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Quarterly Partnership Luncheon April 23 @ The Bavarian Inn

John Unger, State Majority Leader, to speak about
The West Virginia Source Water Protection Act

JCHSEM will hold the spring quarterly partnership luncheon at noon at The Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown on April 23, 2014 at noon.

Speaker for the event will be West Virginia Senate Majority Leader, John Unger. He will be speaking about the West Virginia Source Water Protection Act that was signed into law on April 1, 2014 by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin as a direct result of the Jan. 9 chemical leak into the Elk River in Charleston and the resulting water emergency in parts of nine West Virginia counties.

One of the most important sections of the new state law dealing with water is the requirement that all water utilities have a source water protection plan. The plans have to be ready by July 2015. The state DEP, state Bureau of Public Health and local health departments will be part of the process. The law also calls for annual inspections of above ground storage facilities in certain areas. If you would like to review the new law, you can do so at <http://wvmetronews.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Govs-storage-bill.pdf>

The luncheon will be buffet style with field green salad with marinated mushrooms, tomatoes, and Rhineland vinaigrette, bratwursts & knockwursts, pasta primavera, fresh pasta tossed with garden vegetables with a tomato sauce, whipped potatoes, vegetable medley, bread, brownies, cookies, and petite fours, and drink. Cost is \$15.00 per person, all inclusive and is payable to The Bavarian Inn at the door. **You must make a reservation to attend. You can do so by contacting Terri Mehling at 304-728-3329 or tmehling@jeffersoncountywv.org no later than April 18.**

You will also learn more about PrepareAthon, and about PetParedness from our Public Information Officer, Jessica Owens. This event is expected to fill up quickly, so if you want to attend, please make your reservation right away.





National Animal
Disaster
Preparedness
Day

May 5

JCHSEM will be
teaming up with
PETCO
217 OakLee
Drive
Ranson, WV

9:00-5:00

Pet Preparedness
Brochures

Ideas for your
Pet Disaster
Supply Kit

Family Disaster
Plans should in-
clude your
Pets—Learn
How to make a
plan!



The 2014 #Petpared Twitter Challenge: April 1-April 30, 2014

For many households, pets are considered an important part of the family. During emergencies, it is important to remember that your pets will depend on you for their safety and well-being. For this reason, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is promoting pet preparedness during the month of April and will be holding a Twitter challenge. The challenge encourages citizens to do the following:

Step 1- Complete at least one of these pet preparedness actions:

Make a Pet Emergency Kit which should include items such as food, water, a first aid kit, medical records, collar and ID tags, etc. Check out these resources for a full list of suggested items:

<http://www.ready.gov/caring-animals>

http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/pets-disaster.html#.UzrNYvIP5PE

Hang a tag on your front a back doors with your pets information so emergency workers will know who is inside right away during an emergency.

Create a buddy system with a relative or a friend that lives nearby. Make a plan to help each other's pets if one of you is away from home during an emergency.

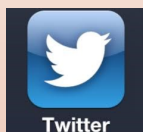
Plan what you would do in an evacuation. Where would you go? Where would your pet go? Practice taking them in the car with you and learn a few different routes.

Determine where you would shelter-in-place for the hazards that most impact your area.

Practice with your pet to help keep them calm when you need to do it in an emergency. ID your pet. Make sure that your cat or dog is wearing a collar and identification that is up to date and visible at all times. Put your cell phone number on your pet's tag. You'll also increase your chances of being reunited with a lost pet getting a microchip implant for him or her.

Step 2- Take a picture of your pet and yourself doing one of the listed pet preparedness actions and tweet it with the hashtags #Petpared #JCHSEM by April 30, 2014.

Successful actions will be retweeted on May 5, 2014, National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day.



Jefferson County to participate in FEMA PrepareAthon on April 30



JCHSEM will participate in FEMA's PrepareAthon on April 30. All local agencies are encouraged to have some kind of event or activity on April 30th to prepare our community for Tornadoes or other hazards.

