



October, 2014

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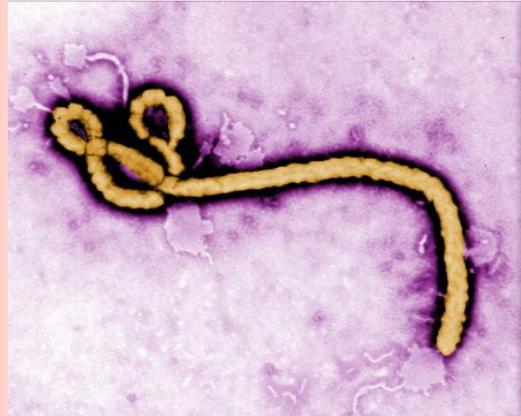
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**Brandon Vallee, Administrative Assistant, Public Information Officer and Volunteer Coordinator**



## Ebola Update

**CDC and Texas Health Department Confirm First Ebola Case Diagnosed in the U.S.**

### Quarterly Partnership Meeting to be held at The Anvil on Wednesday, October 29

The JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 29 at Noon at The Anvil in Harpers Ferry.

The speaker for the event will be Dr. David Didden, Medical Director at the Jefferson County Department of Health. He will speak about both Ebola and the EV-D68 Virus in the United States. Dr. Didden is board certified in Family Medicine and graduated from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. In addition to being the medical director at the health department, Dr. Didden operates a private practice in Shepherdstown, WV.

All attendees will receive a Yellow Preparedness Bag while supplies last! The bags are printed with a list of basic preparedness items on the front and stuffed with information about family preparedness.

The menu: Your choice of:

- WV Trout with honey pecan butter
- Harvest Chicken sautéed with granny smith apples
- Or Vegetarian pasta peppers, onions, mushrooms, spinach, sun dried tomatoes

Each entrée includes a house salad, chef's choice of accompaniments, and iced tea. \$16.00 per person, payable to "The Anvil" at the event. Reservations are necessary, as the luncheon is expected to sell out. Make your reservations as soon as possible, but no later than October 17 to: Jessica Owens at [jowens@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:jowens@jeffersoncountywv.org) or by calling 304-728-3329.



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## PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID—Helping others in times of stress!

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The American Red Cross will offer Psychological First Aid, a basic level, instructor-led course. It provides a framework for understanding the factors that affect stress responses in disaster relief workers and the clients they serve. From the course, participants will learn how to provide basic care, comfort and support to people who are experiencing disaster-related stress. This class is open to Red Cross volunteers, community members, partner agencies, and first responders. It will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at locations in Kearneysville, Morgantown, Parkersburg, Charleston, and Beckley, WV. To register for the class or for more information: Email or call Marlene at 304-598-9500 or [marlene.robinson@redcross.org](mailto:marlene.robinson@redcross.org).

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## 14th Annual Public Service Banquet

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The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 14th Annual Public Service Banquet on October 21st, social is at 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. with dinner from 6:30 p.m-9:30 p.m. The banquet will be held at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races 3rd floor Skyline Terrace. Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races are the Co-sponsors of the dinner again this year. Dinner cost is \$10 per person. Contact Kimm Spencer at the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce for additional information about registering for the event. Kimm's number is 304-725-2055 or email her at [info@jeffersoncountywvchamber.org](mailto:info@jeffersoncountywvchamber.org). The Public Service Banquet is a pre-pay event that requires reservations; if paying by check, checks must be in the Chamber office no later than October 17th. Reservations are required to secure a seat at the 14th Annual Public Service Banquet.

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## Jefferson County Council on Aging Learns about Preparedness for Seniors

On September 8, the seniors at the Jefferson County Council on Aging in Ranson learned about preparedness for Seniors from JCHSEM Administrative Assistant/Public Information Officer/Volunteer Coordinator, Brandon Vallee. The presented information included how to protect yourself by planning ahead, family disaster planning, general disaster supplies, locations of red cross shelters, and grandchildren's safety.



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# October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

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National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) – celebrated every October - was created as a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online.

Since its inception a decade ago under leadership from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance, NCSAM has grown exponentially, reaching consumers, small and medium-size businesses, corporations, educational institutions, and young people across the nation. This year, we are celebrating the 11th year of National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

**Presidential Proclamation:** President Barack Obama has once again declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month for 2014. See the proclamation at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/09/30/presidential-proclamation-national-cybersecurity-awareness-month-2014>.

**Our Shared Responsibility.** We lead Internet-connected, digital lives. From our desks and homes to on the go, we work, learn and play online. Even when we are not directly connected to the Internet, our critical infrastructure—the vast, worldwide connection of computers, data and websites supporting our everyday lives through financial transactions, transportation systems, healthcare records, emergency response systems, personal communications and more—impacts everyone.

