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JCHSEM Updating Prime Power Surveys

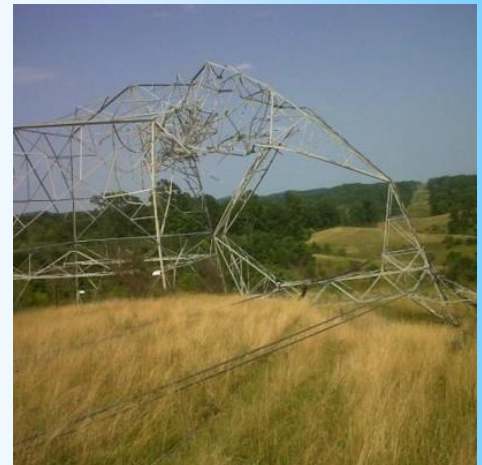
Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management is encouraging all critical facilities in Jefferson County to complete a Prime Power Survey of emergency power needs to facilitate generator installation during catastrophic emergencies. This project was started in 2012, and many of the critical facilities have had generators installed since that time or have had other changes.

Prime power surveys determine power needs and electrical connection requirements at critical infrastructure, including the 9-1-1 Center/ Emergency Operations Center, the hospital, fire departments, police stations, the Emergency Services Agency, water plants and waste water treatment facilities, schools and buildings that are used as emergency shelters.

“The lesson learned from previous disasters was not to wait until you need emergency power to determine the size of the generator and equipment needed to install it,” said Barbara Miller, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. “Having this information pre-determined can significantly speed up efforts to provide emergency power during a wide-spread disaster.”

The results of the power surveys will be put into the county’s emergency management files and placed in the WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management’s database for power needs. Having this information in hand will allow county and state emergency managers to more efficiently direct resources to restore electrical power to these critical facilities during a major disaster, such as a derecho, tornado, or ice storm.

“Whether these facilities already have a generator or not, we need to have the form completed. Critical facility operators can get a copy of the Prime Power Survey by emailing either sniles@jeffersoncountywv.org or bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org or by calling JCHSEM at 304-728-3329. JCHSEM hopes to have the surveys completed and returned by the end of June.”



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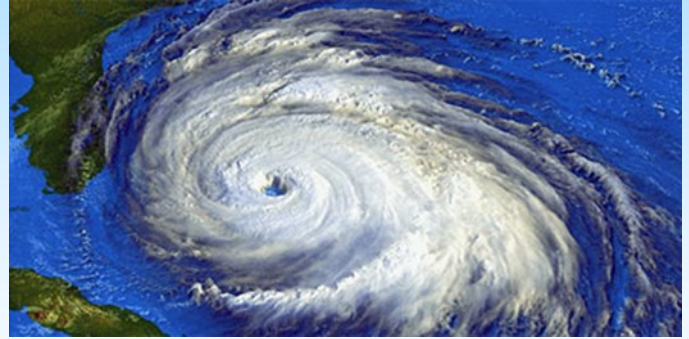
Brandon Vallee, Administrative Assistant, Public Information Officer and Volunteer Coordinator

Jefferson County Preparedness Corner

June 1 is the beginning of the Atlantic Hurricane Season

June 1 is the start to the 2015 Atlantic Hurricane Season which makes June the perfect time to make sure we are all prepared by checking emergency supply kits and emergency preparedness plans!

While Jefferson County does not sit on a coastline, this does not make us immune to the reaching impacts of hurricanes and tropical storms. In 2003, Hurricane Isabel made landfall as a Category 2 storm on the Outer Banks. As the storm tracked north-eastward, wind and flooding damage was felt in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and here in Jefferson County, WV.



As recent as 2012, Hurricane Sandy (later named Super-storm Sandy) dumped over 3 feet of snow in parts of West Virginia which caused downed trees and power lines and disrupted transportation throughout the state. Locally, in Jefferson County, Sandy caused major flooding along the Opequon Creek which led to evacuations of that area. The major threats from tropical systems to Jefferson County include (but are not limited to) flooding, power outages, road closures, and possible disruption to water service.



