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Disaster Ready Kids-2012 Program

June 1-September 30

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management is sponsoring the "Disaster Ready Kids Program- 2012." The Disaster Ready Kids Program-2012 will teach children about safety, and what to do during storms and disasters. See our website for selection of books. We have books and accompanying booklets and materials that are age appropriate for children's groups. If your group of children is over the age of 9, we can show them how to put together a Family Disaster Supply Kit or a Pet Disaster Supply Kit. There is no cost to participate in this program.

Our staff will come to your facility and read and discuss your chosen book. 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 (ballpark number), and that you work with us to schedule a time that works well for both organizations.

We are scheduling for the 2012 summer season—June through September 30, 2012. If you have questions please contact Jennifer Maggio at 304-724-8914 or email to jmaggio@jeffersoncountywv.org as soon as possible. If you would like to schedule a session, please fill out the attached form and return it by either mail or fax. We need at least a two-week notice to schedule your activity.

New books for this year include:

The We Wonder-We Prepare for Emergencies (Ages 4-5)

This workbook helps children and parents prepare for emergencies -- together! Stories and activities help children recognize an emergency and prepare to build skills for taking quick, correct action if they're involved in one. Readers also learn that grown-ups can help them stay safe, how and when to call 9-1-1, and how to put together an emergency supply kit.

Otis and the Tornado: Otis and his farm friends are enjoying a summer's day playing their favorite game, follow-the-leader. The bull, however, has no interest in playing and stays in his pen, where he delights in intimidating the other animals. Suddenly the day turns frightening: the birds stop chirping, the wind picks up, and the sky turns dark and stormy. It's a tornado! Otis rouses a game of follow-the-leader to get all of the farm animals safe and sound in the dried-up riverbanks of Mud Creek. But Otis hears a cry in the distance - it's the bull, still locked in his pen! Quick as his tires will take him, Otis putt puff puttedy chuffs back to the farm to save the day. (Pre-school)

Just A Thunderstorm: During a big thunderstorm, Mom and Dad find lots of ways to comfort Little Critter and his sister. Mom makes a fun dinner and Dad lights the candles as they both share their wisdom about thunder, lightning, and rainbows!

Some of our other classic favorites include:

Two Bobbies—This is a true story of Hurricane Katrina, friendship and survival.. Bobbie and Bob Cat are the best of friends. When their hometown of New Orleans was struck by Hurricane Katrina, many lost everything, but not Bobbi and Bob Cat. (Ages 4-8)

Miss Twiggley's Tree: This book teaches young people about helping eachother during a flood-ing event. Funny Miss Twiggley lived in a tree with a dog named Puss and a color TV.

Jefferson County To Be Awarded a Class 8 Community Rating System at June 14th County Commission Meeting at 10:00 a.m.!

JCHSEM has learned that representatives from the WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will be at the June 14th County Commission meeting to award a plaque to the County for earning a Class 8 Rating. Jefferson County was formerly a Class 9 Community. The Class 8 rating will give residents of the County (outside of the local municipalities) a 10% discount on their flood insurance premiums.

All Hazards Risk Assessment & Mitigation Plan

Jefferson County is gearing up for the 2013 Jefferson County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Plan including THIRA. The Mitigation Committee will reconvene on June 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County EOC to review our current plan and projects, as required and start moving towards the new plan. This plan, updated and revised every 5 years, is a requirement for all communities so that they can receive FEMA funds after a disaster. Additionally, if the community receives any funds for the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, the Severe Repetitive Loss Program, the Repetitive Flood Claim Program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, or the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, this plan is also a requirement. Jefferson County is a Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program and receives a number of points towards its reduction of flood insurance rates to residents, due to the planning process and contents of our Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan. The planning committee is made up of agencies, private businesses, representatives of county and local governments, non-governmental agencies, PSDs, responder agencies, and other interested parties. Mason Carter, Jefferson County's Floodplain Manager, serves as the Chairman of the Mitigation Committee. JCHSEM Deputy Director, Terri Mehling will be taking the lead on this project for our department and will be working with our contractors, community members, and the committee throughout the project. For questions regarding this project, please contact Ms. Mehling at 304-728-3329.

New Law Requires WV Local Floodplain Managers to have Annual Floodplain Credits

A new law was passed during this year's session of the WV Legislature that requires local (county and municipal) floodplain managers to have 6 hours of training in floodplain management annually. The WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management teaches several programs throughout the year that can be attended by local floodplain managers, and the WV Floodplain Management Association provides a conference annual where a floodplain manager can earn his or her credits. There are also courses at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute and from other sources. Below is a copy of the language in the new law:

ARTICLE 5. DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

§15-5-20a. Floodplain manager training.