Cybersecurity is the mechanism that maximizes our ability to grow commerce, communications, community and content in a connected world. The Internet is a shared resource and securing it is Our Shared Responsibility. Our Shared Responsibility is once again our theme for National Cyber Security Awareness Month 2014.

No individual, business or government entity is solely responsible for securing the Internet. Everyone has a role in securing their part of cyberspace, including the devices and networks they use. Individual actions have a collective impact and when we use the Internet safely, we make it more secure for everyone. If each of us does our part—implementing stronger security practices, raising community awareness, educating young people or training employees—together we will be a digital society safer and more resistant from attacks and more resilient if an attack occurs.

**STOP. THINK. CONNECT.** Cybersecurity begins with a simple message everyone using the Internet can adopt: STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Take security and safety precautions, understand the consequences of your actions and behaviors online and enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

**Get Involved.** Individuals, organizations, and communities throughout the United States are promoting National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) and letting others know that all of us have a role in protecting our digital lives. Tens of thousands of NCSAM participants across the country will be doing their part by posting safety and security tips on social networks, educating their customers and employees, engaging in traditional media, displaying posters, posting tips, holding events and much more.

If you are concerned about making the Internet safer and more secure for everyone, we invite you to become an active participant in National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Everyone can do something—even if you have less than one hour to devote to this effort!

We have divided the month into themed weeks to help focus on core issues in cybersecurity. Take a look and find a part of the month that's most relevant to you. Participate in one or all of the weeks and share the message by using the resources we've have created to help you: <http://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/get-involved/promote-ncsam>

Weekly Themes NCSAM focuses on a different cybersecurity issue for each week in October:

**Week 1 October 1-3, 2014**

**Theme: STOP. THINK. CONNECT.**

Week 1 aims to raise online safety awareness among all Americans and reinforce STOP. THINK. CONNECT. and the simple measures everyone should take to be safer and more secure online.

**Week 2 October 6-10, 2014**

**Theme: Secure Development of IT Products**

Building security into information technology products is key to enhanced cybersecurity. Security is an essential element of software design, development, testing and maintenance. The software we use everyday on our phones, tablets, and computers may have vulnerabilities that can compromise our personal information and privacy. This week will target these stakeholders and educate others about what to do and look for in products.

**Week 3: October 13-17, 2014**

**Theme: Critical Infrastructure and The Internet of Things**

The Internet underlies nearly every facet of our daily lives and is the foundation for much of the critical infrastructure that keeps our nation running. The systems that support electricity, financial services, transportation, and communications are increasingly interconnected. The Internet of Things—the ability of objects and devices to transfer data—is changing the way we use technology. Week 3 highlights the importance of protecting critical infrastructure and properly securing all devices that are connected to the Internet.

**Week 4: October 20-24, 2014**

**Theme: Cybersecurity for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses and Entrepreneurs**

Small and medium-sized businesses are an important part of our nation's economy, but they often do not see themselves as a target for a cyber attack. Strong cybersecurity practices are vital within these organization. Entrepreneurs are recognizing the cybersecurity field as a burgeoning marketplace. This week will focus on what emerging and established businesses can do to protect their organization, customers and employees, as well as cybersecurity as a business opportunity using tools such as the DHS C3 Voluntary Program.

**Week 5: October 27-31, 2014**

**Theme: Cybercrime and Law Enforcement**

This week will help draw awareness to cybercrime and educate law enforcement officers about how to assist their communities in combating cybercrime and educate the general public with ways to protect themselves from becoming victims of identity theft, fraud, phishing and other crimes.

Use 2014 National Cyber Security Awareness Month to begin incorporating STOP. THINK. CONNECT. into your online routine. For more ideas on promoting

National Cyber Security Awareness Month, visit <http://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/get-involved>.

-See more at: <http://www.staysafeonline.org/ncsam/about#sthash.tzeFYcAh.dpuf>

# 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.

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

WV Hospital Association (Regions 8 and 9) Full Scale Exercise on December 3.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org) or [jowens@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto: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**

### **October, 2014**

- 2 *HAM Radio Testing Night*
- 5-8 *Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN) Conference at Camp Dawson. By invitation Only.*
- 7 *American Red Cross Psychological First Aid Class, 6-9 p.m. at Red Cross Office. (and other locations in state)*
- 13 *Columbus Day Holiday, Office is Closed*
- 14 *Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting at 1400 hours at the Jefferson County EOC*
- 27 *Partnership Development Committee Meeting at 0830 at Jefferson County EOC*

Please mark your calendars for October 27-28, 2015 for the Jefferson County LEPC's Mass Fatalities Conference at The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown! Watch for more information in the coming months!!