



# Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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## 2018 Disaster Ready Kids Program

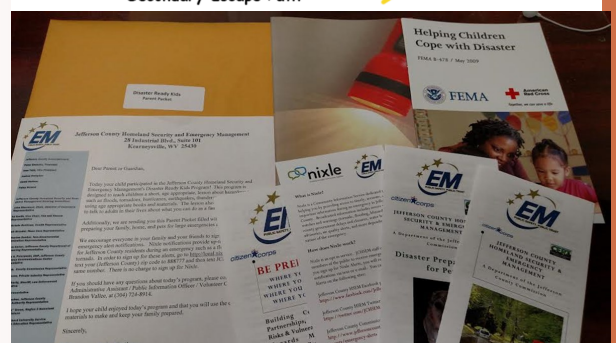
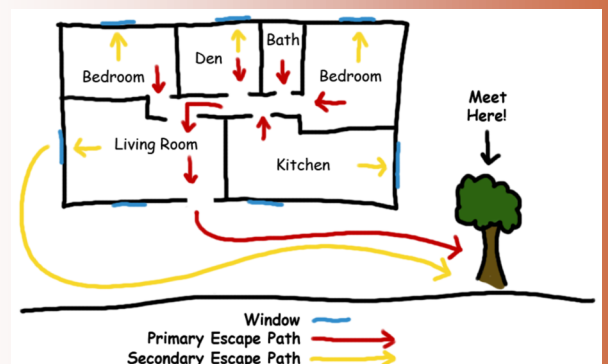
Do you have summer children's programs that you are looking for activities and/or readers for? We can help! Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management is once again sponsoring the Disaster Ready Kids Program for 2018.

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 8, we can have a preparedness presentation, show them how to put together a Family Disaster Kit, or work together to develop a unique lesson plan based on your needs. 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 2018 summer season from May 1 until September 30, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Brandon Vallee at (304) 724-8914 or email to [bvallee@jeffersoncountynyv.org](mailto:bvallee@jeffersoncountynyv.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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## JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Meeting

On Friday, April 27, JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Meeting held their Quarterly Partnership Luncheon at Alfredo's Mediterranean Grille and Steak House in Charles Town. Our speakers, Ed Hannon, Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency and Katlin Thorsell, Jefferson County Board of Education discussed the Stop the Bleed Campaign in Jefferson County.

The purpose of the Stop the Bleed Campaign is to provide civilians need basic training in bleeding control principles so they are able to provide immediate, frontline aid until first responders are able to take over care of an injured person. Due to many situations, there may be a delay between the time of injury and the time a first responder is on the scene. Without civilian intervention in these circumstances, preventable deaths will occur. This campaign is being spearheaded by the Jefferson County ESA. It was proclaimed by the Jefferson County Commission that on March 31st, the "Stop the Bleed" Campaign will be kicked off and this valuable education will start being taught in Jefferson County to school teachers, public officials, and interested members of the community.

If you organization is interested in holding a Stop the Bleed presentation, please contact Ed Hannon at [ehannon@jces.org](mailto:ehannon@jces.org).



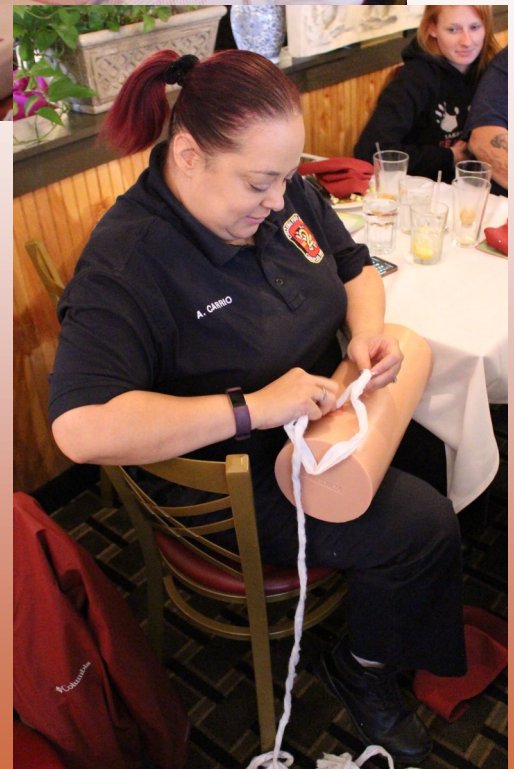
**Top Left:** Ed Hannon and Katlin Thorsell discuss the Stop the Bleed Campaign.

**Top Right:** Katlin Thorsell prepares the mock "leg" for participants to practice packing wounds on.



**Left:** Clara Schult, Bakerton Fire Department, is happily administering a tourniquet on Brady Fritts, Bakerton Fire Department.





**Top Left:** Clair Brendel, American Red Cross practices packing a gunshot wound during the presentation.

**Top Right:** Dr. Sheri Hoff, Jefferson County Board of Education looks on as Jefferson County Sheriff Pete Dougherty practices packing a wound during the presentation.

