



# Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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July 2018

## JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Meeting

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- Holly Frye, Shepherd University Service Learning Program Education Representative

### JCHSEM Staff:

- Stephen S. Allen, Director
- VACANT, Deputy Director/Planner/Program Manager
- Brandon C. Vallee, Administrative Assistant, Public Information Officer and Volunteer Coordinator

JCHSEM will be holding their Quarterly Partnership Meeting on Friday, July 27 at noon at Paddy's Irish Pub in Charles Town. Paddy's is located on 210 West Liberty Street in Charles Town, WV 25414.

The cost of lunch is \$12.50 per a person (not including tax and gratuity), payable to the restaurant by cash or credit. The menu will be one of the following and your choice of drink:

Paddy's House Salad with Grilled Chicken, Ruben (corned beef, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and homemade dressing on rye) with chips or fries, Rachael (turkey, Swiss cheese, coleslaw, homemade dressing on rye) with chips or fries, or Cheese Burger (mozzarella, lettuce, tomato, onion) with chips or fries.

You must pre-register to attend this event prior to Monday, July 23rd. Due to the nature of this event, the registration is limited to the first 50 people who sign up. You may register by going to Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jchsem-quarterly-partnership-meeting-july-2018-tickets-47828102141>

If you need assistance with your registration, please contact Brandon Vallee at 304-724-8914 or email him at [bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:bvallee@jeffersoncountywv.org). Attendees should begin to arrive at 11:45 am for a noon start time.

Our speaker for this event will be Jason Elliott, National Weather Service, who will be discussing weather, hydrology, forecasting, and flooding in Jefferson County. This event is essential for anyone who has a passion for weather or is interested in local disaster history.



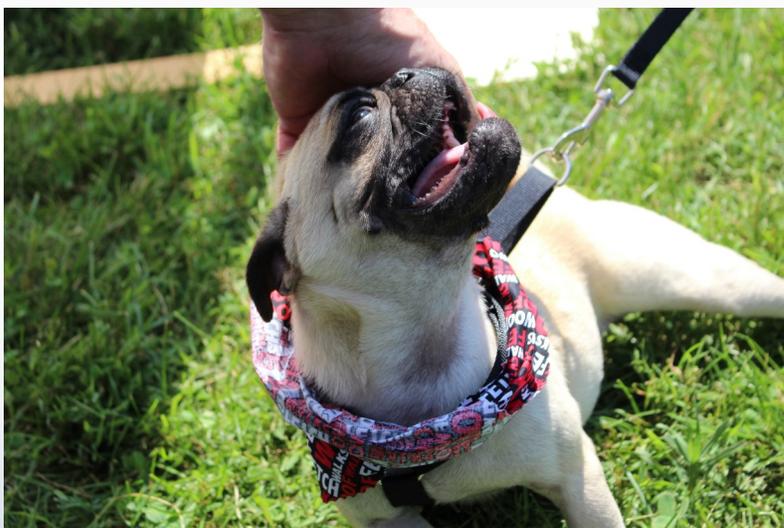
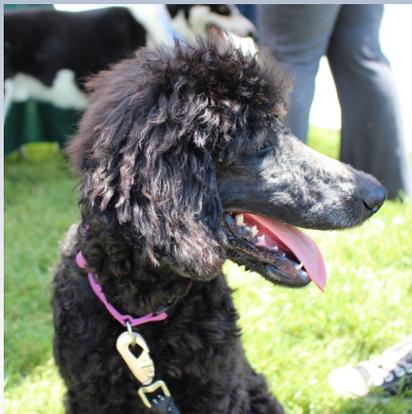
**Left:** Jason Elliott discussing Shenandoah River Flooding in Moulton Park - Sept. 2017

**Right:** Shenandoah River Flooding on Wilt Rd. during the June 2018 flood



# Bark in the Park 2018

While this year's Bark in the Park was a hot one, over 65 dogs came to wag their tails, play, get treats, and learn in Jefferson Memorial Park. We just wanted to say thank you to everyone who came out to not only support the Jefferson County Animal Welfare Society but learn how to prepare your pets for disasters. A very special thanks to our volunteers, Mike Davis, Pat Davis, and their dogs Sansa and Thor for coming out to help us. Here are a few of many dogs who stopped by to say hi during the event.



# HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE?

## HEAT EXHAUSTION SYMPTOMS

1. Faint or dizzy
2. Excessive sweating
3. Cool, pale, clammy skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, weak pulse
6. Muscle cramps

## HOW TO TREAT IT

1. Move to cooler location
2. Drink water
3. Take a cool shower or use cold compresses



## HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS

1. Throbbing headache
2. No sweating
3. Body temp above 103°  
Red, hot, dry skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, strong pulse
6. May lose consciousness

## HOW TO TREAT IT

1. Get emergency help
2. Keep cool until treated

## 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 it's 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.

## The 2018 Jefferson County Fair is coming!

The Jefferson County LEPC and JCHSEM will have a booth at the 2018 Jefferson County Fair! Fair dates for this year are August 19-25.

JCHSEM Staff, LEPC members and volunteers are excited to talk to residents of Jefferson County about getting their homes, families, and pets prepared to deal with emergencies. This year we will once again be surveying the public on their personal preparedness efforts and their perceptions about what our County's risks are. This survey will help us fine tune our emergency communications, planning, training, and community outreach efforts in the County.

