



August, 2016

Learn about Preparedness at the Jefferson County Fair!



Join us at the Jefferson County Fair and stop by our booth in Commercial Building #2 to talk to our staff and volunteers about preparing yourself, your family, your property, your pets, and your agricultural animals for the next disaster! We have plenty of informational brochures to help you put together your family disaster supply kit, teach you how to put together a family communications plan, and talk about our disaster risks. We look forward to seeing you at the Jefferson County Fair!

National Preparedness Month Lunch-N-Learn Sessions!

JCHSEM staff will be conducting a limited number of Lunch-N-Learn Preparedness sessions during the month of September! You provide the venue and your staff; have them to bring a brown bag lunch or you can provide them with lunch, and we will provide them with training about how to put together a family disaster supply kit, talk about pet preparedness, and show them how to sign up for weather alerts, watches and warnings. First come, first served, so give us a call today to schedule your date with preparedness! To schedule your Lunch-N-Learn session, send an email to sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org or call him at 304-728-3329. Your email will need to include: Your date of choice, location in Jefferson County, time, and number of employees. You will then be contacted by a member of our staff to let you know either a confirmation or that you will need to choose a different date or time. These Lunch-N-Learn sessions are a part of our contribution to National Preparedness Month during the Month of September.

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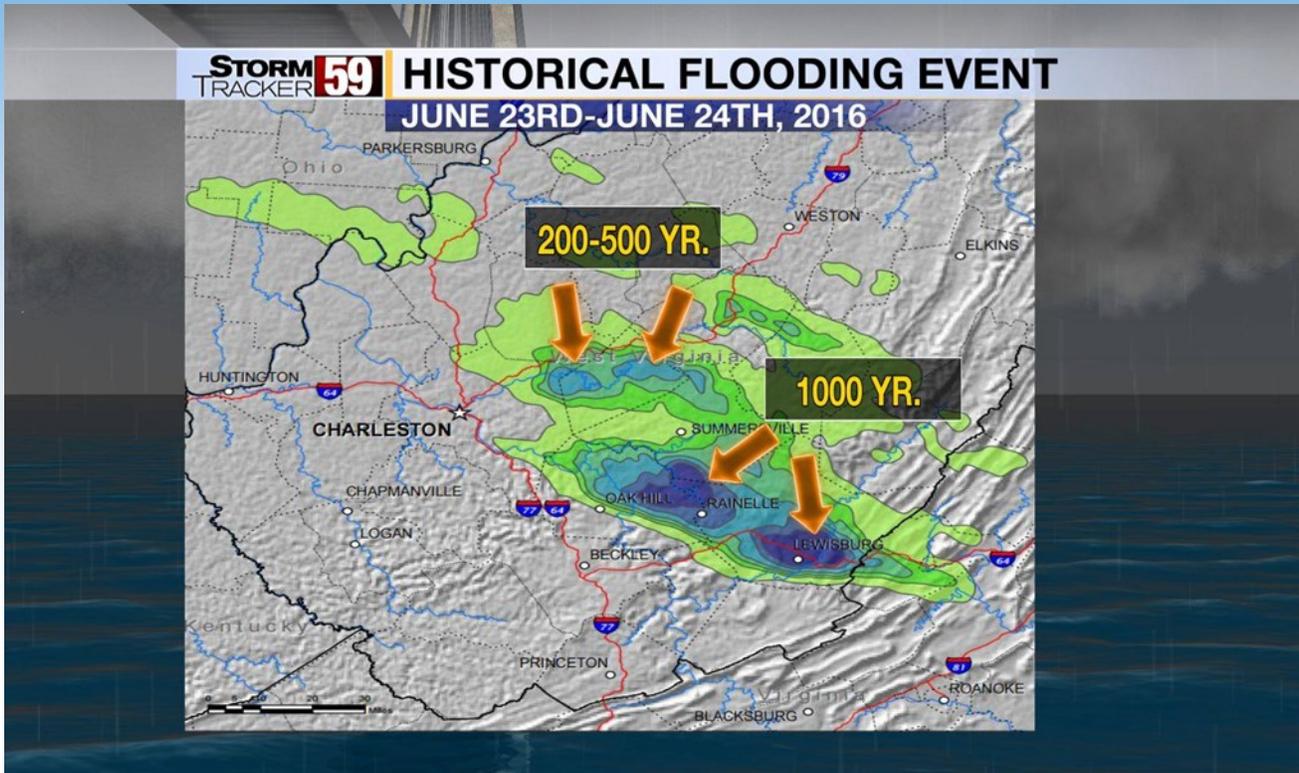
2016 Emergency Manager's Conference at Canaan Valley



The West Virginia Emergency Management Council held their annual conference and workshop at the Bear Paws Lodge at Canaan Valley Resort June 8-10. The WV Emergency Management Council quarterly business meeting and the WV Homeland Security Regional meetings were held at the conference, in addition to workshops on Emergency Management 101, Your Digital Toolbox for Emergency Management, Information about the Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Emergency Management Courses held at EMI (FEMA's Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Pipeline Awareness by Jill Decker at Williams, and Grants, THIRA, and Exercise trainings, and Emergency Management Accreditation Certificates were given out to those who had earned them over the past year.



