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Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

<http://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/county-government/departments/homeland-security-and-emergency-management>

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Jefferson County Schools first day for students is August 21.

Jefferson County Commissioners:

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Holly Frye, Shepherd University Service Learning Program

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Staff:

Barbara Miller, CEM, CFM Director

Stephen Allen, Planner/Program Manager/Deputy Director

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

Jefferson County Health Department Will Have Walk-In Clinics for

Back-to-School Shots

From 9:00am to 7:00pm on:

August 10, 2017

August 17, 2017

August 24, 2017



Parents MUST bring: 1) A copy of your child's current shot record
2) Your child's health insurance card(s)*
3) Your driver's license or other photo ID

Patients who **pre-register** by completing necessary forms and submitting shot records at least one week ahead of the clinic will have **shorter wait times!** Visit www.jchdvw.org or stop by the Health Department Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

West Virginia students entering 7th and 12th grade **MUST** show proof of Tdap and MCV4 (meningococcal/meningitis) vaccines in order to attend school.

Not sure if your child is up to date? Send us their shot record! Our nursing staff will review it and contact you about any shots that are required or recommended.



Jefferson County Health Dept.
1948 Wiltshire Road, Suite 1
Kearneysville, WV 25430
304-728-8416
www.jchdvw.org

*It is the policy holder's responsibility to know their insurance coverage. We cannot tell you if your health insurance covers vaccines or how much they will cover. For information about which insurance companies we can bill please visit our website or contact our office. Uninsured and underinsured children 18 and under are covered by the Vaccines for Children Program.



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 LEPC and JCHSEM to have a booth at the Jefferson County Fair!



Jefferson County LEPC and JCHSEM will have a booth at the 2017 Jefferson County Fair! Fair dates for this year are August 20-26. "Our staff and volunteers are anxious to talk to residents about getting their homes, their families, and their pets prepared to deal with the next disaster," said Barbara Miller, JCHSEM Director. "This year we will be surveying the public on their personal preparedness efforts and their perceptions about what our County's risks are. We will soon be starting an update to the Jefferson County Multi-Jurisdictional

Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan, so the public's participation in this survey will be one key to getting input from the community members. It will also help us to fine tune our planning and training efforts here in the County. We hope that members of the public will stop by our booth as a part of their over-all 2017 Jefferson County Fair experience!"


The Jefferson County Fair Association's schedule of events for the 2017 fair can be found at http://www.jeffersoncountyfairwv.org/?page_id=228

For more information about this for directions to the fairgrounds, www.jeffersoncountyfairwv.org/

year's fair, to download their catalog, and other information, go to <http://www.jeffersoncountyfairwv.org/>



**WINTER WEATHER HAZARDS:
SCIENCE & PREPAREDNESS
AWR-331**



HOSTED BY:
WV Division of Homeland Security and
Emergency Management

**October 17, 2017
8:00am – 5:00 pm**

LOCATION AND DETAILS:
Jefferson County Maintenance Department
Meeting Room
128 Industrial Blvd
Kearneysville, WV 25430

Register at:
www.onlinelearning.wv.gov/dmapscm6

For registration assistance contact:
Christian Fernley- gregory.c.fernley@wv.gov
304-558-5380

NDPTC REGIONAL HAZARD PREPAREDNESS CENTER
1245 West Main Building 116, Sheehy, HI 96218
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As a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, the NDPTC is a DHS/ FEMA training partner dedicated to providing critical all-hazards training throughout the United States and its territories with an emphasis on natural hazards and island and coastal communities.

FEMA

Training Opportunities

Winter Weather Hazards: Science and Preparedness AWR-331
October 17, 2017

8:00 a.m.—5 p.m.

Join us for our Winter Weather Hazards: Science and Preparedness course and increase your understanding of the latest in winter weather science, forecasting, warning, and best practices in preparedness. Enhance your ability to identify and describe the hazards associated with winter weather and to better prepare for and mitigate the impacts of snow sleet, freezing rain, and dangerously low temperatures. Who should take this? Citizen/Community Volunteers, Emergency Management, Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Other interested persons. Modules include Science of Winter Weather, Winter Weather Forecast Process, Winter Weather Warning Process and Safety, Winter Storm Scenario. For registration information, see flyer to your left! If you need assistance with registration, contact Christian

Fernley at 304-558-5380.

