

**Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Public Awareness, Education & Training Committee
October 12, 2016
Agenda**

The Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management (JCHSEM) Public Awareness, Education, and Training Committee met at the Jefferson County EOC on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 0830 hours. Those present were Steve Allen, JCHSEM; Deidre “DJ” Derringer, Walmart; Katherine Dunbar, Good Shepherd Caregivers; Barbara Miller, JCHSEM; and Brandon Vallee, JCHSEM.

Ms. Dunbar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 0844 hours. Ms. Derringer moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting and the October 4, 2016 Program for Public Information meeting. All approved.

I. Old Business

1. PPI-Program for Public Information

II. New Business

1. Fire Safety Month
 - a. Mr. Vallee stated that October is Fire Safety Month. The 2016 motto for Fire Safety Month is: Don’t Wait, Check the Date - Change your Smoke Alarms every 10 years. He mentioned that Citizens Fire Company held an open house on Saturday, October 8.
 - b. Ms. Miller reported that Independent Fire Company will be having their annual “Gun Bash” on Saturday, October 22 and will be distributing fire preparedness information during the event. She stated that Shepherdstown Fire Company will be having their annual apple butter event on Saturday, October 29.
2. 2016 Public Service Banquet
 - a. The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Public Service Banquet at 1800 hours on October 18 at Skyline Terrace, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. Tickets can be purchased through the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.
3. CRS Five Year Review/Audit of Activities
 - a. Ms. Miller stated that on October 18, 2016 Jefferson County will be going through the five year reaccreditation process. She highlighted that FEMA has changed the rules and made it more difficult for communities to qualify to CRS. As a part of the reaccreditation process, a representative will be visiting Jefferson County to tour the flood plain and analyze County documents, such as permits, elevation certificates, public information products, employee certifications, and after action reports (AARs).
4. Nurture Nature Center Focus Group
 - a. On Wednesday, October 19 at 1900 hours, the Nurture Nature Center will be holding a focus group as part of a research project with National Oceanic and

- Atmospheric Administration, about the use of National Weather Service flood forecast and warning tools. Participants will be asked to answer questions and provide input about various flood warning tools and products issued by the NWS.
- b. Registration for the study group can be completed by contacting the Nurture Nature Center at socialscience.focusonfloods.org.
5. Skywarn Stormspotter Classes
 - a. Mr. Allen reported that he is working with the National Weather Service to bring a Skywarn Stormspotter Flood class in March, no date has been determined, and a Skywarn Stormspotter Winter Weather class in November, no date has been determined.
 6. Potomac River Gauge
 - a. Ms. Miller stated that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) have reinstalled a Potomac River Gauge in Shepherdstown, WV. Information collected from the gauge can be seen here:
<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=lwx&gage=shew2>
 7. Quarterly Partnership Meeting
 - a. The October 2016 Quarterly Partnership meeting will be held at the Anvil on Friday, October 28 at Noon. Committee members who are interested in attending can register with Mr. Allen.
 8. Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparedness of Disasters,
 - a. Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparedness of Disasters training will occur on November 3, 2016 at Believer's Victory Center - 160 Victory Lane, Moorefield, WV, from 0800 hours to 1700 hours. Registration can be completed on CourseMill. There will be no travel compensation and NIMS 100 is a prerequisite.

III. Member Sharing Time

1. Mr. Vallee mentioned that the Harpers Ferry Women's Club will be touring the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center on Friday, October 21. He stated that there will be a Lunch-N-Learn session in Ranson, WV on Tuesday, November 1.
2. Ms. Dunbar reported that Good Shepherd Interfaith Caregivers is actively looking for volunteers.
3. Ms. Miller stated that Rodger Dailey, with Jefferson County Meals on Wheels, passed away last week. She mentioned that the state is having budget problems which will impact emergency management, the SIRM radio network, and Southern WV flooding recovery.
4. Ms. Derringer mentioned that JCHSEM could work with Walmart to distribute preparedness information.

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Dunbar adjourned the meeting at 0955 hours. The next meeting of the Public Awareness, Education & Training Committee will be on TBA at the Jefferson County EOC.