



Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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Getting Ready for 2011 National Preparedness Month “A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare”

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an annual campaign to encourage Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, schools, organizations, businesses, and communities. NPM is led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is sponsored by the *Ready* Campaign in partnership with the Citizen Corps. Every September, JCHSEM works with these agencies, as well as Volunteer, WV! and the WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, WV Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety, and our local partners, Eastern Panhandle Chapter, American Red Cross, the Eastern Panhandle Medical Reserve Corps, Jefferson County Department of Health, Shepherd University, local responder groups, non-governmental agencies, and private industry to increase emergency preparedness awareness and activities across the nation. This September is the eighth annual NPM. This year's campaign will focus on remembering disasters from our past, the tenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks, and natural hazards, and asking our communities to work together to make our country more resilient. We are encouraging everyone to join the preparedness team and truly help ensure that you and your family, neighbors, work, and community are *Ready*.

How can you help?

Help us get the word out to businesses, organizations and the public through emergency preparedness education and events. By expanding our emergency management team to include our entire community, you help us to improve our county's preparedness and resilience. JCHSEM promotes a whole community approach to emergency management, which includes: Engaging all parts of our community in defining its true preparedness needs; Coordinating preparedness activities throughout the community with participation from local governments and first responders; and strengthening the assets, institutions, and social processes that work well in our community on a daily basis to improve resilience and emergency management outcomes.

If you are a Business or Organization, sign a partnership agreement with JCHSEM defining what roles you would like to take. You can find a sample agreement on our website!

If you are an individual, become a volunteer.

We need business sponsors for our month-long workshops and activities. We are looking for space to hold our Business Continuity Planning Training, a Youth Group to put up NPM posters, door prizes for our various events, a group to deliver Pet Preparedness Information to all local veterinarians, a few individuals to deliver brochures locally, people willing to participate in a texting drill from wherever you are on September 11th; Youth groups, daycare centers, home school groups that would like a Disaster Ready Kids program presented to them during September (age-appropriate for young children); and info on what your group is planning. Last year, JCHSEM won the “United We Stand” Award from FEMA Region 3 for our community efforts during NPM. Contact us at 304-728-3329 about how you can help!

Thanks to our Media Partners who covered the event:

Don Smith, Editor of The Journal

And

Bryan Clark,

The Spirit of Jefferson

And to our own Jennifer Maggio, Administrative Assistant/PIO/Volunteer Coordinator who was behind our camera throughout the event!



Pam Holstein-Wallace received an award from the WV Fusion Center for her work to promote the Fusion Center.



Quarterly Partnership Meeting Volunteer Recognition



Awards for recipients were purchased with a grant received from Volunteer, WV!

Volunteer of the Year was Cheryl Beuning, a R.A.C.E.S. and C.E.R.T. Volunteer. Cheryl has also helped out at the Jefferson County Fair and Ranson Day, as well as serving in the E.O.C.



The Business Partner of the Year is Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. A partner since 2002, these partners have an MOU with JCHSEM to assist after major disasters, for their staff to participate in committees and workshops, and to provide meeting space and food for the annual luncheon. They sponsored the July 27th event, a donation worth more than \$1,250!

The Organization of the Year is the seven fire departments in Jefferson County: Friendship Fire Company #1; Citizens Fire Company #2; Shepherdstown Fire Department #3; Independent Fire Company #4; Blue Ridge Mountain Fire Company #5; Middleway Fire Company #6; and Bakerton Fire Department #7.



Special awards were given to Pamela Holstein-Wallace in appreciation for her services as the WV Region 3 Homeland Security Coordinator and to

John Sherwood, Chairman of the JCHSEM Steering Committee for his exemplary dedication and leadership to our organization. JCHSEM wishes to thank ALL of our Volunteers, Organization and Business Partners for everything that you do for the community throughout the year!



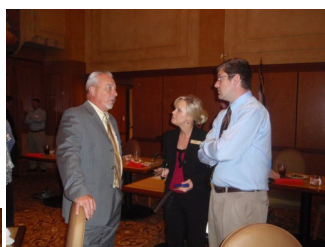
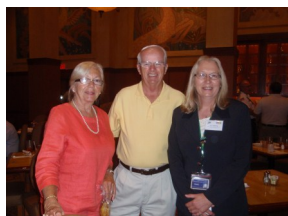
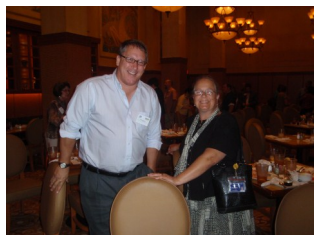
“Jefferson County Should be the Model Community for the Whole of Community Initiative. You are doing it here!”

