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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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Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 5, 2017 Fall Back!

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SET YOUR CLOCKS

CHECK YOUR STOCKS



Having a stockpile is important during a disaster, but it can be hard to remember to check your supplies. That's why Get Ready: Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks encourages Americans to use the clock change as a reminder.

Make sure that your stockpile includes:



- A three-day supply of water with one gallon of water per person per day
- A three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Manual can opener
- First-aid kit
- Radio
- Prescription drugs, sanitary supplies, and diapers and pet supplies as needed

When it's time to change your clocks for daylight saving time, check your emergency preparedness stockpile. Replace anything that is expired or missing.

Don't forget your pet!



Check out our website for more info!

bit.ly/ClocksStocks

3 easy steps

Check your stockpile twice a year!



Check that you have what you need



Replenish supplies that are out of date or missing



Store supplies in an easily accessible container

Don't be caught without supplies during a disaster!



Community Rating System Course to be held at Tygart Lake State Park on December 6-7

Course Description:

The Community Rating System course is a free State sponsored comprehensive one and a half day, hands on, participatory training course on the Community Rating System (CRS) in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This class is being offered for a target audience of Floodplain Administrators and Local officials of our Counties and Communities. Class size is limited to twenty five-first come- first serve upon approval. Class content is geared toward experienced Floodplain Administrators. The focus on this class is getting more communities in the CRS program to keep the citizens safer as well as saving them money. Jefferson County is a CRS Class 6 Community, saving residents within the County jurisdiction 20% off of their flood insurance premiums.

Time: December 6 - 1pm to 5pm; December 7 - 8:30am to 3:30pm

To Register: <http://www.onlinelearning.wv.gov/dmapscm6>

If you need assistance with registration, contact the WVDHSEM Training Officer, Christian Fernley at 304-558-5380 or gregory.c.fernley@wv.gov

For more information about FEMA's CRS Program, go to:

<https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system>

Sign Up to Receive Jefferson County Emergency 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 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.



Recruitment Announcement

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management
(A Department of the Jefferson County Commission)

is accepting resumes for the position of Director of Homeland Security and
Emergency Management

This is a Full Time, Salary Exempt Position

Qualified Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume by regular
U.S. Mail to:

Barbara J. Miller, CEM, CFM, Director
Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management
28 Industrial Blvd., Suite 101
Kearneysville, WV 25430

Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

For the full recruitment announcement, go to

<http://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/home/showdocument?id=14283>

CRS for Community Resilience Webinar Series

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a federal incentive program that provides flood insurance policyholders with discounts on their premiums in exchange for their community taking actions to reduce flood risk.

This free webinar series will specifically highlight how communities may achieve success in the green elements of the program.

Webinar Series: Individual registration is required for each session. All sessions will run from 2:00 – 3:30PM EST.

Webinar #1: October 30, The CRS Green Guide and Natural & Beneficial Functions of Floodplains

Webinar #2: November 6, Building CRS Capacity: Success Stories at the Local and State Level

Webinar #3: November 13, CRS Open Space Preservation (Activity 420) Tools, Guidance and Success Stories

Webinar #4: November 27, CRS Stormwater Management (Activity 450) and Urban Flood Management Best Practices Continuing Education

1 CEC for each webinar for CFMs who participate in the entire event. COST: Free, but registration is required. Seating is limited, register early. REGISTRATION: Individual registration is required for each webinar.

All webinar presentations and materials will be made available through the CRS for Community Resilience website.

You can register for all of the webinars on the CRS for Community Resilience website at <https://www.floodsciencecenter.org/products/crs-community-resilience/> Click on the Workshops & Webinars button on the bottom of the page!

WV Emergency Management Conference to be held in Bridgeport November 14-16, 2017

Laura Pysz, Director of the Bridgeport Emergency Management Agency and Chair of the 2017 WV Emergency Management Council Conference, has announced the annual conference dates for this year's conference are November 14-16. The Conference is free for members of the WV EM Council, and \$150 for non-members. There will be a vendor expo, as well as, several training opportunities. Registration is on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emc-conference-2017-tickets-37952755714>

The agenda includes: Lessons Learned from the 2016 Flood, Meteorologists and EM relationships, Traumatic Incident Response (How the human body responds); How to mitigation long-term effects of a traumatic incident; BERP (Bovine Emergency Response Plan) Training, First Net & AT&T, Hazard Mitigation, THIRA (Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment), EMPG (Emergency Management Planning Grant), Self Care and Stress Training, the Quarterly Emergency Management Council Meeting, and the John Tagg Memorial Emergency Manager of the Year Award will be presented at the annual banquet.