With these things in mind, everyone should have a home emergency supply kit and plan in the event a storm comes our way. Kits should include supplies for power outages (flashlights, battery operated lanterns), potable water, easy to prepare meals, medicines and first aid kit, and other essentials for your comfort. Emergency plans are as simple as knowing two ways out of every room in case of fire, a safe meeting place outside the home and outside of the neighborhood, and finally a communication plan to reunite everyone in your household back together. In all of the planning

for your family, please remember your furry household members. Have pet supplies on hand along with veterinary documents. In the event of an evacuation, check with your community shelter to ensure you can bring your pets to the shelter facility.

Please visit www.ready.gov for more information on building an emergency supply kit, developing a family emergency plan, and taking care of your animals during an emergency. As always, be prepared and stay safe!

Atlantic Tropical (and Subtropical) Storm Names for 2015			Eastern North-Pacific Tropical (and Subtropical) Storm Names for 2015		
Ana	Ida	Rose	Andres	Ignacio	Rick
Bill	Joaquin	Sam	Blanca	Jimena	Sandra
Claudette	Kate	Teresa	Carlos	Kevin	Terry
Danny	Larry	Victor	Dolores	Linda	Vivian
Erika	Mindy	Wanda	Enrique	Marty	Waldo
Fred	Nicholas		Felicia	Nora	Xina
Grace	Odette		Guillermo	Olaf	York
Henri	Peter		Hilda	Patricia	Zelda

Recommended Independent Study Courses for June, 2015

Each month, JCHSEM recommends one or more of the FEMA Independent Study Courses for all volunteers to take to increase their knowledge base. The course chosen for June is: IS-288a The Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management. This independent study course provides a basic understanding of the history, roles and services of disaster relief voluntary agencies in providing disaster assistance. It is appropriate for both the general public and those involved in emergency management operations.

Course Objectives:

The overall goal of this Independent Study course is to increase awareness of the roles and responsibilities of voluntary agencies in emergency management. Voluntary agencies have helped meet the needs of individuals and communities affected by disasters since the 1800's. Today, they serve a critical role in the emergency management field from helping communities prepare for and mitigate the effects of disasters to providing immediate response and long-term recovery services. Without the support, dedication, and expertise of voluntary agencies, the government would be unable to address all the needs of disaster-affected communities.

This course can be found at: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-288.a>

Once completed and the student has passed the online test, a certificate from FEMA will be emailed to you recognizing your course completion.

JCHSEM staff and volunteers will participate in the annual Bark in the Park, sponsored by the Jefferson County Animal Welfare Society on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at Jefferson Memorial Park in Charles Town.



9 am	Vendor setup
9:30 am	Event Registration
10:00 am	Blessing of Animals
10:15 am	Interactive Dog Walk
10:30 am	Raffle/contest signup
10:45 am	Demonstrations
11:15 am	Biscuit Walk
11:45 am	Demonstrations
12:15 pm	Demonstrations
12:30 pm	Canine Contests
1:00 pm	Pledge winner & Vendor passport drawings
1:15 pm	Canine Contests
1:45 pm	Raffle drawings
2:00 pm	Event ends



2015 Disaster Ready Kids Program

Do you have summer 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 2015.

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 2015 summer season from May 1 until September 30, 2015. 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 you session.

We need at least a two-week notice to schedule your activity.

Below, JCHSEM Administrative Assistant/PIO/Volunteer Coordinator is pictured on air with Hans Fogle of WEPM Radio, Martinsburg. They discussed the Disaster Ready Kids Program, as well as preparedness information during the last week in May.



The Strategic Foresight Initiative

The emergency management community faces a future with challenges likely to be far different from those we confront today. Powerful drivers of change such as globalization, technological development, and the changing roles of individuals in society have real potential to reshape the context within which we will operate. Addressing these transformations will be challenging; confronting the complexity that arises from the interaction of multiple drivers – such as demographic shifts, technology, environmental changes, and economic uncertainty – will require entirely new approaches, tools, and capabilities. Public safety, public security, and disaster management organizations have already taken some steps to address these emerging challenges. However, the increasing pace and complexity of change calls for inclusive engagement and action so that we can proactively plan for and address shifting trends together, as a community of practice. To do this requires the emergency management community to establish and maintain a foresight capability. Foresight does not promote a singular vision or prediction. Instead, it considers a broad spectrum of plausible outcomes to help inform decision-making under uncertain conditions.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) established the Strategic Foresight Initiative (SFI) to address this need. This initiative has brought together a wide cross-section of the emergency management community to explore key future issues, trends and other factors, and to work through their implications. Working collaboratively and with urgency, we are beginning to understand the full range of changes we could encounter and the nature of our future needs; and we can begin to execute a shared agenda for action.