FEMA Region 3 Administrator, MaryAnn Tierney, July 27, 2011



The July 27th Quarterly Partnership Meeting was also the official kick off to Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management’s Whole Community Initiative. This involves including the whole community in planning for, responding to, recovery from and mitigating for a disaster or large emergency as a part of our Comprehensive Emergency Management Program. All businesses

and organizations are invited to join as a partner by signing a partnership agreement that can be found on our website at <http://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/uploads/homeland/Partnership%20Agreement.pdf>. Here are some of our partners networking at the luncheon.



Winners of Door Prizes:



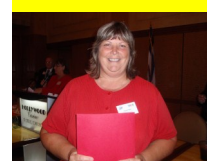
Pam won 4 Tickets to a Hagerstown Suns Baseball Game!



Mike won 2 tickets to “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” at The Old Opera House!



Doug and Sean won Tubing Trips with River Riders!



Laura and Charlene won tickets to Summit Point Raceway!

Special Thanks to All of our Sponsors

Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

Volunteer WV!

Summit Point Raceway

River Riders

The Old Opera House

Hagerstown Suns Baseball

ECC Director and JCH-SEM Steering Committee Member, Jeff Polczynski and JCH-SEM Director, Barbara Miller worked with Boy Scouts working on their Emergency Preparedness Badges on July 11th.



Talking about the kinds of natural hazards we face in Jefferson County.



Director Miller explains the Emergency Management Wheel and what happens during each phase.



After a photo op, Director Polczynski took the boys and their parents on a tour of our facility.

John Sherwood and Barbara Miller teach at FEMA Region III's Youth Preparedness Workshop in Morgantown

Morgantown, WV— The Federal Emergency Management Agency held their Region 3 Youth Preparedness Workshop in Morgantown on July 25-26, 2011. JCH-SEM Steering Committee Chairman, John Sherwood and JCHSEM Director, Barbara Miller were invited to the event as guests of FEMA to teach others in the region about our Disaster Ready Kids Program and



how they can start their own youth preparedness programs. Throughout the conference, it was stressed that getting a message to parents can usually be done through their children. At JCHSEM, we teach children, using age-appropriate materials that empower them to understand the risks from natural hazards and power failures; about the importance of making a family disaster plan, and teach

them simple items that every family needs to put in a family disaster supply kit. They, in turn, go home and work with their parents to make sure that their family is prepared. The duo also explained about engaging volunteers and partners from the community into the program. Jefferson County tries to involve the whole community as a part of their Comprehensive Emergency Management Program, involving individual volunteers and volunteers from local businesses, that have been trained and background checked to



work with existing children's programs. Some of the programs include daycare centers, elementary programs, university students, the home school community, church youth groups, summer camps, summer reading programs, and scouting programs. At the Youth Preparedness Workshop, each participant wrote on a paper balloon, the name of one organization that they can approach when they get back home to discuss partnership and development of their own disaster preparedness youth programs. The balloons were then hung up in the hallway at the event so that others



JCHSEM is Taking our Preparedness Messages to the Jefferson County Fair August 21-27th!



Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management will be taking its preparedness messages and volunteers to the Jefferson County Fair August 21-27th. We will be giving out information on community preparedness, family preparedness, how to prepare your pets and agricultural animals for disasters, information about simple mitigation

techniques for home owners, emergency wheels, flooding information, fire safety materials, information about how to talk to children about disasters, and lots more. Stop by our booth in Building #2. We look forward to seeing everyone there. If you are a JCHSEM volunteer, we do still have spaces available for volunteering evenings during the week. If you have 4 hours of spare time, call Jennifer Maggio at 304-724-8914 if you would like to volunteer.

Volunteer Opportunities!

Need a Youth Group to put up posters about National Preparedness Month. Must have parents to drive them to the places to put up the posters. We will give parents the posters, a list of places to put them, and supplies needed to hang them up. Supplies will need to be picked up at the JCHSEM office. If the group putting up the posters is a University group, the parental portion will not apply, but you will need to provide your own transportation. This will need to be done by August 21st. Call Terri Mehling at 304-728-3329 if interested.

Need numerous volunteers to participate in a Texting Drill on September 8th. You can do this from wherever you are on that date. The message is simply "im ok r u ok? Where r u?" This is a drill to educate people on the advantages of using texting instead of using the phone after a disaster. You will need to make a list of everyone you want to send your message to and email that to us, as well as, get the people on your list to sign up too! You will need to pre-register by emailing your name, address, and email address to Jennifer Maggio at jmaggio@jeffersoncountywv.org. You will receive a return email with further instructions. Very simple, very quick and you can participate from where you are.

