting minutes Motion to approve: Vakalis Second: Lamkin Result: Pass		Amanda to sign, Andy to post approved meeting minutes on OEM LEPC website after the meeting
Consent Agenda- Approval of Agenda for 5/4/22	June, 2022 meeting agenda Motion to approve: Vakalis Second: Lamkin Result: Pass September, 2022 meeting agenda Motion to approve: Vakalis Second: Lamkin Result: Pass		Andy to polish the notes and send around for review prior to next meeting

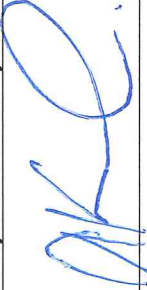
<p>Presentation</p>	<p>Andy Preis (in lieu of Drielle Welch) – Emergency Operations Plan update to process. Reported out to the committee on Tidal Basin’s recent site visit, and went through the slide show explaining the different parts of the update process as well as the different parts of the new plan.</p>		
<p>AGENCY REPORTS: Community Right to Know Act (CRTK)</p>	<p>CRTK tier II reporting mostly complete for this year, certificates of compliance being sent out to agencies who have reported. Follow up on organizations who filed in previous years, but have not yet this year. Next step with no certification is an on-site visit. E-plan is the entry point for applications.</p>		
<p>Emergency Plans</p>	<p>CEOP update given above in the presentation portion of the meeting. Audrey Gray updated on the OEM website accessibility above in the safety minute portion of the meeting.</p>		
<p>State Emergency Response Committee (SERC)</p>	<p>SERC – the last state-wide conference was mainly devoted to talking about funding (or lack thereof) for LEPCs. This funding has been taken out of State budget. There has been a committee in SERC formed to discuss funding. Not sure if anyone from Anchorage has been included or notified in said discussions. Anchorage CRTK program charges a fee to agencies/companies holding/storing/using hazardous materials in order to be certified, and brings in revenue with those fees. As far as is known Anchorage is the only local community who does this. FBX has tried, not sure if they were successful in petitioning the State for permissions or not. Also up for debate has been for LEPCs to do just hazardous materials planning, OR to do “all hazards” approach. It had been decided to go to an all hazards approach, but the funding that was there has since been cut. Much more impactful on smaller communities with smaller/lesser tax bases.</p>	<p>Include Anchorage LEPC in budgetary discussions</p>	<p>George Vakalis to follow up with Amanda about these budgetary discussions to make sure someone was representing Anchorage LEPC.</p>

<p>Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS & EM)</p>	<p>George chairs the SERC Finance Committee.</p>		
<p>Alaska Partners for Infrastructure Protection (APIP)</p>	<p>(absent) Likely occupying roles in the EOC for western Alaska response</p> <p>Report out from Bob Carmichael representing public side of APIP.</p> <p>Lifeline concept comments:</p> <p>Helps in highlighting what things are broken, what the needs are, how to plan for fixing. APIP has been supporting western Alaska response through business response center.</p> <p>One of the rural communities affected had a cemetery exposed, and created a "hazardous materials" response effort.</p> <p>Monthly meetings continue, next meeting October 20th focusing on food security. November 3, hosting a cyber destruction consequence workshop. Invitations going out shortly. It is not so much about how to prevent, but rather how to respond and recover from a cyber attack, run by Argon National Labs and FEMA.</p> <p>November 17th, at the meeting VOADs will be discussed. Many VOADs are supporting western Alaska response. Clarifying what these organizations do in disasters.</p> <p>APIP is putting out a weekly update covering training opportunities, hazards, and other information.</p>		
<p>Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG)</p>	<p>(absent)</p>		
<p>Communications: (AWARN/ALMR)</p>	<p>Jason Beach: This week and next week working on a large scale update to AWARN system, ALMR system.</p>		
<p>Anchorage Health</p>	<p>Renee Aguilar:</p>		