- (a) Community participation in the National Flood Insurance Program is important to manage and mitigate the special flood hazard areas in West Virginia. Therefore, all state, county, municipality and local floodplain managers should be adequately trained in floodplain management.
- (b) Commencing July 1, 2012, each floodplain manager in the state is required to complete six hours of training in floodplain management annually to maintain good standing with the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security.
- (c) A governmental unit that has a floodplain manager who fails to obtain the required training shall suspend the floodplain manager from his or her floodplain management responsibilities until the training requirement is met.
- (d) A governmental unit that has a floodplain manager who fails to obtain the required training shall transfer its floodplain management responsibilities and all associated fees to a governmental unit that has a floodplain manager in good standing.

Flood Insurance Stopgap Sent to President

By Niels Lesniewski, CQ Staff

The House cleared a short-term extension of federal flood insurance Wednesday to give the Senate more time to work through a long-term reauthorization before the program lapsed at the end of the week.

The House passed the measure (HR 5740) by voice vote after the Senate amended it last week to provide a 60-day extension of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through the end of July. The House previously passed the measure, sponsored by Illinois Republican Rep. Judy Biggert, as a 30 day extension. Sen. David Vitter, R-La., announced May 25, that he expected the House would accept the revised Senate measure.

“The NFIP has been barely hobbling along with a Band-Aid approach — extending it for short periods of time. This 60-day extension will allow us to avoid a detrimental lapse and fully debate the five-year bill,” Vitter said. “Moving the ball forward on this is a big, big step, especially as we approach hurricane season.”

The Atlantic hurricane season officially begins June 1.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has pledged to work to bring the long-term bill (S 1940) to the floor next month. The House passed a long-term measure (HR 1309) last summer.

The stopgap would increase the program's premiums for second homes and vacation homes, at the insistence of Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla. As amended by the Senate, the bill would increase flood insurance premiums on the homes by 25 percent a year until the average risk premium equals the actuarial rate. The first rate increase would take effect July 1.

Coburn had balked at granting unanimous consent to Senate passage of the extension without the changes.

The flood insurance program has been unable to raise the funds to restore it to solvency after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005. The program has fallen about \$18 billion in debt, spurring advocates to call for its overhaul.

The program has been extended temporarily 16 times since the last long-term reauthorization expired in 2008. The current extension, contained in an omnibus spending law (PL 112-74), expires May 31. Stakeholders, including the insurance industry, real estate agents and mortgage lenders, try to keep the program from going on hiatus because it prevents them from closing transactions in flood-prone areas, causing market uncertainty.

2012 Hurricane Names

Alberto
Beryl
Chris
Debby
Ernesto
Florence
Gordon
Helene
Isaac
Joyce
Kirk
Leslie
Michael
Nadine
Oscar
Patty
Rafael
Sandy
Tony
Valerie
William

Hurricane Season
started on June 1 and
will continue through
November 30.



The last two hurricanes to cause
inland problems in Jefferson
County were:

Hurricane Ivan in 2004
And
Hurricane Isabel in 2003

JCHSEM's Participation in Bark in the Park

On June 2nd, JCHSEM staff and volunteers participated in the 2012 Bark in the Park. Special thanks to our volunteers: Kelly Parsons, Chairman of the Animals in Disaster Committee; Charlotte Hernandez, Mike Davis, and Carman Flores. The volunteers joined JCHSEM staff, Jennifer Maggio and Terri Mehling for the annual Animal Welfare Society's event. JCHSEM's booth offered information about how to prepare your pets for disasters and large emergencies. Additionally, there was disaster information available to make their human companions safe, as well. If you missed Bark in the Park but would like to have more information about how to prepare your pets for disaster, call our office at 304-724-8914 to request a brochure....or stop by our office to pick one up.



JCHSEM's Rapid Response Pet Trailer Has Arrived!

On June 5, JCHSEM accepted delivery of a Rapid Response Pet Trailer. The new resource, was made possible from a Department of Homeland Security grant through the WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the WV Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety. The trailer and the supplies that were purchased are a part of our continuing efforts to meet the requirements of the PETS Act (Pet Evacuation & Transportation Standards Act of 2006).



JCHSEM continues to look for funding to pay for training for volunteers to utilize these resources during a disaster. Training will be taught by the United States Humane Society once funding is secured.

Class One: Emergency Animal Sheltering

Cost \$3,200

By the end of the 2-day workshop participants will have a practical knowledge of:
A basic introduction to disaster and emergency management; Community planning for animals in disaster; Types of emergency shelters for animals; Meeting the animals' needs; Logistics; Sanitation; Transport; Human resources; Worker health and safety; Administrative issues; Legal issues; Media/public relations; Closing the shelter.

Class Two: Animal First Aid for Disaster Responders

Cost \$3,200

By the end of the workshop participants will have a practical knowledge of:
Animal first aid basics; Situational awareness and safety; Critical situations; Restraint and carry techniques; Internal and external bleeding; Conditions and techniques for large animals; Ophthalmic first aid; Decontamination; Bandaging and wound care; Animal first aid jump kits.

If anyone knows of a funding source for these courses, please contact Barbara Miller, Director at 304-728-3290.