This report presents the findings from foresight efforts thus far, including: uncertainties that define and drive the future environment; strategic needs and gaps our community will have to address; a look into the emergency management community of 2030; and finally, suggested next steps for the community to prepare for the future. The strategic needs in particular – grouped into Essential Capabilities, Innovative Models and Tools, and Dynamic Partnerships – are intended as a catalyst for leaders throughout the emergency management community to prepare themselves and the Nation for the challenges and opportunities the future holds.

The products of this foresight initiative are offered as a starting point for dialogue and active consideration throughout the emergency management community. The thoughts and ideas presented in this report do not encompass all of the nuances and situations we will meet in the future. Rather, they offer a foundation for developing a shared understanding of potential future challenges and how, working together, we may address these challenges.

The work of the SFI is not possible without the participation of many dedicated professionals from across the United States, spanning many fields and disciplines, as well as our international colleagues. These contributions have already generated tremendous knowledge and insight, and will carry this work forward to meet our shared future demands.

David J. Kaufman

Director, FEMA Office of Policy and Program Analysis

For additional information on the Strategic Foresight Initiative, go to
[http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1816-25045-5167/
sfi_report_13.jan.2012_final.docx.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1816-25045-5167/sfi_report_13.jan.2012_final.docx.pdf)

to get a free downloadable copy of their booklet, “Crisis Response and Disaster Resilience 2030: Forging Strategic Action in an Age of Uncertainty”

Disaster Exercises, 2015

WV Homeland Security Region III (WVHSR3) Initial Planning Workshop was held in Moorefield in December, 2014. Representatives of all of the Counties of WVHSR3 were in attendance. Additional planning meetings are upcoming.

WV Hospital Association, Regions 8 & 9 After Action Meeting.....January 20, 2015 in Hampshire Co.

Jefferson County Government, Continuity of Operations Training and Tabletop Exercise, January 23, 2015

THIRA Training Workshop, Berkeley County.....April 13, 2015

WV Homeland Security Region III Tabletop Exercise.....April 22, 2015

WV Homeland Security Region III Functional Exercise.....July 20, 2015

WV Homeland Security Region III EM Communications Drill.....August 1, 2015

Jefferson County LEPC Tabletop Exercise.....To Be Announced

WV Homeland Security Region III Full Scale Exercise.....September 19, 2015 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 ..To Be Announced.

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, 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 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

June, 2015

2 Steering Committee 0900 at Jefferson County EOC

4 HAM Radio Night at the EOC 1730

6 Bark in the Park at Jefferson Memorial Park 1000-1400 (JCHSEM will have a booth)

June 7-10 West Virginia Emergency Management Conference at Canaan Valley State Park

June 15-18 West Virginia Floodplain Manager's Workshop at Blackwater Falls State Park

8 Eastern Panhandle Emergency Manager's Association (EPEMA) meeting at EM Council Conference

19 West Virginia Day Holiday, Office is Closed

24 Jefferson County LEPC Meeting at Noon at Ranson Police Department Meeting Room at Noon

July 20 WV Homeland Security Region 3 Functional Exercise in Hampshire County

August 1-WVHS R3 Emergency Management Communications Drill, throughout Region 3

August 16-22 -Jefferson County Fair Booth

September 19-WV Homeland Security Region 3 Full Scale Exercise-Venues throughout Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hardy, Grant, Hampshire, Mineral and Pendleton Counties.

September 27-30-Statewide Interoperable Radio Network Conference at Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV Contact: Bobby Hoge, Vice Chairman, WVSIRN (304) 425-4911 merc911@citlink.net

October 13-15 WV State Emergency Response Commission/Local Emergency Planning Committee Conference at Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV Contact: Melissa Cross 304-558-5380

October 27-28, 2015 for the Jefferson County LEPC's Mass Fatalities Conference at The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-mass-fatalities-conference-tickets-15444450768>