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Governor-elect Justice Names Jeff Sandy DMAPS Secretary

Sandy will bring years of experience to WV Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety



Governor-elect, Jim Justice, announced that Jeff Sandy will serve as his secretary of WV Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety (DMAPS). Sandy is a Wood County native and currently a partner in Perry Forensic Investigations LLC, after working 25 years as a Special Agent with U.S. Treasury's Criminal Investigation Division. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist.

In 2008, Sandy was elected Sheriff of Wood County. As Sheriff, Sandy modernized his office with new equipment and new investigative strategies. He was appointed to serve on the Board of the Regional Jail Authority. In 2012, he was elected Chairman of the Regional Jail Board. Sandy also served on the Board of the West Virginia Sheriff's Association. He worked in Iraq on counter terrorism missions and to trace Saddam Hussein's hidden assets to keep them from being used by terrorists. His achievements were featured on ABC's World News Tonight. Since 9/11, Sandy has been part of the elite Department of Justice funded SLATT Team (State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training) that has trained over 140,000 United States law enforcement officers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

"I want the best and brightest to serve in my administration and Jeff Sandy's experience and qualifications are second to no one," said Governor-elect Jim Justice. "Jeff served our country and the people of Wood County with distinction and I am totally confident that he will continue his extraordinary service to the people of West Virginia. Jeff Sandy is prepared to keep West Virginians safe and make sure our state is ready to handle emergencies."

Jeff Sandy stated, "Governor-elect Justice and his team made it clear that they wanted to appoint someone for DMAPS that had international and domestic public safety experience; and in addition, had experience in private business. When the Governor-elect called me, and asked me to be his Secretary for DMAPS, it was an honor and an opportunity to give back to the state that I love. I assure the people of West Virginia that I will do everything in my power to keep West Virginians safe from foreign and domestic threats to our way of life."

During his time at U.S. Department of Treasury he earned over 100 awards, including: West Virginia Mid-Ohio Valley "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year", U.S. Department of Treasury Employee of the Year, and the second highest medal awarded by the Department of Defense, and the highest award issued by the Department of the Treasury for his investigative work in Iraq concerning the United Nations Oil for Food Fraud, Terrorism Funding, and the tracing of Saddam Hussein's hidden assets.

Jeff and his wife Renee have 3 children that are graduates of Marshall University. Ben and Matt are Certified Public Accountants, and Brittany is a school teacher specializing in special education.

Jefferson County Commissioners:

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Jane Tabb

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Steering Committee:

John Sherwood, Chair

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John Reisenweber, Jefferson County Development Authority

Sanford H. "Sandy" Green, Region 3 Homeland Security Area Liaison

Holly Frye, Shepherd University Service Learning Program

Claire Brendel, American Red Cross

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Barbara Miller, CEM, CFM
Director

Stephen Allen, Planner/Program Manager/
Deputy Director

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

JCHSEM to Develop Faith Based Organization Partnerships

Faith-based Community Organizations (FBCO) partnerships are extremely important before, during and after disasters. During the 2016 Summer Flooding event in Southern West Virginia, it was the FBCOs that assisted their communities with comfort, care, sheltering, distribution of resources and information to their membership during the disaster, and many of those same FBCO representatives are now serving on Long-Term Recovery Committees that are planning a better tomorrow for their communities and assisting with still-unmet needs

In WV Homeland Security and Emergency Management provided a training, Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparedness of Disasters on November 3 in Moorefield. Representatives from Jefferson County attended the training and want to move forward encouraging more involvement with our local FBCOs. JCHSEM has scheduled a meeting with FBCOs on Wednesday, January 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Maintenance Department Meeting Room at 128 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, WV 25430.

Invited to the meeting are faith-based community organization (FBCO) representatives, emergency managers, and first responders to strategically mobilize and engage members of FBCOs, including religious charities, nonprofits such as the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, churches (both affiliated and unaffiliated), temples, synagogues, mosques, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) etc., in a reciprocal approach to disaster planning that is integrated into current local emergency management efforts. We hope to emphasize grassroots mobilization and coordination efforts as a means of engaging all faith communities, thereby reaching those marginalized communities most vulnerable to disaster, most frequently excluded from the planning process, and ultimately, most difficult to aid in recovery. We will introduce vital emergency management concepts to FBCO leaders, and educate emergency management/first responder communities about the critical role FBCOs can play in strengthening preparedness.

