



Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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Bark in the Park 2018—Rescheduled

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Due to the inclement weather on Saturday, June 2, 2018, the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County's Bark in the Park event has been rescheduled to Saturday June 30. The event will be taking place at Jefferson Memorial Park in Charles Town.

JCHSEM will be there with a table and volunteers to pass out information about how to take care of your pets and their human companions during emergencies. The event will take place for 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bring your dogs and come out for a fun day.

Go to: <http://www.awsjc.org/bitp.html> for more information.



Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County

Saturday, June 30

10 AM—2 PM



Join AWS at Jefferson Memorial Park in Charles Town for a fun-filled family event! 9:30 Registration \$10/dog



Pet Contests:

- ★ Best Sit/Stay
- ★ Best Dog Trick
- ★ Best Kisser
- ★ & much more!

Prizes! Vendors! Demonstrations!

Collect Walk Pledges from Family and Friends

For more information, registration and vendor forms: www.awsjc.org



A Month of Wild Weather

The last few weeks have had a dramatic impact on the residents of Jefferson County. We have had hail the size of baseballs, powerful straight line winds, flash flooding, and river flooding during this time. High winds knocked over numerous trees causing power outages and property damage. Excessive rainfall and flooding contributed to flooded homes, damaged roads and washed out culverts. Hail punctured vehicles and homes alike.

The continued severe weather resulted in two county state of emergency proclamations in order to allow outside resources to assist emergency responders during these weather events.

The month of May saw the region having a substantial amount of rainfall which caused all of the rivers to flood on May 18-20 and again on June 3-5. According to the National Weather Service, the Harpers Ferry and Shannondale area received upwards of 10 inches of rain in less than one week.

During the June 3-5 flooding: The Shenandoah River crested at 17.5 feet at Major Flood Stage. The Potomac River at Shepherdstown crested at 23 feet at Moderate Flood Stage. The Potomac River at Harpers Ferry crested at 21.7 feet at Moderate Flood Stage. The Opequon Creek crested at 13.94 feet at Moderate Flood Stage.

The next few pages are a collection of pictures from this wild weather month. Several of the images were submitted by residents of the county, fellow agencies impacted by the weather, while others were taken by JCHSEM staff.



Top Right: Various Hail Sizes, some as large as a baseball fell near Inwood, WV and Middleway, WV. Taken May 14

Bottom Left: A truck smashed by a fallen tree, Conifer Court in Shannondale, WV. Taken May 14

Bottom Right: Fallen transformer and power lines as a result of the storm. Taken May 14





Top Left: Flash Flooding on Cub Run, Shannondale, WV. Taken May 14

Top Right: Fallen tree in Shannondale W. Taken May 15.

Left: Tipped over tree as a result of heavy rain and straight line winds on Stone Ridge Road and Shannondale Road in Shannondale, WV. Taken May 15

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 JCH-SEM 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.



Top Left: Minor Flooding from the Shenandoah River on Bloomery Road. Taken on May 19.

Center Left: Flooding at the bus pavilion at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park. Taken on June 4.

Bottom Left: Swift Water Rescue Teams from Mineral and Hardy Counties are loading up their equipment, with the assistance of Blue Ridge Mountain Fire Company on Wilt Road. These teams were conducting welfare checks on isolated families as a result of the flooding. Taken on June 4.

Bottom Right: Damage left behind from the Shenandoah River Flooding at Moulton Park. Taken on June 8.





Top Left: Blue Ridge Mountain Fire Company, Erin Miller from WDVM, and Swift Water Rescue Teams from Mineral and Hardy Counties are discussing loading equipment.
Taken on June 4



Top Right: A West Virginia National Guard Community Assessment Team is inspecting a sink hole on Bloomery Road.
Taken on June 5

Bottom Left: John Rissler Road was completely inaccessible due to the flooding on the Shenandoah River.
Taken on June 4



Bottom Right: The Potomac River at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park.
Taken on June 4



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.

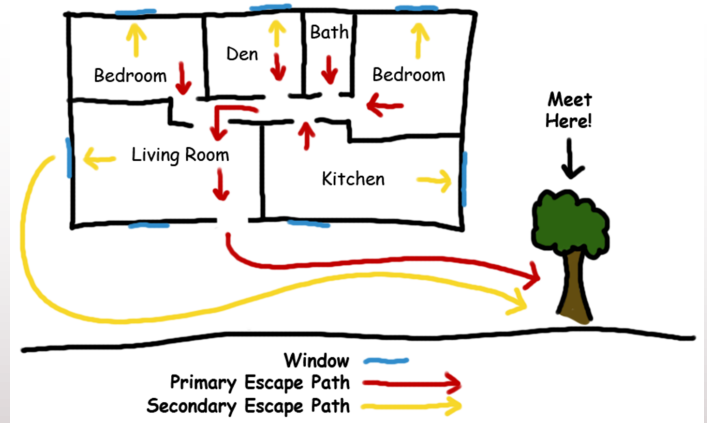
If your group of children is over the age of 8, we can have a preparedness presentation, show them how to put together a Family Disaster Kit, or work together to develop a unique lesson plan based on your needs. Our staff will come to your facility, present the chosen materials, and begin encouraging 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@jeffersoncountywv.org as soon as possible. Classes are filling up fast.

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

On July 11 - 12, there will be a L-0276 Benefit –Cost Analysis: Entry Level Training course at Sutton, WV

On August 20 - 24, there will be a L273 Basics of Floodplain Management course at Chief Logan State Park

On August 28 - 29, there will be an ICS 400 course at Blackwater Falls State Park.

On September 25 - 26, there will be a MGT-385 Community Cybersecurity Exercise Planning course at Canaan Valley Resort State Park

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 or call 304-558-5380

Disaster Exercises 2018

WV Homeland Security Region III (WVHSR3) Functional Exercise for the 2018 Exercise Series will be held Potomac State College in Keyser, WV on Tuesday, July 17 2018. Representatives from all counties in WVHSR3 and Western Maryland Partners will be in attendance. If you or your organization are interested in participating in the exercise series, please contact Stephen Allen at: sallen@jeffersoncountywv.org

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—Potomac State College

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 2nd 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 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 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 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.



Meetings & Events

June Meetings

- 07 - FEMA's NFIP Hurricane Season Campaign Webinar at 1530 hours*
- 11 - 13 WV Association of State Flood Plain Managers Conference in Blackwater Falls State Park*
- 12 - Nixle's Aftermath Discussion of Northern California Firestorm Webinar at 1400 hours*
- 20 - West Virginia Day - Office is Closed*
- 26 - IT Squad Meeting at Charles Town Library Meeting Room at 1500 hours*
- 27 - Jefferson County LEPC Meeting at 0730 hours at IHOP in Charles Town*
- 30 - Bark in the Park at Charles Town's Jefferson Memorial Park at 1000 hours*
- 30 - Fireworks at Sam Michael's Park at 1700 hours*

July 4 - July 4th Holiday - Office is Closed.

** 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*