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Annual Partnership Meeting to be held at the Epic Buffet at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Annual Partnership Meeting/Luncheon will be held at the Epic Buffet at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races in Charles Town on Friday, March 4, 2016 at Noon. We would like to gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races for sponsoring our annual partnership luncheon gratis and for their continued support of JCHSEM activities and events!

The address for the luncheon is 750 Hollywood Drive, Charles Town, WV 25414.

The speaker for the event will be William A. Minear, II CPP PPS CEM



Bill is the Director of the WV Infrastructure Protection Programs, WV PCII Program Officer, is a National Council Member: DHS SLTTGCC, a member IAEM Special Needs Caucus and works at the WV Intelligence Fusion Center in Charleston. His talk will focus mainly on the WV Infrastructure Protection Program.

In addition to Mr. Minear's speech, the 2016 JCHSEM Steering Committee will be introduced, and Director Miller will address events and activities for 2016 for JCHSEM.

All Steering Committee members should stay after the event to get a group picture.

To attend, you must RSVP to Brandon Vallee at bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org or call Brandon at 304-724-8914 no later than Monday, February 29. Space is limited. Only one person per agency, please. Reservations may need to be cut off prior to that day if we reach maximum capacity, so please make your reservation as early as possible.





JCHSEM to sponsor Convection Skywarn Stormspotter Class on March 10

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management has invited the National Weather Service to teach a SKYWARN Storm Spotter Convection Class on Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The class will be held at the Independent Fire Company located at 200 West 2nd Avenue, Ranson, WV 25438. This class is free and open to the public.

The SKYWARN classes are designed to educate the public on weather threats in this area, as well as strengthen the ties between the National Weather Service and the local community. The more spotters the National Weather Service has out there, the faster vital ground truth information gets to the National Weather Service forecasters who make the decisions to issue lifesaving weather warnings.

New for spring 2016, training in the Convection class is a good overview of the severe weather threats in this area. It is intended for everyone. Basics I is a prerequisite for this class. The Convection class includes:

- Radar Basics
- Types of Thunderstorms
- Ingredients for Severe Thunderstorms
 - Tornadogenesis
- Severe Thunderstorm Hazards
- Severe Weather Climatology
- NWS products and tools for Severe Weather

To register for this class, go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skywarn-storm-spotter-convection-class-tickets-21488630071>

If you need assistance registering, contact Brandon Vallee at 304-724-8914 or email to: bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org

Jefferson County HSEM Job Opening

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management is looking for a highly motivated

Deputy Director/Planner/Program Manager. For recruitment information, including the job description and salary, please go to:

<http://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/county-government/departments/job-postings>



WVDHSEM to teach G290 Basic Public Information Officer Course

Date: March 22-23, 2016 Time: 8am to 5pm Location: Cacapon State Park (Travel is Included)

Course Description:

This 2-day classroom course is an updated, shortened, and revised version of the previous course. The revised course: • Emphasizes skills development; • Addresses the impact of technology on emergency public information; and • Offers options that allow the states to tailor the instructional methodology to suit their needs while consistently meeting the course learning objectives.

Course Objectives:

- Demonstrate how to communicate emergency public information effectively in writing to the public through the news media.
- Describe actions the PIO can take to prepare for and conduct an effective interview with the news media.
- Demonstrate the ability to answer questions effectively during an on-camera interview.
- Describe how to effectively perform the responsibilities of the PIO at the scene of an incident.
- Describe the JIS/JIC concepts as they apply to the public information function in an expanding incident.
- Participate in a panel discussion with members of the news media.

Program Area(s): External Affairs–State/Local/Federal

Delivery Location: State Delivered

Selection Criteria: The primary audience for this training is individuals who have public information responsibilities as their main job or as an auxiliary function at the state, local, or tribal level of government. Recommended Prerequisite: G0289, Public Information Officer Awareness. Register at

www.onlinelearning.wv.gov/dmapscm6

WVDHSEM to teach G108 Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance Course

Date: April 26-28, 2016 Time: 8am to 5pm Location: Days Hotel - Flatwoods, WV (Travel is Included)

Course Description:

This course provides training for local communities to prepare for and manage the Mass Care/Emergency Assistance (MC/EA) functions effectively. The goal is to prepare community agencies, organizations, and businesses to work together in coordination with emergency management and traditional MC providers to plan and provide MC/EA services to those affected by disaster.