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms, spawned from powerful thunderstorms. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud extending between a thunderstorm and the ground. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while others may be hidden from view by rain or nearby low-hanging clouds. Winds in most of these storms blow at 100 mph or less, but in the most violent occurrences, wind speeds can reach 300 mph. Tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a community in seconds. Damage paths from these weather events can exceed one mile wide and 50 miles long. Everyone is at some risk of this hazard. That's why it's important to establish a protective location, secure financial, insurance, and medical documents and contact information to prepare for tornadoes.

To sign up your organization for PrepareAthon, go to <http://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/AmericasPrepareathon/groupHome>. If your organization does a special event, please contact Jessica Owens at jowens@jeffersoncountywv.org or call 304-724-8914.

Watch our emails and our Facebook Page for JCHSEM PrepareAthon activities!

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION APRIL 30

BE SMART. TAKE PART. PREPARE. AND JOIN
AMERICA'S MOVEMENT TO STAY SAFE DURING DISASTERS.

AMERICA'S
PrepareAthon!



American Red Cross
West Virginia Region

Red Cross Training—All Free and All Online!

Volunteer Orientation <http://www.redcross.org> click on Volunteer under the Join the Movement Banner; click on Getting Started As A Volunteer; complete the four modules on the screen.

Disaster Services an Overview – Module 1 <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main> If you are a new user, click on New User at the top and you will be prompted to set up a Saba account; if you are a repeat user, enter your user name and password; click on the Courses tab; enter the Course ID: DIS000095W; click on the course on the new page that is displayed and you will be able to register for the course.

Disaster Action Team Fundamentals <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main> Enter your user name and password; click on the Courses tab; enter the Course ID: DATFUND

Mass Care: An Overview <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main> Enter your user name and password; click on the Courses tab; enter the Course ID: MCOVRVW

Bulk Distribution Fundamentals <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main> Enter your user name and password; click on the Courses tab; enter the Course ID: BLKFUND

Feeding Fundamentals <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main> Enter your user name and password; click on the Courses tab; enter the Course ID: FDGFUND

Basic Food Safety <http://arc.safefoodsolutions.com> Type in your Activation Code when prompted: RedCross (This code is space & case sensitive.) and click the “Submit” button; Read the instructions under “Is this your first time here?” Click the “Create a new account” button; Enter your DSHR # as your User ID (or create your own if you do not have a DSHR number); Next you will need to create your unique Password and then confirm your Password; The User ID and Password that you create will be the information that you will use to login for subsequent training sessions

Shelter Fundamentals <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main> Enter the Course ID: SHFUND click on the course on the new page that is displayed and you will be able to register for the course.

Sheltering People with Functional and Access Needs in Shelters <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main> Enter the Course ID: DISFANS100

Public Affairs Essentials <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main> Enter the Course ID: PBAFESS. Public Affairs Essentials is a basic level, web-based course. The course provides a general overview for Red Cross volunteers and employees who may have contact with traditional media, or use social engagement sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Safe and Well Linking Fundamentals <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main>

Our region is going to hold mass care training and a mass care exercise this summer for faith based volunteers. More information will come out about this in the months to come, but completing the classes listed above will get potential new volunteers ready to participate in the training and exercise.

If you have questions about any of the Red Cross training, contact Debra Palmer at 304-725-5015.

CERT Training Class has been scheduled again in Jefferson County in May and June

Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, is a concept developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a major disaster. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) developed CERT into a nationwide effort as a part of the President's Citizen Corps Program. CERT provides basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills. This improves the ability of citizens to survive until emergency personnel can arrive.

The training is designed for citizens with little or no training in the areas listed below, but those with some skills in these areas are also welcome to attend the training and participate in a CERT team. Homeowners or neighborhood groups, PTA's, service and social clubs, churches, businesses, or a group of individuals from a neighborhood are ideal groups to participate in CERT.

