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Brandon Vallee, Administrative Assistant, Public Information Officer and Volunteer Coordinator



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

www.ready.gov/September
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Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Participates in National Preparedness Month

Have you visited JCHSEM's Facebook Page or Twitter posts this month? If not, you are missing a wonderful opportunity to learn about various ways to prepare yourself, your family, your pets and your business for the next large emergency or disaster.

Other National Preparedness Month activities that you may wish to participate in this month include:

JCHSEM will set up a booth at Home Depot on September 27 from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. as our PrepareAthon activity for 2014's NPM. Our booth will have several brochures available to help you learn how to prepare for future disasters. We will also have cloth bags with a list of disaster supplies printed on it for your convenience, while supplies last! The bags were contributed to us by West Virginia Citizen Corps.

On Monday, September 29, we will host a Lunch-N-Learn session on Financial Preparedness at the Jefferson County Meeting Room in the basement of the Old Charles Town Library. The Lunch-N-Learn will be taught by Michael Murphy of BB&T. This event is free. Bring your lunch along and learn tips for preparing your family financially for the next disaster!



Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Named NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador



“Welcome to the NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador™ initiative. Your organization has been accepted as a NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador.

The Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador initiative is an effort to formally recognize NOAA partners who are improving the nation’s readiness against extreme weather, water, and climate events. As a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador, your organization is committing to work with NOAA and other Ambassadors to strengthen national resilience against extreme

weather.”

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is accepting applications from both the public and private sector to become a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador, as part of an initiative to unite national preparedness and response to severe weather threats. WRN ambassadors will serve as a point of contact between their organization and NOAA, sharing relevant safety messages from NOAA and National Weather Service knowledge. For more information and to apply, go to <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/ambassadors.html>

First PIV-I Credentials Issued in Jefferson County

Kearneysville—The first Personal Identity Verification Interoperability (PIV-I) credentials were issued in Jefferson County—first to the Trusted Agents for the Program: Barbara Miller, Director, JCHSEM; Jessica Owens, Deputy Director, JCHSEM, and Bill Polk and Laura Kuhn of the Jefferson County Maintenance Department, where the equipment is housed. Local Law Enforcement Chiefs, the Emergency Communications Director and Deputy Director all submitted their information to the state, received their credentials, and activated them in June. An additional round of credentials will be applied for during the month of September by the remaining local law enforcement officials that did not get theirs in the first round. David Skeen of the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is overseeing the program in the state and was on-hand as Jefferson County signed up the first group.

Driven by the issuance of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) in 2004, the U.S. Federal Government has invested significant effort and resources in implementing robust, interoperable credentialing processes and technologies. The resulting standard, Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 201, Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors, provides a framework of the policies, processes, and technology required to establish a strong, comprehensive program. And in fact, since 2005, the Federal Government has successfully used this framework to issue over 5 million PIV cards to Federal employees and contractors. In addition, Federal agencies have developed an infrastructure for using these interoperable credentials to support additional requisite functions, including the following:

- Physical security, including facility access and video analytics
- Logical security, including network and application access
- Incident monitoring and response
- Encryption and protection of sensitive data

Credentialing Kiosks are located in Jefferson and Berkeley Counties, as well as other counties throughout the state.

None of the identity information remains in the local kiosk.



JCHSEM Welcomes New Administrative Assistant/Public Information Officer/Volunteer Coordinator



Brandon Vallee was sworn in as Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's new Administrative Assistant/Public Information Officer/Volunteer Coordinator on August 6th. He comes to Jefferson County from the Cleveland Department of Public Health where he has served as an intern for the past year and a half. Please join JCHSEM in welcoming Brandon to our organization! He can be reached at 304-724-8914 or by email at bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org

Jefferson County LEPC Holds Table Top Exercise—A Train Kept a Rollin'



The Jefferson County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held a Table Top Exercise on the evening of August 6 to test capabilities to a hazardous materials incident. Several local agencies participated in the exercise, including LEPC members, Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Jefferson County Department of Health, WVU Healthcare, Jefferson Medical Center, Fire Department representatives, Mount Weather Haz Mat, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Advanced Training Center, Jefferson County R.A.C.E.S., the Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority, the United

State Environmental Protection Agency, and the West Virginia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Liaison for Region 3. The exercise was developed and conducted by a contractor hired by the Local Emergency Planning Committee, J.H. Consulting, LLC.

WVU Healthcare-Jefferson Medical Center Receives New Decontamination Equipment

Ranson—WVU Healthcare-Jefferson Medical Center received new decontamination equipment, including a Zumro tent in August. The equipment was purchased with funds from a State Homeland Security Grant from West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety. This investment will increase the capabilities in the Eastern Panhandle to handle a hazardous materials event that would require hospital decon. The pictures below show Zumro representative, Tom Cushing, Jr. demonstrating how to inflate the tent to hospital staff, and the staff learning how to use the new equipment.



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 1000-1500, Augusta, WV

WV Homeland Security Region III Functional Exercise.....July 1, 2014, 1000-1500, Augusta, WV

Red Cross Sheltering Training & Exercise.....July 29, 2014, Martinsburg, WV

WV Homeland Security Region III Pre-Exercise.....August 2, 2014, All Region III Counties EOCs

Jefferson County LEPC Tabletop Exercise.....August 6, 2014, Kearneysville, WV

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.

WV Homeland Security Region 3 Improvement Planning Workshop at Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV on September 25. 9 a.m.—3 p.m. To attend, sign up on WVDMAPS CourseMill site.

WV Hospital Association (Regions 8 and 9) Exercise Planning Meeting in Romney, WV on October 1.

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 1:00 p.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 0830 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 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 jowens@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

September, 2014 (National Preparedness Month)

- 1 Labor Day Holiday, Office is Closed
- 4 Hydrology Partners Meeting @ National Weather Service in Sterling, Virginia (By invitation only)
- 4 HAM Radio Testing Night
- 9 Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting @ Jefferson County Sheriff's Department 1400 Hours
- 10 Public Awareness, Training, and Education Committee @ Jefferson County EOC 1300 Hours
- 11 Independent Fire Company's 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, 0958 Hours
- 17 LEPC Meeting @ Jefferson County EOC @ 0730 Hours
- 20-WV Homeland Security Region III Full Scale Exercise, developed and conducted by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in conjunction with the Eastern Panhandle Emergency Management Agencies—Throughout the Counties of WV Homeland Security Region III (Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, and Mineral Counties)
- 22-23 G318 —Preparing and Reviewing Plans Training in Flatwoods, sponsored by WV Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- 25 WVHS Region 3 Improvement Planning Workshop (IPW) Meeting at Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 27 PrepareAThon Activity at Home Depot in Ranson. 0800 –1700. Come visit our booth!
- 29 Financial Preparedness Lunch-N-Learn at the County Meeting Room in the basement of the Old Charles Town Library at Noon with Michael Murphy of BB&T Bank. Learn how to prepared your family financially for disasters.
- 30 JCHSEM Steering Committee Meeting @ Jefferson County EOC 0900