Over the next several months, the group will focus on what roles FBCOs are already playing in disasters. Examples are that the United Methodist Church has UMCOR, the Lutheran Church has the S.T.U.F.F. program, and one + program, Salvation Army provides mobile and congregate feeding and provides disaster counseling. The Red Cross assists with sheltering, damage assessments, and the safe and well program. These are just a few examples. At the meeting, we will discuss others! We will also focus on how FBCOs can get information from emergency management that they need during disasters, and opportunities for their congregations and members to prepare their own disaster supply kits and family disaster and communications plans before the next disaster.

JCHSEM has recently developed an updated list of FBCOs and will be sending out an email invitation for the meeting. However, if you are reading this and you are interested, you are invited to attend! To register, go to Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emergency-managementfaith-based-community-organizations-meeting-tickets-29842213865>

If you have any problems registering with Eventbrite or if you have questions, please contact Barbara Miller at 304-728-3290 or bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org for assistance.

Habitat for Humanity Opens Office in Shepherdstown



Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Panhandle opened a part-time satellite office at the New Street United Methodist Church, 202 W. New Street, Shepherdstown, WV on December 19th. Reverend Ed Grove, executive director of Habitat for Humanity said the Shepherdstown office will enable the organization to expand its goal of helping older and disabled residents to continue to live in their own homes. WV State Senator, John Unger is the Director of Development for Habitat and will spend much of his time in the new Shepherdstown office promoting the agency and working to expand the efforts in Jefferson County. He plans to work with agencies, such as Good Shepherd Caregivers in Shepherdstown, Jefferson County Community Ministries in Charles Town, and other area faith-based groups.

They are looking for volunteers and/or working with home construction projects. Director of Operations, Karin Hammann Dunn, said she will try to connect with Shepherd University students who are looking to perform service projects.

JCHSEM staff attended the official grand opening of the office. Barbara Miller, Director of JCHSEM indicated that "Habitat's disaster response has helped to provide shelter assistance, education, training, and partnerships to affected individuals who find themselves in terrible situations following a natural disaster. The loss of a home can leave you at your most vulnerable. Habitat has worked to rebuild communities in these circumstances, moving people and the community to recovery."

Habitat opened in the Eastern Panhandle in 1993 and has built 34 homes in Berkeley County and one each in Jefferson and Morgan Counties. You can check out Habitat at www.habitatwp.org or call 304-263-3154 for more information!

New Year's Challenge! Win a Disaster Preparedness Kit by Showing Your Disaster Prep and Safety Plan for Your Family



NORTHBROOK, Ill., Dec. 22, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- It's that time to set your New Year's resolutions. The oldies, but goodies include getting fit and healthy, spending less and saving more, or making more time for family. Allstate is issuing a challenge for a different kind of New Year's resolution; one that is focused on keeping families prepared and safe just in case a natural disaster strikes. And your disaster preparation plan could be a winner! Show us your plan via social media and be entered into a random drawing to win cool, new tools to add to your disaster prep kit. Build your plan, show it off on social media using #AllstatePrepSweepstakes

Here's how the sweepstakes works. Starting today through January 10, 2017, post a photo, video, graphic or text message showing how you've prepared for severe weather or a possible disaster. Maybe you've turned a plastic tub into an emergency kit packed with supplies. Maybe you've practiced an evacuation plan to get out of the house and to a safe place. Maybe you've put together an inventory list of your belongings in a creative way. Follow us @Allstate on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/allstate> and post a Tweet using the hashtag #AllstatePrepSweepstakes that shows how you are prepared for potential bad weather in your area.

Your entry via Twitter will be enrolled in a random drawing for a chance to win cool, tech savvy tools to add to your emergency preparedness kit. There is one (1) Grand Prize available with the approximate value of \$485 and two (2) First Prizes with the approximate value of \$190 each. The Sweepstakes is open to legal residents of the 50 United States, age 18 or older at the time of entry. Void wherever prohibited by law. See official #AllstatePrepSweepstakes rules at <http://www.allstatenewsroom.com/news/the-allstateprepsweepstakes-promotion-official-rules/>.

Disaster Prep Steps for Families

Here are some ideas to help get you started on your own disaster preparedness plan:

Pack An Emergency Kit! Get a plastic tub and fill it with first-aid supplies, personal hygiene items, water, non-perishable food and a flashlight. If you're on medication, include it or a prescription, along with cash, copies of important papers and insurance policy numbers. Get a list of recommended supplies here. Having the kit ready allows you to grab it and go at a moment's notice.