Basic skills are taught in the areas of: Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations I and II; Terrorism Preparedness and Crime Prevention; Disaster Psychology, Special Populations and Animals in Disaster; Light Search and Rescue and all participants take part in a final exercise at the end of the course.

Class Schedule*

Tuesday, May 20 : Disaster Preparedness—Barbara Miller, Instructor

Thursday, May 22 Fire Safety/Fire Simulation David Holmes and Bryan Lavallee, Instructors

Tuesday, May 27: Disaster Medical Ops I, Gene Rice, Instructor

Thursday, May 29 : Disaster Medical Ops II, Gene Rice, Instructor

Tuesday, June 3: Light Search and Rescue, Mike Kanehl, Instructor

Thursday, June 5 : Disaster Mental Health, Jeff Levesque, Instructor

Animals in Disaster, Terri Mehling, Instructor, and People with Special Needs, Terri Mehling, Instructor

Tuesday, June 10: Crime Prevention and Terrorism Awareness, Lt. Dave Colbert, Instructor

Thursday, June 12: CERT Volunteerism, Test, Final Exercise & Graduation, David Holmes and Bryan Lavallee, Instructors

Location: Location of the classes: All classes will be held at Jefferson County Maintenance Department's meeting room. 128 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, WV 25430. *Dates and locations are subject to change due to inclement weather, scheduling conflicts with either the instructors or the venue. All attempts will be made to stick with this schedule and enrolled students will be notified as soon as a decision has been made on rescheduling or changes that are necessary.

All classes are taught by professionals in the corresponding field of expertise.

All Classes are provided at no charge to the participants. All participants who complete all sessions and the final exercise will receive a certificate of participation and be issued a hard hat, and a CERT Vest. Any participant that does not attend all courses will have to make up that section of the course when the next round of courses are offered.

This course is only for those who live or work in Jefferson County. All participants must be over the age of 18 by the date the class begins.

Pre-registration is necessary and can be done by calling 728-3329 to request a student enrollment form or email to tmehling@jeffersoncountywv.org



Disaster Exercises, 2014

WV Homeland Security Region III (WVHSR3) Initial Planning Workshop was held in Moorefield on January 31, 2014. Representatives of all of the Counties of WVHSR3 were in attendance. A second meeting was held by phone conference on February 12 from 1300-1400 hours.

FEMA Virtual Tabletop Exercise—Flood Focus.....March 19, 2014 Noon-4 p.m.

WV Homeland Security Region III Tabletop Exercise.....May 1, 2014/Place TBA

WV Homeland Security Region III Functional Exercise.....Date/Place TBA

Jefferson County LEPC Tabletop Exercise.....Date/Place TBA

WV Homeland Security Region III Full Scale Exercise.....September 20, 2014 in each of the Counties of WV Homeland Security Region III. The Jefferson County EOC will be activated, as well as, Emergency Responders in the field.

Additional Exercise Opportunities will be considered as they are announced or become available.

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, Kelly Parsons, 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 on the 2nd Wednesday of the months of February, May, August and November at 9:00 a.m. in the EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville unless otherwise announced.

Partnership and Volunteer Development Committee, Holly Morgan-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 8:30 a.m. on the last Monday of January, April, July and October.

Risk Assessment and Mitigation Planning Committee, Jeff Jefferies, 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 at 728-3329 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 either bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org or tmehling@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

April, 2014

- 01-30 PetParedness Twitter Challenge**
- 03-Ham Radio Testing at Jefferson County EOC 1730 hours.**
- 08-Counter Terrorism Committee, 1400 hours at the Jefferson County EOC.**
- 21-Resilient Neighbors Network Meeting (by phone conference) 1100 hours.**
- 23-Quarterly Partnership Meeting at The Bavarian Inn at Noon. Reservations Required (see page 1)**
- 30 -PrepareAthon! National Day of Action**

May, 2014

- 01 WV Homeland Security Region 3 Tabletop Exercise**
- 5 Pet Preparedness Day at PetCo in Ranson. 0900-1700.**
- 20 New CERT Class Begins. Registration Required**