**Center:** Ed Hannon is discussing the Stop the Bleed Campaign.

**Right:** Alyssa LeVasseur, Citizens Fire Company, practices packing a stab wound during the presentation.



## Jefferson County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee Update

On Wednesday, April 18 and on Tuesday, May 1, JCHSEM held the third and fourth meetings to continue working on the Jefferson County All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

The purpose of this plan is to better prepare Jefferson County to become more disaster resistant to natural and technological hazard events such as flooding, severe winter storms, and hazardous materials incidents. The plan is based on a hazard risk assessment, policies, and the development of mitigation goals (for the county, utilities, each municipality, etc.), objectives and strategies, as well as actions that can be taken to attain and maintain sustainability and disaster resiliency.



Amy Heimberger discussing the All Hazards Plan to the committee on April 18.

Development of this plan provides eligibility for future mitigation funds for Jefferson County and its citizens. Public participation in the development of the All Hazards Mitigation Plan is essential to ensuring the safety and security of all those who work, live, and travel to Jefferson County.

During the first meeting the committee spoke about the changing priorities of the plan and set the overall mitigation goals for the plan, ones that the committee will strive to achieve through our mitigation projects. The committee discussed involving the public via online survey. The second meeting was focused on reviewing and updating the hazards that affect Jefferson County. The third meeting discussed mitigation projects for Jefferson County based off the identified county hazards and how to maintain the plan once it is complete. The fourth meeting reviewed the first draft of the plan, discussed mitigation project prioritization, joint plan integration throughout the county, and public input.

During the month of May, the All Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will be working on finalizing the plan and looking for additional public feedback in the form of surveys, online comments and two public meetings.

The first public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at 1330 hours in the Charles Town Library Meeting Room in Charles Town, WV. The second public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 1900 hours at the Charles Town Library Meeting Room in Charles Town, WV. The purposes of these meetings is to review the updates of the county's mitigation plan with members of public so they have the opportunity to comment before the June 1st, 2018 deadline. These meetings will be broadcasted on Facebook Live on the Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Facebook page and on the Jefferson County website.

If you or your organization is interested in contributing to the development of this plan, please contact Stephen Allen at: [sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org) or Amy Heimberger from JH Consulting, LLC at: [aheimberger@jhcreparedness.com](mailto:aheimberger@jhcreparedness.com) for more information.

Finally, throughout this process we have had lunches provided to the committee though various Jefferson County restaurants. We would like to thank them for their delicious food and assistance during the planning process. Those local restaurants include:

- ◆ Pizza City in Ranson, WV
- ◆ Ortigas Tacos in Ranson, WV
- ◆ John's Cage and Grill in Kearneysville, WV
- ◆ Sumitta Thai Restaurant in Charles Town, WV



**Left:** Food from the April 18th meeting was provided by John's Café and Grill in Kerneysville, WV.

**Top:** Food from the May 1st meeting was provided by Sumittra Thai Restaurant in Charles Town, WV.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management, as part of the Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, will hold two public meetings on May 15, 2018, in the County Commission Meeting Room, 200 East Washington Street, Charles Town, WV 25414. The first meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. and the second will be at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meetings is to review updates to the county's hazard mitigation plan. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to comment on the natural and man-made hazards most affecting them. As part of this plan update, Jefferson County intends to discuss flood-specific risks and potential flood mitigation projects. Those with a concern about flooding in the local area are encouraged to attend.

The Jefferson County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was last updated in 2013 per federal requirements in Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as enacted by Section 104 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.



## May 6-12 is National Hurricane Preparedness Week

Hurricane Preparedness Week.... in Jefferson County, WV?

Believe it or not, Jefferson County has been impacted by over 30 hurricanes and tropical storms between 1851 and 2012, which means that on average there is one storm every five years. Since 2012, there have been several close calls, but no direct impacts have hit Jefferson County. Jefferson County is overdue for being impacted by a hurricane or tropical storm. With that being said and the forecast for a stronger than normal Hurricane Season, the time to prepare for hurricanes is now.

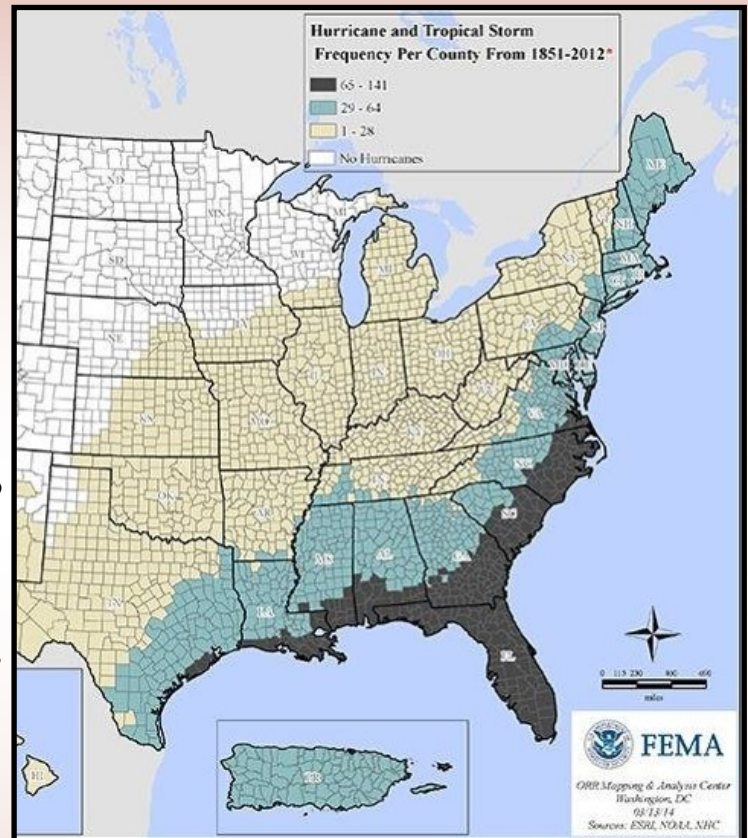
### Things to consider when developing a Hurricane Preparedness Plan:

1) Determine Your Risk. Areas closer to rivers, creeks, runs, and streams are more prone to flooding due to substantial rainfall. However, depending on how much and how quickly rain falls, the entire county could be in a Flash Flood Warning. Additionally high winds could cause structure damage and power outages.

2) Check your kit. An emergency preparedness kit is valuable in any disaster. For a complete list of items needed, check out [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) or contact Brandon at [bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org).

3) Stay informed. Signing up for Nixle Alerts is a valuable way to know what is happening during a disaster. It is free to register. Watch local news and stay up to date on your favorite Social Media.

4) Write your plan. Sitting down with your family, job, or organization and working out the specific details and what ifs during a disaster is invaluable before the disaster occurs. Be sure to consider variables such as being at work or school. Having important documents and records ready to go can assist during the recovery process.



## 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](http://www.nixle.com) and click on "resident". You can always call our office if you have local questions or need assistance with getting registered.

## 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.

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

Here is a listing of upcoming state sponsored training opportunities. These courses are free to attend however registration is required to attend.

On May 10 to May 11, there will be a Managing Food Emergencies: Strategies for a Community Response course at Cedar Lakes Conference Center.

On May 17, there will be a L-273 Basics of Floodplain Management course at Hardy County 911 Center.

On June 8, there will be a Substantial Damaged Estimations course at 300 Rich Wolfe in Kingwood, WV.

On June 12 to June 13, there will be a MGT-385 Community Cyber Security Exercise Planning course at Canaan Valley Resort.

On July 10, there will be a Building Whole Community Engagement Through LEPC course at the WV State Police Academy.

To Register for these FREE Classes, go to: <http://www.onlinelearning.wv.gov/dmapscm6>

For questions about the course or registration, contact [Gregory.c.fernley@wv.gov](mailto:Gregory.c.fernley@wv.gov) or call 304-558-5380

## Disaster Exercises, 2018

WV Homeland Security Region III (WVHSR3) Table Top Exercise for the 2018 Exercise Series will be held Potomac State College in Keyser, WV on April 24, 2018. Representatives from all counties in WVHSR3 and Western Maryland Partners will be in attendance.

**2017 WV Homeland Security Region 3, AAR/IP Meeting..... Completed**  
**2018 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Tabletop Exercise..... Completed**  
**2018 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Functional Exercise..... July 17, 2018**  
**2018 WV State Emergency Response Commission TTX..... TBA**  
**2018 WV Homeland Security Region 3, Full Scale Exercise..... TBA**  
**2018 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.



**Left:** 2017 Functional Exercise. **Right:** 2017 Full Scale Exercise



## **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 following the Quarterly Partnership Luncheons held in January, April, July, and October and meetings are scheduled as needed. Please call the office for exact dates, locations, and times.

### **Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee, Paula Marrone-Reese, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the at 0830 in the EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced.

### **All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee, Mason Carter, Chair**

Any interested person may serve on this committee. The All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee examine the community's risks and vulnerability to all hazards and assess the community's vulnerability to those risks. An All Hazards 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 has begun work on the 2018 Plan and will meet as needed until the plan's completion in June 2018. Please call the office for exact dates and times.

### **Counter Terrorism Committee, Stephen Allen, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Stephen Allen at [sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org) or Brandon Vallee at [bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto: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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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 All Hazards Mitigation Planning; Public Awareness, Education and Training; Counter Terrorism; 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.

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## Meetings & Events

### *May Meetings*

*08 - Election Day: Office is Closed*

*08 - 10th Annual Aging Well Workshop at Shepherd University \*Registration is required*

*15 - Jefferson County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Meeting at Charles Town Library Meeting Room at 1330 hours*

*15 - Jefferson County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Meeting at Charles Town Library Meeting Room at 1900 hours*

*28 - Memorial Day: Office is Closed*

*29 - IT Squad Meeting at Charles Town Library Meeting Room at 1500 hours*

*June 1 - Quarterly Communications Drill at Jefferson County EOC*

*June 2 - Bark in the Park at Charles Town's Jefferson Memorial Park at 1000 hours.*

*\* 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*