Protect Your Stuff with Allstate's Digital Locker App! Take inventory of your belongings by walking through your home with your phone, taking pictures and uploading them to Allstate's Digital Locker. The app is free and you don't have to be an Allstate customer to use it. You can download Allstate Digital Locker from Apple or Google Play. If you're a small business owner, consider using Allstate's free Commercial Locker app.

Practice an Evacuation Plan! Know your local evacuation routes and practice an escape plan with the entire family. Think of it as a school fire drill. Imagine if local authorities or law enforcement officers say it's time to leave. How quickly can you gather your family and get out? Download a plan at ready.gov to help get you started.

To view the original version on PR Newswire, visit:<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-years-challenge-win-a-disaster-preparedness-kit-by-showing-your-disaster-prep-and-safety-plan-for-your-family-300383049.html> SOURCE The Allstate Corporation

Need Training?

Emergency Management is a constantly-changing field. While we all strive to keep up with the latest technology, the best ways to work with stakeholders to develop plans, how to conduct successful floodplain management, performing damage assessments, how to handle the debris after a disaster, help our communities to recover, or just learning the fundamentals, there are plenty of options available to you. Here are some great opportunities for training that you may or may not know about:

West Virginia Military Affairs and Public Safety's Training Center, CourseMill. If you are involved in emergency management in West Virginia, you can set up your free account at <http://www.onlinelearning.wv.gov/dmapscm6/home.html> Once you set up your account, you can log on and look at the list of available courses being taught in West Virginia. Current courses include the Basics of Floodplain Management, HazMat Highway Containers in a Tunnel Specialist, Search and Rescue in Community Disasters, Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and HealthCare Organizations within the Community Infrastructure; National Emergency Management Basic Academy Train the Trainer; Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts, and Rail Care Incident Response for Crude, Ethanol and Other Flammable Liquids-Rail Car Response. The courses are always changing, so check back often.

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute's url is <https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx>. From this training portal, anyone can take their online independent study courses for free. There are over 100 courses to choose from. You can also browse the schedules and information about their on-campus resident courses for those who are involved in emergency management at the federal, state, local or tribal governments.

RESA 8 to Hold ICS 300 and ICS 400 Classes in February

RESA 8 is offering NIMS ICS Classes on two weekends in February! These will be perfect for those who have to work during weekdays and have been unable to attend previous classes mid-week!!

Be sure to have your online NIMS courses completed—IS-700; IS-800, IS-100, and IS-200. These NIMS online courses are available free from FEMA at the Emergency Management Institute's Independent Study website at <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>

The RESA 8 Classes will be:

February 4th & 5th for ICS-300

And

February 11th & 12th for ICS-400. (ICS-300 is a prerequisite for the ICS-400 Course)

Times are 9-5 each day.

Classes will be held at the Berkeley Springs Fire Department in Morgan County.

See the RESA 8 website for registration and more information. <http://www.resa8.org/?PN=Calendar>

Questions about these courses may be directed to either Dick Myers, Morgan County Director of Emergency Management at dmyers@morgancountywv.org 304-867-3145 or Dave Plume at RESA 8 at dplume@k12.wv.us or 304-267-3595.

Mini-Grants Available for MLK Day of Service

Charleston, W.Va. –Volunteer West Virginia is now accepting applications for MLK Day of Service mini-grants. Organizations that are interested in hosting a MLK Day of Service project may be eligible for a mini-grant of up to \$300.00 to assist in their efforts. Projects that engage youth in the service effort will be given special consideration.

This year on January 16th, individuals and organizations throughout the nation will come together to serve their communities in celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King recognized the power of service. He famously said, “Everyone can be great because everybody can serve.” Observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday through service is a way to begin each year with a commitment to making your community a better place. Your service honors Dr. King’s life and teachings and helps meet national challenges.

Service also brings people together of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. The MLK Day of Service encourages all types of service, particularly projects that have a lasting impact and connect participants to ongoing service. The most successful projects connect to the life and teaching of Dr. King, meet a pressing community need, and include time to reflect on his teachings.

Grant applications will be accepted until Friday, January 13th for projects taking place no later than January 31st 2017. Applications for support will be reviewed to determine eligibility and approved for funding. Again, priority will be given to projects that engage youth in the service efforts. Apply using the following link

http://www.volunteerwv.org/2/americorps/mlk/index_MLKminiinput.cfm

or contact Waylon Bryant at 304-558-0111 or waylon.a.bryant@wv.gov.