Need additional presenters for our Disaster Ready Kids Programs and Fire Safety Month Programs. These volunteers will need their own transportation to and from the venue where they will be presenting. All are in Jefferson County. Must pick up books, dvds, supplies from JCHSEM office ahead of time and return them when finished. All volunteers working with children must consent to and successfully pass a background check and be a registered volunteer with JCHSEM.

Our Volunteers at the Ranson Festival



Jason Mickey and Mike Davis



Cheryl Beuning

And at Bark in the Park



Mike Davis and Sandy Hite



Denise Lambiotte, Carmen Flores, and Charlotte Hernandez-Valez

Training Opportunities



Pipestem State Park
23 AUG 0800 – 1700
24 AUG 0800 – 1600
G386, Mass Fatalities, 17 Hours

Instructor: Carla McBee

This course prepares local and State response personnel and other responsible agencies and professionals to handle mass fatalities and effectively and to work with the survivors in an emergency or disaster. This course covers incident management, mass fatalities, planning before and operations during an incident, establishing the morgue, family assistance from the Federal government. The course concludes with a tabletop exercise.

If you are interested in any of the state training, please contact the JCHSEM office for an application, which you must fill out, return to the JCHSEM Director for signature. It will then be forwarded on to the state training officer.



Business Continuity Planning Workshops on September 1, 2011. Place to be announced. Two sessions will be held: 1-4 p.m. and another offering from 6-9 p.m. You only need to attend one or the other. These courses will be taught by David Skeen, the WV State Continuity Planner; Barbara Miller, JCHSEM Director; and Neal Nilsen from AskNeal.com. These classes are free to local businesses and organizations. All businesses, organizations, and governments should have a plan of how to continue after disaster strikes. We will cover risks, threats, how to plan, and how to protect your computer hardware and software. To sign up, please email to tmehling@jeffersoncountywv.org or call 304-728-3329.



National Flood Insurance Program for Insurance Agencies. Monday, September 19 from 8 a.m.—Noon at the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center. The course will be taught by Rich Walkus from H2O, a FEMA Contractor. WV Insurance Commission will issue CEUs for this free workshop. To sign up, please email Barbara Miller at bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org or call at 304-728-3290. You must be an insurance agent and you must be pre-registered to attend.



National Flood Insurance Program workshops for Lending Institutions. Monday, September 19 from 1 p.m.—4 p.m. at the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, WV 25430. The course will be taught by Rich Walkus from H2O, a FEMA Contractor. This is a free workshop. To sign up, please email to bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org or call 304-728-3290. You must be a representative of a bank or mortgage company/lending institution and you must be pre-registered to attend.



Back by popular demand: Friday Lunch-N-Learn sessions at the Jefferson County EOC throughout National Preparedness Month (September). Watch for the September issue for the line up, but mark your calendars for each Friday in September from Noon-1:00. Bring your lunch and join us to learn from an expert about a specific part of disaster preparedness.



WV SERC will sponsor the WV LEPC/SERC Conference at Canaan Valley Resort on September 12-15. Please contact LaVerne Stout at WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for information about registration at 304-558-5380. Call Canaan Valley Resort to make your reservations for the event at 800-622-4121

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 each month at 9:00 a.m. in the JCHSEM EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced.

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-Chair –, 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 9:30 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. The committee currently updated the original document. 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.



August Meetings and Events

August

- 2 National Preparedness Month Ad Hoc Committee at 3 p.m. at Jefferson County EOC
- 9 Counter Terrorism Committee, 2 p.m. at the Jefferson County EOC
- 10 Public Awareness Committee at 8:30 a.m. in the Jefferson County EOC
- 21-27-Jefferson County Fair
- 30 Steering Committee Meeting at 9 a.m. at the Jefferson County EOC

September (National Preparedness Month)

- 1 Business Continuity Planning Workshops. First is from 1-4 p.m.; Second is from 6-9 p.m. Place to be announced. FREE
 - 8 Texting Drill
 - 11 Independent Fire Company's Remembrance of 9/11
 - 12 JCHSEM Texting Drill
 - 19 NFIP Workshops for Insurance Agents and Lenders. Insurance Group 8 a.m. –Noon; Lenders 1-4
 - 20 JC Health Department POD Exercise 6:30 p.m. Further Info TBA
 - 21 WV 211 "Using Social Media during Disasters Workshop" Info TBA
- More NPM events and activities to be announced. Watch our website and next month's newsletter!