Thousand Year Flood Causes Death and Destruction in Southern WV



Twenty three West Virginians lost their lives in the historic flooding that occurred on June 23/24. Groups and individuals from across the nation sent supplies, manpower, and money to help the flood survivors. Numerous emergency managers from unaffected counties were sent to assist their counterparts in areas that were devastated by the storms. Recovery from this flood is expected to go on for 2-5 years.






DISASTER ASSISTANCE

To register, call:

1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

If you use a TTY: 1-800-462-7585
711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362

<p>Please have the following available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your address with zip code • Directions to your property • Condition of your damaged home • Insurance information, if available • Social Security number • Phone number where you can be contacted • Address where you can get mail 	<p>Direct Deposit: Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account. Please provide your bank account type, account number and bank routing number.</p> <p>Stay in touch with FEMA: When you register, you will be given a FEMA registration number. Write down your number and save it. You will need the number whenever you contact FEMA.</p>
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Online registration also available DisasterAssistance.gov
ACCESS TO DISASTER HELP AND RESOURCES

Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.

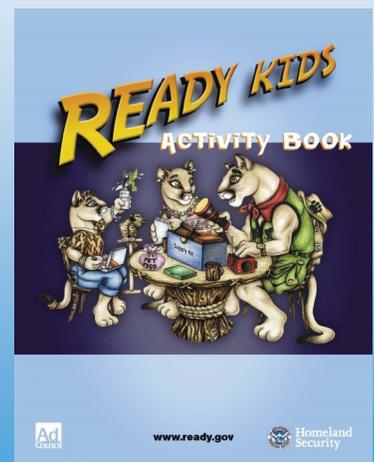
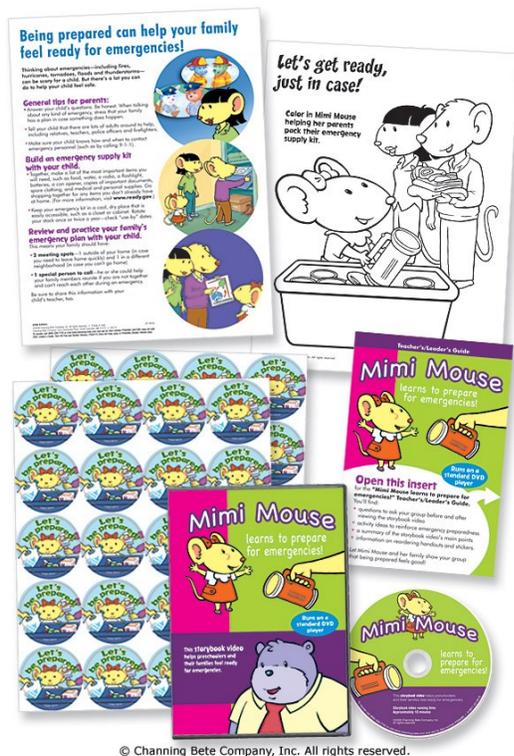
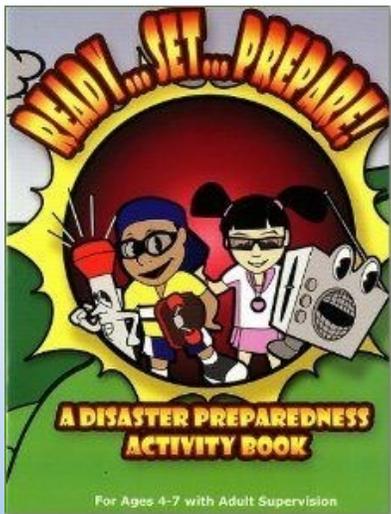
2016 DISASTER READY KIDS PROGRAM

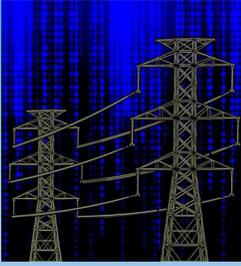
Do you have summer or fall children’s programs that you are looking for activities and/or readers for? We can help! Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management is once again sponsoring the Disaster Ready Kids Program for 2016.