Course Objectives:

- Define the four primary MC/EA services as discussed in this course.
- Describe how to determine their community's MC/EA service resource requirements.
- Identify providers that exist in their community or can be called upon from a nearby community to meet the requirements for MC/EA.
- Name planning and operational actions that can affect how services will be provided.
- List action items to use resources and providers to meet MC/EA requirements in their community.

Program Area(s): Citizen Preparedness; Planning. Delivery Location: State Delivered

Selection Criteria: This course is intended for MC coordinators, management staff, non-governmental organization leaders, private sector, and other emergency management staff that are a part of the team and have a responsibility for effective MC/EA preparedness and response.

There are several options for the composition of a class. One is the State MC Coordinator and his/her team; a local MC Coordinator and his/her team; or a State MC Coordinator and local MC Coordinators from the state. Register at www.onlinelearning.wv.gov/dmapscm6

January 2016 Jonas Snowstorm

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Snowstorm JONAS was officially deemed the fourth most impactful snowstorm in the Northeastern United States since 1950. Jefferson County, West Virginia was ground zero for much of the heaviest snow patterns, receiving as much as 40.5 inches in some sections of the County. Jason Elliott, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sterling explained the storm as being a Category 4 snowstorm. It was a significantly wide, spread out storm, but then there are smaller bands that set up that are more persistent, where the snow is heavier for a longer period of time. It's a matter of where those conditions set up, that determines where the heaviest snowfall is. The condition is called "convergence," which is when the air is lifted upward, captures more moisture from the upper atmosphere and then brings it back down to the surface. NOAA ranks snowstorms using a formula to calculate a storm's impact that takes into account the area of the storm, how many people were affected, and how much snow fell. One is notable and five is extreme. Snowstorm Jonas was ranked a Category 4, or a crippling storm. It affected 102.8 million people in 26 states and covered about 434,000 square miles.



Jefferson County EOC



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Jefferson County LEPC Presents: 2016 Mass Casualty/Active Shooter Workshop March 30

The LEPC of Jefferson County, West Virginia will present the 2016 Mass Casualty/Active Shooter Workshop at The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown on March 30, 2016. Cost for the event is \$30.00 plus Eventbrite handling fee. Registration must be made on EVENTBRITE at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-mass-casualtyactive-shooter-workshop-tickets-15444450768>. Questions can be sent to lepc@jeffersoncountywv.org

7:00AM	8:00AM	Registration
8:15AM	8:30AM	Welcome; Opening Remarks
8:30AM	9:45AM	Law Enforcement Approach to Active Shooter/Hostage Situation
9:45AM	10:00AM	BREAK
10:00AM	11:00AM	EMS Approach to Active Shooter/Hostage Situation
11:00AM	12:00PM	Emergency Management & School Administration:

Key points to an Active Shooter/Hostage Situation

12:00PM	1:00PM	LUNCH
1:00PM	2:00PM	Active Shooter Practical Session/ Demo
2:00PM	2:30PM	Hot wash/BREAK
2:30PM	3:30PM	Hostage Practical Session with Sheriff Robot
3:30PM	4:00PM	Hot wash/Closing remarks

Disaster Exercises, 2016

WV Homeland Security Region III (WVHSR3) Initial Planning Workshop was held in Canaan Valley in November, 2015. Representatives of all of the Counties of WVHSR3 were in attendance. Additional planning meetings are upcoming.

The After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) Meeting for the 2015 Clandestine Chaos Exercise was held for the region at the Jefferson County Maintenance Department on January 19, 2016 from 0900-1600.

2016 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Tabletop Exercise.....April 19, 2016, Berkeley County

2016 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Functional Exercise.....TBA

2016 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Full Scale Exercise.....TBA

An effective exercise program is an essential component of our preparedness as it validates plans, tests operational capabilities, maintains leadership effectiveness, and examines ways to utilize the whole community. Exercise program management involves a collaborative approach that integrates resources, organizations, and individuals in order to identify and achieve program priorities.



Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management-Committees

Steering Committee, John Sherwood, Chair

The Steering Committee works with the JCHSEM Director to guide the activities of JCHSEM. A fourteen-member Steering Committee is made up of public and private representation. JCHSEM is a Department within the Jefferson County Commission, who has overall responsibility for the department and its employees. The Jefferson County Commission appoints all members to the steering committee. This committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of February, March, May, June, August, September and holds a Nov/Dec meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the JCHSEM EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced. The Quarterly Partnership meetings held in January, April, July, and October also serve as the Steering Committee meetings for those months.

Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee, Katherine Dunbar, Chair

Any interested person can serve on this committee. The Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee is responsible to communicate the organization's activities to the public and to build support for JCHSEM's programs. They work with the Director and other staff to keep the entire community focused on the objectives of JCHSEM, the opportunities for additional involvement and support by updating citizens and businesses about what the partners are doing and how the community will and is benefiting from these efforts. Additionally, they are responsible to assist the program manager in setting up speaking engagements and public awareness events. This committee meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the at 0830 in the EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced.

Partnership and Volunteer Development Committee, Holly Frye, Chair

Any interested person can serve on this committee. The Partnership Development committee assists the staff in identification and recruitment of potential partners and what they have to offer in community preparedness. This committee will be responsible for activities to promote partnership or membership development and recruitment of volunteers. This committee meets quarterly in the EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced. at 0830 on the last Monday of January, April, July and October.

Risk Assessment and Mitigation Planning Committee, Mason Carter, Chair

Any interested person may serve on this committee. The Risk Assessment/Mitigation Planning Committee examines the community's risks and vulnerability to all hazards and assess the community's vulnerability to those risks. A Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan was completed and adopted by the Jefferson County Commission, all Jefferson County municipalities, WVHSEM, and Federal Emergency Management Agency in July, 2003. The plan was updated in 2008 and 2013. The 2013 Plan was approved by WVDHSEM and FEMA in June, 2013. This committee meets Quarterly. Please call the office for exact dates and times.

Counter Terrorism Committee, Barbara Miller, Director, Chair

Membership to this sub-committee of the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Planning Committee is limited to members of law enforcement, emergency management, homeland security, emergency communications, Red Cross, schools, health care, fire companies, ambulance authority/EMS, and government, due to sensitive homeland security issues. The committee works on issues of planning and training for counter terrorism or human-caused disasters. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced.

If you are interested in joining any of our committees, contact bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org, or bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org

Times, dates, places may need to be changed due to inclement weather, scheduling conflicts or EOC activation. If you have questions, call the JCHSEM office.

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The Jefferson County Commission's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department is responsible for the coordination of preparedness, planning, response, recovery and mitigation of disasters and large emergencies in Jefferson County, West Virginia. Volunteer and community participation is encouraged and welcome. We currently have committees on Risk Assessment and Mitigation Planning; Public Awareness, Education and Training; Counter Terrorism; Partnership Development and Retention; and a Steering Committee that acts as an advisory group. We are responsible for the Citizen Corps/CERT, StormReady, Community Rating System, Resilient Neighbor Network and Project Impact programs. JCHSEM is also responsible for the Jefferson County R.A.C.E.S group.



Meetings & Events

February, 2016

- 5 HSIN Meeting about Snowstorm JONAS
- 9 Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting at 1400 hours, Jefferson County EOC
- 9 Pancake Day at Citizens Fire Company
- 10 Public Awareness, Education and Training Meeting at 0830 at Jefferson County EOC
- 12 EPEMA (Eastern Panhandle Emergency Management Agencies) Meeting in Keyser
- 15 Presidents Day Holiday, Office is Closed
- 17-Jefferson County LEPC meeting at 0730 at IHOP-Guest Speaker is Dan Gilley from Amerigan, WV-811
- 23-Steering Committee Meeting at 0900 at Jefferson County EOC
- 24-Jefferson County LEPC's Mass Casualty/Active Shooter Workshop Planning Meeting at IHOP at 0730

March, 2016

- 4 Annual Partnership Meeting at the Epic Buffet at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, Noon. RSVP REQUIRED!
- 8 Counter Terrorism Committee at Jefferson EOC at 1400
- 9 Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee meeting at Jefferson EOC. 0830
- 10 Skywarn Convection Storm Spotter Class at Independent Fire Department, Ranson. 1900-2200
- 30 LEPC's Mass Casualty/Active Shooter Workshop at The Clarion, Shepherdstown.