Volunteer West Virginia, the state's Commission for National and Community Service, challenges West Virginians to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. Through our programs and services, we identify and mobilize resources, promote an ethic of service, and empower communities to solve problems and improve the quality of life for individuals and families.

Sign Up to Receive NIXLE ALERTS!



Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management uses NIXLE Alerts to send emergency alert notifications by text, e-mail, Facebook and Twitter. We send out weather watches and warnings, as well as Emergency Public Information during disasters. Examples include tornado, flood, severe snowstorm, and severe thunderstorm watches, warnings, advisories, and emergencies, as well as, where emergency shelters are located, where commodities can be obtained, etc. Signing up is easy and its FREE! To sign up, go to <http://local.nixle.com/register> or text your zip code to 888777 and then text JCHSEM to the same number.

In addition to NIXLE, we still use traditional media, such as newspapers, TV, and radio, however, receiving NIXLE alerts on your phone is the fastest way to receive emergency public information. Make sure that everyone in your family that has a phone, receives our emergency alerts in case that you are not together when a disaster happens. Make receiving NIXLE Alerts a part of your family's communication plan. If you have questions about NIXLE Alerts, you can go to www.nixle.com and click on "resident". You can always call our office if you have local questions or need assistance with getting registered.

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management is hosting Media Day

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management (JCHSEM) will be hosting a Media Day for local Public Information Officers and Media Representatives on Wednesday, January 4th, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center.

Who: Local Public Information Officers and Local Media Representatives

What: JCHSEM is providing an opportunity for all of the local public information officers and media representatives to get to know each other better, share contact information, and talk about emergency public information during a critical incident.

Where: Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center
28 Industrial Blvd.
Kearneysville, WV 25430

When: Wednesday, January 4th 2017 at 1:00 pm

Why: This event provides an opportunity to discuss the roles and procedures of public information during a critical incident while working towards the common goal of keeping the general public safe and informed during a critical incident.

To reserve a spot for media day, please contact Brandon Vallee, by phone at 304-724-8914 or email to bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org no later than 5:00 pm on January 3rd, 2017.

Disaster Exercises, 2017

WV Homeland Security Region III (WVHSR3) Initial Planning Workshop and the the After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) Meeting for the Dark Grid Exercise Series was held in Jefferson County in December, 2016. Representatives from all counties in WVHSR3 were in attendance.

2017 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Tabletop Exercise.....March 27 at Augusta Church, Hampshire County

2017 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Functional Exercise.....TBA

2017 WV State Emergency Response Commission TTX.....TBA

2017 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Full Scale Exercise.....TBA

2017 WV Homeland Security Region 3, AAR/IP Meeting.....TBA

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 examine 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, and holds an Annual Meeting to review status of projects that were identified in the plan. 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

January Meetings

- 02-New Year's Holiday, County Offices are Closed*
- 03-Steering Committee Annual Organizational Meeting at 9:00 @Jefferson County EOC*
- 03-Counter Terrorism Committee Inauguration Planning Meeting*
- 04-Media Day at the EOC 1:00-3:00 p.m. @ Jefferson County EOC RSVP to Brandon Vallee 304-724-8914*
- 05-Orion Futurity Damage Assessment Training (JCHSEM Staff) 1:00-5:00*
- 05-HAM Radio Testing Night at the EOC, 5:30 p.m.*
- 06-Eastern Panhandle Emergency Management Agencies (EPEMA) Meeting, Morgan County, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.*
- 10-MACP Meeting for Region in Cumberland, MD*
- 10-Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County EOC*
- 11-Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. at the Jefferson County EOC*
- 11-Faith Based Partners Meeting, 1:00 p.m. @Jefferson County Maintenance Department Meeting Room RSVP to Eventbrite*
- 16-Martin Luther King Day Holiday-Offices are Closed*
- 18-Regional Interoperability Committee Phone Meeting, 10:00 a.m.*
- 20-President of the United States (POTUS) Inauguration-EOC Command Staff EOC Activation*
- 20-Resilient Neighbors Network Phone Meeting at 11:00 a.m.*
- 31-Deadline for getting information to Regional Liaison for the 2017 Exercise Series!*
- * Sterling National Weather Service Calls every Monday at 9:00 a.m.*
- *Weather Calls every Monday and Friday at 10:00 a.m. with State EOC and National Weather Service*