This year we will be utilizing the “Mimi Mouse Learns to Prepare for Emergencies” DVD and accompanying materials. The Mimi Mouse program is designed for 4-7 year olds and provides general tips for parents on how to talk about emergencies, teaches children what an emergency kit is and how to build one, informs children about who to contact during an emergency, and how to review and practice for the family’s emergency plan.

If your group of children is over the age of 9, we can show them how to put together a Family Disaster Kit or a Pet Disaster Supply Kit. Our staff will come to your facility, present the chosen materials, and begin encouraging everyone to start thinking about emergencies in a positive and interactive way. The only requirements are that you have adults there to be responsible for the children while the activities are taking place, that you let us know how many children to prepare for (estimate), and that you work with us to schedule a time that works well for both organizations.

There is no cost to participate in this program. We are scheduling for the 2016 summer season from May 1 until September 30, 2016. If you have questions, please contact Brandon Vallee at 304-724- 8914 or email to bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org as soon as possible. If you would like to schedule a session, please ask Brandon to send you the list of available programs and the form to set up your session. We do need at least a two-week notice to schedule your activity.





West Virginia Homeland Security Region 3 Annual Full Scale Exercise—Dark Grid

West Virginia Homeland Security Region 3, which is comprised of the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, and Mineral Counties, held their annual Full Scale Exercise on Saturday, September 17 throughout the seven-county region.

This year's exercise series, included the April 19 TTX (Tabletop Exercise), a Functional Exercise on June 21 in Hampshire County, and culminates with a Full Scale Exercise on September 17 that will have several field venues throughout the seven counties. It is being designed and directed by representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and their contractors. This will be an HSEEP (Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program)-compliant exercise. The final injects and specific scenarios of the exercise series are not be announced until each exercise begins.

Participants must be pre-registered with their respective County Emergency Manager and the Environmental Protection Agency and its consultants to participate.

While Jefferson County's participation is strongly geared towards Public Health and Hospital Incident Command, participants are being invited from: Emergency Management (Full EOC Group); Emergency Communications/9-1-1, Fire Service, Haz-Mat, LEPC Members, EMS, Law Enforcement, Mapping/GIS/IT, Board of Education, Shepherd University, Military Assets, National Weather Service, Mass Care (Red Cross, Salvation Army, WVDHHR, WV211, VOAD, Council on Aging, Churches and other faith-based agencies, others), Animal Control, Public Health, Jefferson Medical Center, Clinics, Behavioral Health, Environmental Health, Transportation (DOH, Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority), Amateur radio, Engineering and Public Works, Volunteer Agencies, Utility Representatives, Federal, State and Local elected officials.

The success of the exercise series is determined by feedback from participants and the controllers/evaluators. This exercise series will follow the rules of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

Questions about Jefferson County's participation should be directed to Barbara Miller, JCHSEM Director at bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org or 304-728-3290. Questions about other county's participation should be directed to the County Emergency Management Director in that county.

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 Jefferson County Government COOP Tabletop Exercise.....May 24, 2016, Bardane

2016 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Functional Exercise..June 21, 2016, Hampshire County

WV Homeland Security Region 3, Full Scale Exercise.....September 17, 2016

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 examine 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 Barbara Miller at bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org, Stephen Allen at sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org, or Brandon Vallee at 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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PUBLIC SAFETY; PUBLIC TRUST

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

August, 2016

- 2 Planning Meeting with Exercise Coordinators for Full Scale Exercise @ EOC
- 4 Ham Radio Night at JCEOC @ 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee at 0830 @ JCEOC
- 16 Counter Terrorism Committee at 1400 @ JCEOC
- 17 Jefferson County LEPC meeting at 0730 @ IHOP in Ranson
- 21-27 Jefferson County Fair-JCHSEM will be in Building 2
- 23 JCHSEM Steering Committee Meeting at 0900 @JCEOC
- 29-September 1-State Emergency Response Commission/Local Emergency Planning Committee Conference at Camp Dawson in Preston County.

September, 2016-National Preparedness Month (Other Activities will be announced in the next Newsletter)

- 2 Quarterly Equipment Testing @ JCEOC
- Labor Day Holiday, Office is Closed.
- 13 Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting at 1400 @ JCEOC
- 14 Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee at 0830 at JCEOC
- 17 WV Homeland Security Region 3 Full Scale Exercise
- 20 Steering Committee Meeting at 0900 @ JCEOC
- 25-29 Statewide Interoperable Radio Network Conference at Camp Dawson, Preston County, WV. By invitation Only.