UPCOMING EXERCISES

There are many opportunities this year for agencies and departments to participate in exercises. Below is a list that our County will be involved with during 2012. If your agency or group is interested in participating in any of the exercises below, please contact JCHSEM as soon as possible. Those agencies and volunteers that serve in the EOC will be contacted to serve in the full scale exercises that involve their emergency function. Exercises are designed to test plans, procedures, and resources in a safe learning environment.

January

Regions 8 & 9-WV Hospital Association Exercise—COMPLETE

WV Department of Agriculture Workshop/Seminar-Avian Flu Scenario-COMPLETE

February

167th Air Guard TTX-Active Shooter Scenario-COMPLETE

County Government Continuity of Operations-Workshop/Seminar-COMPLETE

County Government Continuity of Operations-TTX-COMPLETE

EPA/Corp of Engineers-Jennings Randolph Lake Dam REGIONAL-Workshop/Seminar-COMPLETE

March

28-National Capitol Region-Mass Dispensing Full Scale Exercise-COMPLETE

April

30-Jefferson County LEPC Table Top Exercise. Hazardous Materials/Commodity Flow scenario-COMPLETE

June

7 in Mineral County, WV. EPA/Corp of Engineers-Jennings Randolph Lake Dam REGIONAL Table Top Exercise. This will include the counties of: Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, and Mineral. This exercise involves a breach of the DAM that will bring heavy flooding to the communities along the Potomac River. Please contact your local emergency manager in your county if you are interested in participating. Planning for this regional exercise is being done by the EPA-Don McLaughlin and Chris Behr.

September

8-EPA/Corp of Engineers-Jennings Randolph Lake Dam REGIONAL Full Scale Exercise. This will include the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, and Mineral. This exercise involves a breach of the DAM that will bring heavy flooding to the communities along the Potomac River. Please contact your local emergency manager in your county if you are interested in participating. Planning for this regional exercise is being done by the EPA-Don McLaughlin and Chris Behr.

*Other exercises will be considered as they are presented.



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.

Animals in Disaster Committee, Kelly Parsons, Chair

Any interested person can serve on this committee. The Animals in Disaster Committee is responsible for developing and updating the Animals in Disaster Plan and to work with the JCHSEM to make recommendations regarding the Animals Annex of the Emergency Operations Plan. They will also identify potential resources for animals before, during and after a disaster. The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the months of January, April, July, October at 9:30 a.m. in the JCHSEM EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced.

Emergency Planning for People with Special Needs Committee-Amy Jones, Chair

Any interested person can serve on this committee. The Emergency Planning for People with Special Needs Committee is responsible for training and planning for issues of people who have mobility problems, people who have sight or hearing problems, people who speak a language other than English as their first language, the elderly and the very young, people who use oxygen or other medical devices and anyone who may need special assistance during times of disasters and/or evacuations. This committee will work with the JCHSEM to update the portion of the Emergency Operations Plan that deals with these special needs. This committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the months of March, June, September, and December at 9:30 a.m. in the JCHSEM EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced. This room IS handicapped accessible.

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 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except December at 8:30 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, Mason Carter, Chair

Any interested person may serve on this committee. The Risk Assessment/Mitigation Planning Committee will examine the community's risks and vulnerability to all hazards and assess the community's vulnerability to those risks. Additionally, they will look at specific buildings, infrastructure, etc. to determine which are most susceptible to risks. A Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan was completed and adopted by the Jefferson County Commission, all Jefferson County municipalities, WVOHSEM, and Federal Emergency Management Agency in July, 2003; updated the original document in 2008. Next update in 2013. This committee meets on an "as needed basis". 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; Emergency Planning for Special Populations; Public Awareness, Education and Training; Counter Terrorism; Partnership Development and Retention; Animals in Disaster, and a Steering Committee that acts as an advisory group. We are responsible for the Citizen Corps/CERT, Storm-Ready, Community Rating System, and Project Impact programs. JCHSEM is also responsible for the Jefferson County R.A.C.E.S group.



Meetings & Events

JUNE, 2012

- 2 Bark in the Park– 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at Jefferson Memorial Park, Charles Town
- 4 FEMA RISKMAP meeting about the Opequon Watershed at Berkeley County Council Chambers, Martinsburg 2 p.m.
- 7 Jefferson County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)-7:30 a.m. at Billie's in Ranson
- 7 WV Homeland Security Area 3 Regional Tabletop Exercise in Mineral County, WV.
- 12 Counter Terrorism Committee at 1400 hours in the Jefferson County EOC
- 13 Public Awareness Committee at Jefferson County EOC at 8:30 a.m.
- 14 CRS Plaque Awarded at Jefferson County Commission Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Emergency Planning for People with Special Needs at 9:30 at the Jefferson County EOC.
- 19 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Planning Committee Annual Review of 2008 Plan's Projects
- 20 WV Day Holiday; County Offices are Closed
- 30 Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Fireworks at Sam Michael's Park