Hotel Information:

Wingate Hotel Information (Where the Conference will be held)

350 Conference Center Way, Bridgeport, WV 26330, phone 304-808-1000

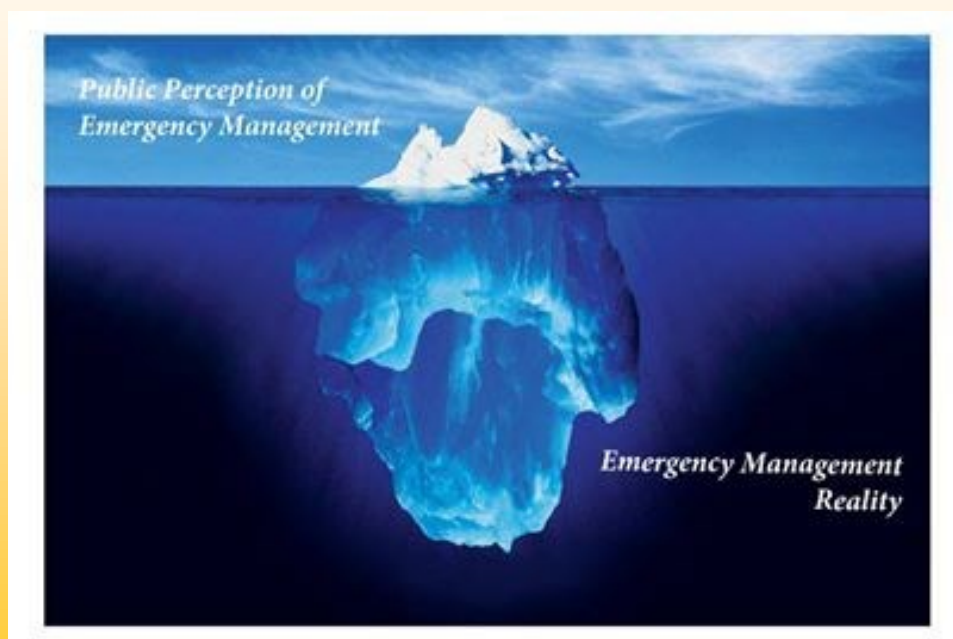
Use code: CGEMC1 or Emergency Management Council to get our group rate.

Hotel has blocked off rooms till November 1, 2017

\$80.00/night rate

Exit 124 off I-79 minutes from all the biggest West Virginia businesses and great recreation spots, our non-smoking hotel features a convenient location at the intersection of Interstate 79 and route 279. We serve a free, hot continental breakfast each morning, and offer free Wi-Fi Internet access so you can check flight times or meeting schedules from your hotel room. During your downtime, read your free newspaper, swim in our heated indoor pool.

*Cancellations must be made by 4pm on day of reservation to avoid being charged.



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 Cyber Coordination Exercise, December 12, 2017. Watch for more details as they become available!

2017 WV Homeland Security Region 3, AAR/IP Meeting.....January 10, 2018 in Hampshire County. Place 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

November Meetings and Events

- 1 County Department Head Meeting at Charles Town Library 0800**
- 2 Amateur Radio Equipment Testing at EOC 1730**
- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends-Fall Back! Set your clocks back 1 hour!**
- 6 CRS Webinar-Building CRS Capacity, 1400**
- 10 Holiday-Office is closed**
- 13 CRS Webinar-Open Space, 1400**
- 13-16 WV Emergency Manager's Conference, Bridgeport**
- 17 Orion Disaster Damage Assessment Staff Refresher, 1000**
- 17 Resilient Neighbors Network Phone Meeting, 1100**
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays, Office is Closed**
- 27 CRS Webinar-Stormwater Management**