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. 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.

Jefferson County LEPC sponsoring Table Top Exercise with a School Bus Rollover Scenario

According to Larry Willingham, Transportation Routing Specialist for Jefferson County Schools, “Jefferson County Schools currently has 96 school bus routes and school buses travel nearly 8350 miles every school day, transporting close to 7000 students in Jefferson County. That’s over 1.5 million miles each school year. Unfortunately, the opportunity certainly exists for a school bus accident.”

In order to work through this scenario, school personnel, emergency responders, hospital personnel, emergency management, emergency communications, and other agencies will participate in a Table Top Exercise on Thursday, August 10, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Jefferson County Schools Transportation Department on McGarry Road in Kearneysville.



A Table Top Exercise is a review of the plans, processes, and procedures that would be used in a real event. The exercise, which will be conducted by personnel from J.H. Consulting, LLC., will be discussion-based and will give the agencies involved an opportunity to work through the exercise in a no-fault, low-stress atmosphere. School personnel, emergency responder agencies, LEPC members, and other participants need to pre-register on Eventbrite no later than August 3 at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jefferson-county-lepc-school-bus-accident-table-top-exercise-tickets-36592520213>

JCHSEM Staff to be involved in Regional Communications Drill on July 31

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff will be involved in the West Virginia Homeland Security Region 3 communications exercise on Monday, July 31st. Emergency Management staff from throughout the region will be testing their ability to communicate regionally using the SIRN Radio Regional Emergency Management Talk group, satellite phones, the Homeland Security Information Network, ETEAM (the state’s situational awareness and resource management web-based software), and other forms of communications. This exercise is a precursor to the WVHLSR3 Full Scale Exercise that will be held throughout the 7-county region in September.



First Energy's Thomas Butcher talks about Power Restoration at QPM



External Affairs Manager, Thomas Butcher was the speaker at the JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Luncheon on July 28th at Skippers Downtown Dips and Deli in Charleston. Mr. Butcher spoke about the electric supply system and how power gets restored after a storm. He encouraged everyone who is in the dark after a storm to call 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877). If your power is off, make the call and give them as much information as possible. This will result in the power company having enough information to get your power back on, and to provide you with great customer service. You can also visit www.firstenergycorp.com for more information.



Disaster Exercises, 2017

WV Homeland Security Region III (WVHSR3) Initial Planning Workshop and 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, Shaky Ground.....March 27 at National Guard Armory, Moorefield, West Virginia. (Conducted by EPA & their Contractors)

2017 FEMA Virtual Table Top Exercise-FLOOD, Tuesday, May 23, Noon—4 p.m. at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown.

2017 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Functional Exercise, Shaky Ground, Thursday, June 22, Augusta Church of Christ, Hampshire County.

2017 Jefferson County LEPC's School Bus Accident TTX.....August 10 at Jefferson County Transportation Department's Meeting Room.

2017 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Full Scale Exercise.....September 9 in Jefferson County

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 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, 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

August Meetings and Events

3-HAM Radio Night at the Jefferson County EOC

8- Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting at 1400 at Jefferson County EOC

9- Public Awareness Committee Meeting at 0830 at Jefferson County EOC

10-Jefferson County LEPC's School Bus Accident TTX from 6-10 p.m. at Jefferson County Transportation Garage

16-LEPC Meeting at IHOP at 0730

18-Set up at Jefferson County Fairgrounds

20-26- Jefferson County Fair @ Jefferson County Fairgrounds-Building 2

22-24-LEPC/SERC Conference, Charleston Marriott

29-National Weather Service Hydrology Partners Group Meeting at NWS, Sterling

Coming Events:

September 9-Full Scale Exercise in Jefferson County

September is National Preparedness Month!

October 17-Winter Weather Hazards: Science & Preparedness, AWR-331