<p>Department (AHD)</p>	<p>EP conducted a drill on September 20. No notice call down drill for staff, site activation drill activating a location for response, and a facility set up drill. All of these were in the single drill.</p> <p>Upcoming State-level full scale exercise called Interior Ptarmigan, including FBX region. Active shooter event that requires patient movement to Anchorage.</p> <p>EP Manager position is vacant, and posted on September 26 for hiring.</p>		
<p>Citizen Corps/CERT</p>	<p>John Huffman – UAA EM: Minimally active right now as staff comes back for the semester. Going through TTXs this month, focusing on active shooter recovery. Also doing evacuation drills.</p> <p>Manch Garhart for Girdwood VFD/CERT: Working on bringing on new members, working through issues with/for additional funding</p>		
<p>Emergency Operations Center</p>	<p><u>Amanda Loach, Director - OEM:</u></p> <p>Planning for Rally 45 for Trump visit took place since last meeting, OEM/EOC conducted contingency planning in conjunction with UAA EM and other partner agencies</p> <p>Earthquake in July, did some social media info, no EOC activation</p> <p>Significant rainfall in south central since July. Been doing social media related to weather issues</p> <p>July 31st, OEM duty officer supported in America's Best Hotel structure fire response, with transportation, communication/coordination with Red Cross for possible sheltering needs (not needed)</p> <p>9-1-1 outage on August 3rd, OEM duty officer supported with social media messaging and radio support</p> <p>Conducted small scale VTTX August 25th for active</p>		

<p>Unfinished Business: Open LEPC positions</p>	<p>shooter, hosted through FEMA EMI. Lots of partners in EOC for this including APD, AFD, ASD AHD, Airport EM</p> <p>Local landslide incident, OEM duty officer supported after hours with transportation, finding structural engineer, and prep for possible sheltering needs (not needed)</p> <p>Monitoring western Alaska response, support through social media amplifying</p> <p>9/27 small scale VTTX for cyber security training and response, hosted through FEMA and CISA. Very well attended for Anchorage</p> <p>Discussion of removal of media seat, community group seat, replacement of local interjurisdictional disaster planning from Swartz with Huffman. No issues from current committee members</p> <p>Intent is to keep the <u>positions available</u>, but vacate the <u>current names</u> so the <u>positions</u> can be filled.</p> <p>General consensus is to empty the seats, and replace Swartz with Huffman.</p> <p>Motion to seat John Huffman: Vakalis Second: Erich Result: Pass</p> <p>7 approved applications to go to the SERC for full approval</p> <p>4 open positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transportation - Elected Official - Media - Community Groups 		
			<p>Andy to send packet of LEPC applications and memo to State for inclusion on SERC agenda in October</p>

<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Bylaw discussion: Looking to do an update to the LEPC bylaws, including the member roster (section III). OEM staff will take a first attempt at bylaw updates and send to members for approval prior to the next quarterly meeting</p> <p>Plan Review Calendar discussion: Suggestion to make the calendar and meeting schedule the "LEPC work plan," versus tying it into the bylaws for flexibility. Top 4 plans are quarterly review items, and will be discussed at their respective quarterly meetings. (consult meeting agenda new business for the list and schedule)</p>	<p>Don't make the meeting schedule or plan review schedule part of the bylaws for the purpose of having flexibility built into schedule. Instead make a supplemental "LEPC Work Plan" for the year that can be adjusted and updated as needed.</p>	<p>LEPC admin to make first attempt at bylaw updates and send to group for review</p> <p>LEPC admin to make first attempt at putting together LEPC Work Plan and send around for review</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Kathy Shea, ADEC – reminder that the LEPCA/SERC meetings are coming up on October 14th, 8am-12noon LEPCA, 1pm-5pm SERC, Downtown Marriott</p>		
<p>Committee Member Comment</p>	<p>Erich Scheunemann, AFD – Grant for wellness program for employees, fitness and wellness, mental health resiliency, USAR train the trainer to build training team. Looking to integrate with neighboring borough.</p> <p>Just completed a previous grant on a train the trainer course for vehicle extrication</p> <p>Influenza vaccinations for the department, annual flu vaccine clinic</p> <p>First Responder behavioral health conference October 6, 7.</p>		
<p>ADJOURNMENT:</p>	<p>Motion requested to adjourn meeting Motion: Vakalis Second: Scheunemann Meeting adjourned at: 2:22pm Next meeting will be Wednesday December 7, 2022 1pm-3pm Loussac Library/MS Teams hybrid</p>		

Signed  Date 12/19/22