



April, 2013

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## Staff:

Barbara Miller, CEM, CFM Director

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Jessica Owens, Administrative Assistant, Public Information Officer and Volunteer Coordinator

## Disaster Ready Kids-2013 Program June 1-September 30

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management is sponsoring the "Disaster Ready Kids Program- 2013." The program will teach children in Jefferson County about safety, and what to do during storms and disasters.

For more info, go to our website at [www.jeffersoncountywv.org/homeland-security.html](http://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/homeland-security.html), then click on Disaster Ready Kids Program on the right.

We have booklets and materials that are age-appropriate for children's groups. If your group of children is over the age of 9, we can show them how to put together a Family Disaster Supply Kit or a Pet Disaster Supply Kit.

There is no cost to participate in this program.

Our staff or a volunteer will come to your facility and read and discuss your chosen book. 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 (ballpark number), and that you work with us to schedule a time that works well for both organizations.

We are scheduling for the 2013 summer season—June 1 through September 30, 2013. If you have questions please contact Jessica Owens at 304-724-8914 or email to [jowens@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:jowens@jeffersoncountywv.org) as soon as possible.

If you would like to schedule a session, please fill out the form on our website and return it by either mail or fax. We need at least a two-week notice to schedule your activity.

Some of our classic favorites include:

**Two Bobbies**—This is a true story of Hurricane Katrina, friendship and survival.. Bobbie and Bob Cat are the best of friends. When their hometown of New Orleans was struck by Hurricane Katrina, many lost everything, but not Bobbi and Bob Cat. (Ages 4-8)

**Miss Twiggley's Tree:** This book teaches young people about helping each other during a flooding event. Funny Miss Twiggley lived in a tree with a dog named Puss and a color TV.

## JCHSEM to participate in Bark In The Park on June 1

Bark in the Park will be held at Jefferson Memorial Park in Charles Town from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. on Saturday, June 1st. JCHSEM will have a booth at the event to talk to residents about the importance of including their pets in their family disaster plan and about what kinds of items pets need in the family's disaster kit! The event is sponsored by the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County.

- 10:00 The Blessing of the Animals
- 10:15 Interactive Dog Walk
- 10:30 Raffle and Dog Games
- 10:45 Demonstrations
- 11:15 Biscuit Walk
- 11:45 Lunch/Dog Games
- Noon Demonstrations
- 12:15 Group Dog Games
- 12:30 Canine Contests
- 1:00 Fashion Show
- 1:15 Canine Contests
- 1:45 Pledge and Raffle Winners Announced



## C.E.R.T. Class Graduates



On May 2, a new C.E.R.T. class graduated. Shown in the picture L to R: Tim Clarke, Lane Donley, Kyle Williams, Annie Wheat, Jessica Owens, Debra Clingan, Marty Capps, Amy Capps, and Steven Shaffer. C.E.R.T.s are trained in Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Crime Prevention and Terrorism Awareness, Emergency Planning for People with Special Needs, Animals in Disaster, Light Search and Rescue, Disaster Mental Health, and participate in a final exercise and test. Congratulations!!

## Jefferson County StormReady...Still!



L to R: Jessica Owens, JCHSEM Administrative Assistant/PIO/Volunteer Coordinator; Sandy McDonald, Jefferson County Commission Deputy Administrator; Jane Tabb, Jefferson County Commissioner; Terri Mehling, JCHSEM Deputy Director/Program Manager/Planner; Barbara Miller, JCHSEM Director; and Kyle Struckman, National Weather Service, Sterling, VA.

Jefferson County received the following letter, dated April 16, 2013:

