



Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

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JCHSEM Annual Meeting Scheduled at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

CHARLES TOWN-Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management will hold their annual partnership meeting at the Epic Buffet at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races on Wednesday, January 16th at noon. Hollywood Casino will be donating lunch as a part of their partnership agreement with JCHSEM. Seating is limited to the first 90 people who make their reservations. Please limit to one person per organization. To make your reservation, please contact Terri Mehling at tmehling@jeffersoncountywv.org or call her at 304-728-3329 as soon as possible, but no later than January 9.

Stephen Story, of the Salvation Army is the invited speaker. He was scheduled to be the speaker at the October partnership meeting that was canceled, due to an EOC activation for Super Storm Sandy.

In addition, JCHSEM Director, Barbara Miller, will give the annual State of the Partnership Address. There will be a review of some of the 2012 activities as well as a look forward to 2013.



Participants of the 2012 Annual Partnership Meeting

RESA To Hold ICS 300 and 400 Classes for local Emergency Responders. JCHSEM will host the Class.

The Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) will be teaching an ICS 300 and 400 Class at the Jefferson County Maintenance Department, 128 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, WV 25430, on January 8, 9, and 10, 2013, from 9 a.m.—5p.m. daily. This class is being held for Emergency Responders throughout WV Homeland Security Region 3 and is being hosted by Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Responders interested in this course should either register on the RESA website or call 304-728-3290 to register. This course is free, as it is paid for by West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The instructor will be Dr. Mike Athey.

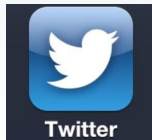
JCHSEM Adds Social Media Enhancements for Additional Ways for you to receive Public Information

Kearneysville, WV—Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management has added new social media enhancements for residents to receive emergency public information.



JCHSEM has been using Facebook for the past two years. You can find us by going to: [https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Jefferson-County-WV-Homeland-Security-and-Emergency-](https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Jefferson-County-WV-Homeland-Security-and-Emergency-Management/168030169884766)

[Management/168030169884766](https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Jefferson-County-WV-Homeland-Security-and-Emergency-Management/168030169884766) Or, just type in Jefferson County, WV Homeland Security and Emergency Management when you search for us on Facebook. During non-emergencies, we post information about training, upcoming events, and links to disaster preparedness information and tips. This is also an area where we post weather watches and warnings as they are received by us from the National Weather Service.



You can follow us at JCHSEM. If you haven't yet signed up for Twitter, go to <https://twitter.com/signup> Again, this is yet another tool for us to get our public information out to you, so that you know what to expect, what's available, and other info you may need.



Our latest addition is NIXLE. Nixle is a service that allows us to send public information to you by either text or email or both. Sign up is free and easy. You simply text your zip code to 888777, and text JCHSEM to 888777. You will receive a text in response to yours. Follow the instructions. OR, if you want to receive only emails or emails in addition to text, you need to go to www.nixle.com to sign up. Be sure to "search" for Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the list of agencies. You can add 5 additional zip codes if you want information on other areas, but only if those jurisdictions use Nixle. We send out our weather watches and warnings and will be using NIXLE in future disasters.

"The use of social media sites is another tool in our toolbox," said JCHSEM Director, Barbara Miller. "We know that people have a variety of preferences of how to receive emergency public information. Some prefer TV, some prefer radio, some want to receive it in emails or text messages, so we are complying with the needs of our whole community. We continue to acknowledge the importance of using our traditional media resources, while embracing available technologies. At times when the power is out, the use of SMS is important, as residents can get text messages on their smart phones when they cannot use their radios, TVs or computers".

All of the above services are FREE, but you have to sign up. If anyone needs assistance signing up for any of these services, please contact JCHSEM's public information officer, Jessica Owens at 304-724-8914.

WV511: WV launches Traveler Information System for traffic info

Charleston, WV—The West Virginia Department of Transportation launched a new information system to enable travelers on WV roads to get real-time traffic and road conditions information. There are several ways to access the WV511 system, including phone, computer, mobile app, and twitter feeds.

By dialing 511 from any landline or mobile phone, callers will receive traffic information, road conditions and weather forecasts in addition to transfers to the Department of Tourism and neighboring states' 511 systems. West Virginia 511 also is updated with public safety alerts, including AMBER and Silver alerts.

The WV511.org website provides an interactive map with the locations of traffic incidents, roadway construction, and weather advisories. The map also allows users to view traffic cameras from around the state in addition to showing the location of electronic roadway signs and their current messages.

The free WV 511 Drive Safe mobile app offers drivers audible, hands-free traffic alerts. The app is available for iPhone and Android devices and uses the phone's speaker and GPS location to provide audible travel advisories in the driver's vicinity.

For traffic updates via Twitter, WVDOT encourages travelers to follow WV 511 Twitter feeds for statewide, regional and roadway specific traffic updates:

@WV511

@WV511Metro

@WV511North

@WV511Central

@WV511East

@WV511South

@WVinterstate64

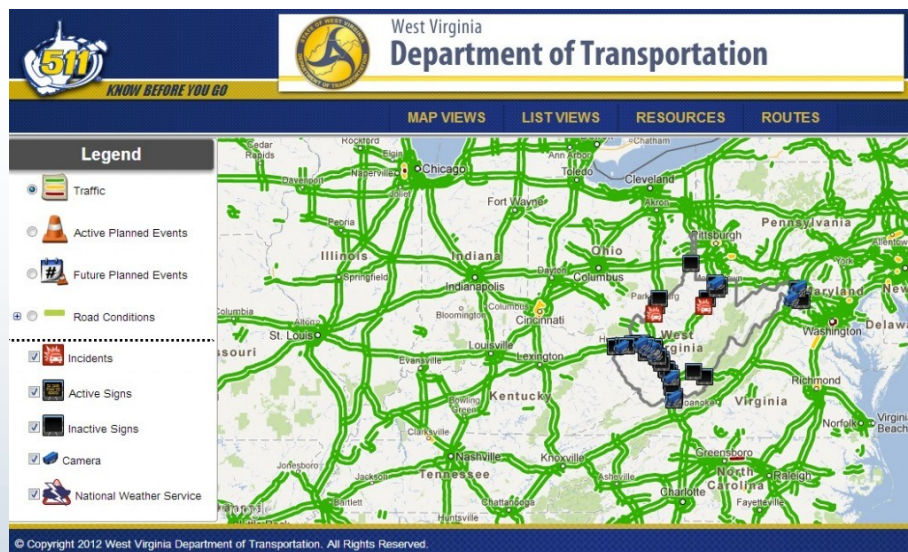
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Resolve 2B Ready

Resolve to be Ready 2013

As the New Year approaches, FEMA is reminding Americans to Resolve to be Ready in 2013.

Led by FEMA's Ready campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps and the Ad Council, this year's emphasis includes integrating technology into individuals, families and businesses preparedness plans. A 2012 Nielson report revealed that nearly 55 percent of mobile phone owners in the United States own smartphones. As a simple resolution, Ready is asking all smartphone owners to turn the technology in their purses and pockets into a life-saving tool during and after an emergency or disaster.

Below are additional ways the Ready campaign recommends implementing technology into your emergency plans:

Learn how to send updates via text and internet from your mobile phone to your contacts and social channels in case voice communications are not available;

Store your important documents such as personal and financial records in the cloud, in a secure and remote area, or on a flash or jump drive that you can keep readily available so they can be accessed from anywhere; and

Create an Emergency Information Document by using Ready's Family Emergency Plan template in Google Docs (use Google Chrome to view) or by downloading the Ready Family Emergency Plan to record your emergency plans. Go to www.ready.gov/resolve for more information!



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.

Animals in Disaster Committee, Kelly Parsons, Chair

Any interested person can serve on this committee. The Animals in Disaster Committee is responsible for developing and updating the Animals in Disaster Plan and to work with the JCHSEM to make recommendations regarding the Animals Annex of the Emergency Operations Plan. They will also identify potential resources for animals before, during and after a disaster. The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the months of January, April, July, October at 9:30 a.m. in the JCHSEM EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced.

Emergency Planning for People with Special Needs Committee-

Any interested person can serve on this committee. The Emergency Planning for People with Special Needs Committee is responsible for training and planning for issues of people who have mobility problems, people who have sight or hearing problems, people who speak a language other than English as their first language, the elderly and the very young, people who use oxygen or other medical devices and anyone who may need special assistance during times of disasters and/or evacuations. This committee will work with the JCHSEM to update the portion of the Emergency Operations Plan that deals with these special needs. This committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the months of March, June, September, and December at 9:30 a.m. in the JCHSEM EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville, unless otherwise announced. This room IS handicapped accessible.

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 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except December at 8:30 a.m. in the EOC at 28 Industrial Blvd., Kearneysville unless otherwise announced.

Partnership and Volunteer Development Committee, Holly Morgan-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 8:30 a.m. 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 will examine the community's risks and vulnerability to all hazards and assess the community's vulnerability to those risks. Additionally, they will look at specific buildings, infrastructure, etc. to determine which are most susceptible to risks. A Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan was completed and adopted by the Jefferson County Commission, all Jefferson County municipalities, WVOHSEM, and Federal Emergency Management Agency in July, 2003; updated the original document in 2008. The 2013 Plan is now being developed. This committee meets on an "as needed basis". Please call the office at 728-3329 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 either bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org or tmehling@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; Emergency Planning for Special Populations; Public Awareness, Education and Training; Counter Terrorism; Partnership Development and Retention; Animals in Disaster, and a Steering Committee that acts as an advisory group. We are responsible for the Citizen Corps/CERT, Storm-Ready, Community Rating System, and Project Impact programs. JCHSEM is also responsible for the Jefferson County R.A.C.E.S group.



Meetings & Events

January, 2013

- 1 Happy New Year! Jefferson County Government Offices are Closed
- 3 HAM Radio Testing in the JCHSEM Ham Room 1730
- 7 LEPC Meeting at Noon at the Quality Inn Conference Center, Harpers Ferry
- 8-10 ICS 300 and 400 Classes at JC Maintenance Department Meeting Room 9-5 all 3 days. Sign up through RESA
- 8 Steering Committee Meeting at JCEOC at 0900
- 8 Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting at JCEOC at 1400
- 9 Public Awareness, Training, and Education Committee at JCEOC at 0830
- 15 Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting at JCEOC at 1400
- 16 Annual JCHSEM Partnership Meeting at the Epic Buffet at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. RSVP to Terri Mehling at tmehling@jeffersoncountywv.org or call 304-728-3329 to make your reservation by January 9th. Due to limited seating available, please limit to one person per agency. Thanks!
- 21 The Jefferson County EOC will be activated with COMMAND STAFF only for the POTUS Inauguration
- 21 Jefferson County Government is Closed for the Martin Luther King Holiday
- 28 Partnership Development Committee, at JCEOC Conference Room at 0930