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Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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A New Generator for the Animal Welfare Society



The Jefferson County Animal Welfare Society now has a new generator!

After the 2012 Derecho, the AWS started a campaign to get a generator for their building.

The total cost, including the actual generator, onsite pad, propane hook-up and electrical modifications and load management system came in at just under \$24,000. The system was installed at the end of March 30, 2016.

First run of the generator took place on April 1, 2016. It's a Generac Protector 38 Kw Propane powered generator and will run the entire shelter..

They carried out a mail appeal to their donors from a mailing list during the December 2015 Holiday period as well as a GoFundMe campaign. The majority of funds actually came from the direct mail appeal.



Bark in the Park Event Scheduled for June 4th

The AWS will hold their annual event, Bark in the Park on Saturday, June 4th at Jefferson Memorial Park in Charles Town. JCHSEM will be there with a table and volunteers to pass out information about how to take care of your pets and their human companions during emergencies. The event will take place for 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bring your dogs and come out for a fun day. For more information on Bark in the Park, go to <http://www.awsje.org/bitp.html>

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

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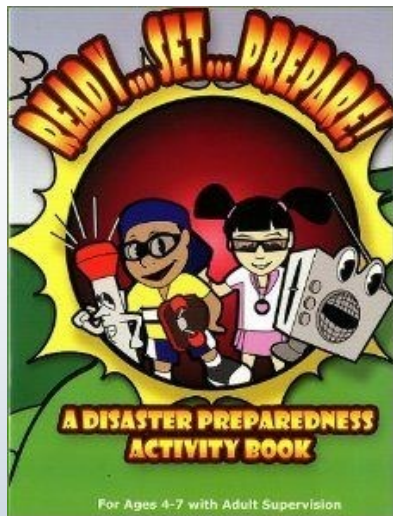
2016 DISASTER READY KIDS PROGRAM

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 2016.

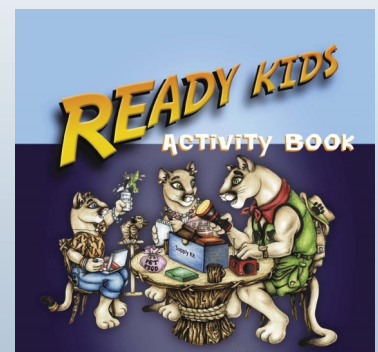
This year we will be utilizing the "Mimi Mouse Learns to Prepare for Emergencies" DVD and accompanying materials. The Mimi Mouse program is designed for 4-7 year olds and provides general tips for parents on how to talk about emergencies, teaches children what an emergency kit is and how to build one, 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 2016 summer season from May 1 until September 30, 2016. 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 your session. We do need at least a two-week notice to schedule your activity.



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West Virginia Homeland Security Region 3 Annual Table Top Exercise—Dark Grid

West Virginia Homeland Security Region 3, which is comprised of the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, and Mineral Counties, held their annual Table Top Exercise on April 19 in Martinsburg.

This year's exercise series, includes the April 19 TTX, a Functional Exercise on June 21 in Hampshire County, and culminates with a Full Scale Exercise in the fall. It is being designed and directed by representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and their contractors. This will be an HSEEP compliant exercise. The scenarios of the exercise series are not be announced until each exercise begins.

Participants must be the representative of one of the groups listed below and be pre-registered with their respective County Emergency Manager or the Environmental Protection Agency consultants to participate.

Participants were invited from: Emergency Management (Full EOC Group); Emergency Communications/9-1-1, Fire Service, Haz-Mat, LEPC Members, EMS (ESA and Volunteer Agencies), Law Enforcement, Mapping/GIS/IT, Board of Education, Shepherd University, Military Assets, National Weather Service, Mass Care (Red Cross, Salvation Army, WVDHHR, WV211, VOAD, Council on Aging, Churches and other faith-based agencies, others), Animal Control, Public Health, Jefferson Medical Center, Clinics, Behavioral Health, Environmental Health, Transportation (DOH, Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority), Amateur radio, Engineering and Public Works, Volunteer Agencies, Utility Representatives., Federal, State and Local elected officials.

The focus was on training and familiarization with roles, procedures, or responsibilities. The success of the exercise series is determined by feedback from participants and the controllers/evaluators. This exercise series will follow the rules of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).



JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Meeting Held at NCTC

John Yimin from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration spoke at the Quarterly Partnership Meeting held at the National Conservation Training Center on May 3. The TSA does security assessments on Highway, Mass Transit, and Pipelines. He also spoke about EXIS-The Exercise Information System, Exercise design and development, facilitation, evaluation and AAR and RMAST-Risk Mitigation Activities for Surface Transportation.





The App that Helps Kids Stay Safe

Monster Guard is the first mobile app created by the American Red Cross that's designed specifically for kids. Follow Maya, Chad, Olivia and all the monsters as they teach kids (aged 7-11) about how to prepare for real-life emergencies-at home plus other environments-in a fun and engaging game. Sponsored by Disney, this free app is available to download on iOS and Android mobile and tablet devices.

Learn how to stay safe from emergencies in your house and around the country.
Practice what you learned as you go through lots of fun and challenging levels.
Share with your friends when you pass levels and what you've learned with grown-ups.

To download, text 'MONSTER' to 90999 or search 'Monster Guard' in your mobile app store



Disaster Exercises, 2016

WV Homeland Security Region III (WVHSR3) Initial Planning Workshop was held in Canaan Valley in November, 2015. Representatives of all of the Counties of WVHSR3 were in attendance. Additional planning meetings are upcoming.

The After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) Meeting for the 2015 Clandestine Chaos Exercise was held for the region at the Jefferson County Maintenance Department on January 19, 2016 from 0900-1600.

2016 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Tabletop Exercise.....April 19, 2016, Berkeley County
2016 Jefferson County Government COOP Tabletop Exercise.....May 24, 2016, Bardane
2016 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Functional Exercise..June 21, 2016, Hampshire County
WV Homeland Security Region 3, Full Scale Exercise.....September, 2016

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, Mason Carter, 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 Barbara Miller at bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org, Stephen Allen at sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org, or Brandon Vallee at 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

MAY, 2016

- 3 Quarterly Partnership Meeting at NCTC.
- 5 Ham Radio Night at the EOC, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Primary Election-Offices are closed.
- 11 Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee at EOC at 0830.
- 24 JCHSEM Steering Committee Meeting at 0900 at JCEOC
- 30 Memorial Day Holiday-Offices are closed.

JUNE, 2016

- 4 Bark in the Park
- 8-10 WV Emergency Management Council Conference, Canaan Valley
- 13-15 WV Floodplain Manager's Workshop, Blackwater Falls
- 20-WV Day Holiday-Offices are closed.
- 21-WVHSR3 Functional Exercise in Augusta, Hampshire County
- 22-Jefferson County LEPC meeting at IHOP at 0730