We hope that members of the public will stop by our booth as part of their overall 2018 Jefferson County Fair Experience!

For more information about the Jefferson County Fair, direction to the fairgrounds, vendor applications, event catalog, and the Jefferson County Fair Association, please go to:

<http://www.jeffersoncountyfairwv.org/>



**Right:** Peggy Sclater, JCHSEM Volunteer, manning the JCHSEM booth during Fair Week, 2017.

**Bottom Left:** Ed Smith and Ed Boober, LEPC Members, manning the JCHSEM booth during Fair Week, 2017

**Bottom Right:** Deidre Derringer, LEPC Member, manning the JCHSEM booth during Fair Week, 2017



## Jefferson County is a Class 6 CRS Community

With the recent river flooding and flash flooding events that impacted Jefferson County, now more than ever is it essential to protect yourself, your family, and your property with flood insurance. Homeowners insurance does not protect your property from flooding or subsidence from sink holes. Jefferson County is prone to both, due to its coarse topography. With the long term National Weather Service forecast calling for more substantial rainfall events in the Mid Atlantic Region with extreme heat this summer and fall, and the 30-day waiting period for new policies, getting signed up now is essential.

Residents of Jefferson County can receive a reduction in their flood insurance premiums through due to various floodplain management measures encouraged by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) oversees the NFIP, which administers a program called the Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed minimum NFIP requirements.

As a member of the Community Rating System, Jefferson County is within an elite group of eight West Virginia communities and counties that have received this recognition. With the continued steps taken by Jefferson County to protect its citizens and increase its resiliency, it has moved from a Class 8 to a Class 6 Community Rating System participant. The Class 6 rating qualifies eligible National Flood Insurance Program policy holders in the County an average of over \$289.00 in savings on their annual premiums. In total, the upgrade in class rating level accounts for a total savings of over \$45,634 annually for citizens of Jefferson County; an increase of \$22,817.00 from Class 8.

For information about flood insurance, property owners should contact their insurance agent, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>, or call the NFIP's toll-free information line at 800-427-4661. To learn more about the CRS, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system>.

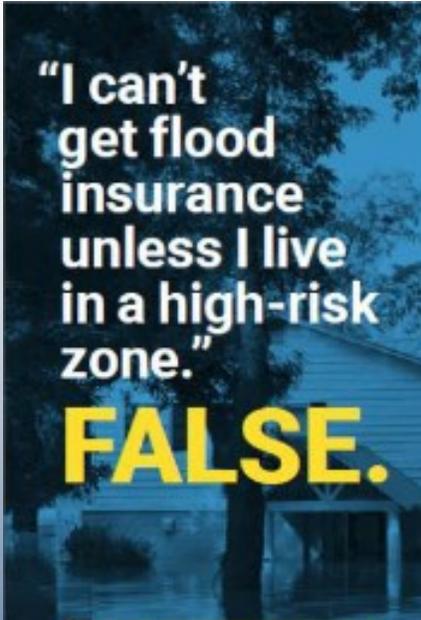
Preparing for  
**STORMS**  
takes more  
than an umbrella.



GET FLOOD INSURANCE




"I can't  
get flood  
insurance  
unless I live  
in a high-risk  
zone."  
**FALSE.**



GET FLOOD INSURANCE




Just 1 inch  
of water can  
cause \$25,000  
of damage to  
your home.

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# 2018 Disaster Ready Kids Program

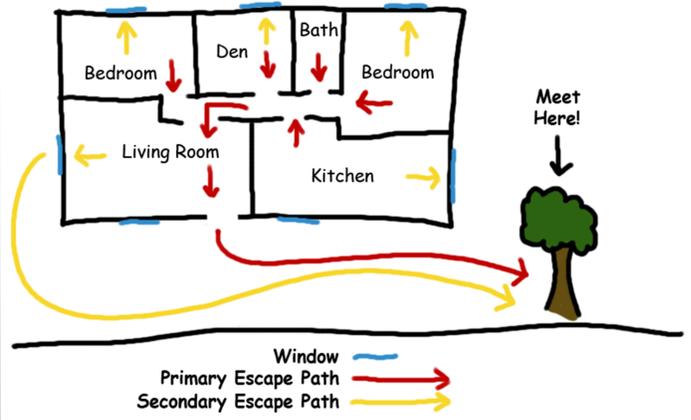
Do you have summer children’s programs that you are looking for activities and/or readers for? We can help! Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management is once again sponsoring the Disaster Ready Kids Program for 2018.

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@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto: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.



## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

**PUBLIC SAFETY; PUBLIC TRUST**



## Meetings & Events

### ***July Meetings***

*04 - July 4th Holiday—Office is closed*

*05 - Ham Radio Night at the Jefferson County EOC*

*11 - 12 - Cost Benefit Analysis Training in Flatwoods, WV*

*17 - West Virginia Homeland Security Region 3 Functional Exercise at Potomac State College at 0900 hours*

*27 - Quarterly Partnership Luncheon at Paddy's Irish Pub in Charles Town at 1200 hours*

*31 - IT Squad Meeting at Charles Town Library Meeting Room at 1500 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*