“It is with great pleasure that NOAA’s National Weather Service recognizes Jefferson County as Storm-Ready. This recognition clearly shows your dedication to providing the residents of Jefferson County exceptional preparedness for weather events. Your ability to monitor weather conditions, receive National Weather Service watches and warnings, and disseminate life-saving information to the public is exceptional. I would like to specifically commend your Director of Emergency Management, Barbara Miller, who has been a driving force in maintaining the level of excellence needed for StormReady recognition. Together with the Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff, their initiative and hard work in training citizens and government agency workers, as well as maintaining strong ties with the National Weather Service, has been instrumental maintaining Jefferson County’s StormReady status. As a StormReady community, Jefferson County is authorized to use the StormReady logo in brochures or other county documents. Your current StormReady recognition will be valid for three years, expiring in March, 2016. We recommend the county apply for renewed recognition three months prior. Finally, if Jefferson County is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, the county continues to be eligible for additional ISO community rating system points. It is recommended that StormReady recognition be applied during the next ISO rating, if applicable. Again, congratulations, on this notable achievement. The National Weather Service is proud to have you as a part of the growing StormReady family. Our office looks forward to continuing to work closely with Jefferson County to safeguard its people from weather events. Sincerely, James E. Lee, Meteorologist-In-Charge.”



## Jefferson County EOC during the activation for Project Newton, the Veterans Administration’s Exercise



Chief Dep. Jesse Jones kept the EOC secure!



Emergency Support Function Reps in place!



EOC Staff working the scenario!



Todd Lake at the Press Conference!



Sheriff Pete Dougherty represents Jefferson County



Debra Palmer from Eastern Panhandle Red Cross

Project Newton’s scenario was that a military plane had crashed into the VA Center in Martinsburg. As such, Jefferson County was accepting medical surge into Jefferson Memorial Hospital and some of our responders were assisting Berkeley County. The Family Assistance Center was requested by the VA Center to be set up at Shepherd University and was done by the Eastern Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross.



## **Jefferson LEPC to host Mass Fatalities Conference October 29-30, 2013**

The Jefferson County Local Emergency Planning Committee will host the 2013 Mass Fatalities Conference in beautiful and historic Harpers Ferry, WV on October 29-30, 2013. This conference will bring together various disciplines from across West Virginia and our partners in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. to explore past incidents, discuss lessons learned and define best practices to enhance future response and decision-making in these complex disasters. The presentations given during this conference will be led by speakers with extensive disaster response background to include United Flight 93 on 9/11, Pentagon 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, the Sago Mine disaster, the Haiti Earthquake, and the Cameron mine explosion. Registration is \$169 per person. You can get the Early Bird Discount rate of \$145 if you register prior to June 30th. Registration, hotel information, speakers bios and opportunities for both vendors and sponsors can be found on the L.E.P.C.'s conference website at : <http://www.jeffersonlepc.org/>

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## **West Virginia State Emergency Response Commission to host WV LEPC/SERC Conference in August**

The 19th annual West Virginia LEPC/SERC Conference will be held August 26-28, 2013 at The Charleston Marriott, Charleston, WV. Watch for additional information on the WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's website or contact Melissa Buckley at 304-558-5380 or [Melis-sa.d.Buckley@wv.gov](mailto:sa.d.Buckley@wv.gov)

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## 2013 Exercises

February 27-Concept and Operations Meeting for the 2013 WV Homeland Security Region 3 Exercises-Ponderosa in Moorefield.

March 25-Tabletop Exercise, Operation Newton, AT the Veteran's Administration in Martinsburg

April 4-Full Scale Exercise, Operation Newton, Veteran's Administration, Martinsburg

April 8-Mini Exercises at the Jefferson County Health Department with School Nurses

April 26-Jefferson County Local Emergency Planning Committee's Tabletop Exercise

May, Date/Place To Be Announced-WV Homeland Security Region 3 Tabletop Exercise

July, Date/Place To Be Announced-WV Homeland Security Region 3 Functional Exercise

September 14-WV Homeland Security Region 3 Full Scale Exercise

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### Jefferson County LEPC Table Top Exercise on April 26



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Kelly Parsons, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month except December at 9:00 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, Jeff Jefferies, 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 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 either [bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org) or [tmehling@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:tmehling@jeffersoncountywv.org)

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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**

### **May, 2013**

- 2—C.E.R.T. Test, Final Exercise, and Graduation, Jefferson County EOC 6-9 p.m.
- 8—Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee Meeting at Jefferson County EOC at 0900
- 8—Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting at the Quality Inn and Conference Center, Harpers Ferry, Noon
- 14—Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting at Jefferson County EOC
- 21—JCHSEM Steering Committee Meeting at Jefferson County EOC at 0900
- 27—Memorial Day Holiday, Office is Closed

### **June, 2013**

- 1—Bark in the Park,