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National Preparedness Grant Program will be the subject of JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Luncheon at The Anvil on May 2

The National Preparedness Grant Program will be the subject of the next JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Luncheon. The luncheon will be held at The Anvil in Harpers Ferry on Wednesday, May 2nd at Noon. You must RSVP no later than close of business on April 26 to attend. RSVP to Terri Mehling at 304-728-3329 or tmehling@jeffersoncountywv.org. The cost of the lunch is \$11.00, inclusive. You may choose either a tortilla wrap with turkey, provolone and mayo with a side of pasta and ice tea, OR a house salad with chicken and ice tea. Payment for your meal will be to The Anvil at the event.

In February, 2012, the FY-2013 President's Budget outlined a vision for a new National Preparedness Grant Program (NPGP) designed to develop, sustain, and leverage core capabilities across the country in support of national preparedness, prevention and response.

DHS has been supporting state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts across the homeland security enterprise to build capabilities for the past nine years, awarding more than \$35 billion in funding. Through these federal investments, grantees have developed significant capabilities at the local level to prevent, protect against, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters of all kinds.

As we look ahead, in order to address evolving threats and make the most of limited resources, the NPGP will utilize existing governance structures to focus on building and sustaining core capabilities associated with the five mission areas within the National Preparedness Goal that are both readily deployable and cross-jurisdictional, helping to elevate nationwide preparedness.

FEMA is currently soliciting feedback from our partners on this proposal to help guide further development of potential legislative changes. Please provide comments on the proposed construct to askcsid@fema.dhs.gov or participate in their online dialogue at <http://fema.ideascale.com>

FEMA is looking forward to working with Congress and stakeholders to ensure that the NPGP enables all levels of government to build and sustain, in a collaborative way, the core capabilities necessary to prepare for incidents that pose the greatest risk to the security of the Nation.

In addition to the NPGP, you will also learn about the "Do Something" Disaster Grants. These grants are provided to Youth under the age of 25 years from the Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins Community Foundation.

JCHSEM Quarterly Partnership Luncheons provide an opportunity for all of our partners and volunteers to come together to learn about an area of disaster preparedness that will be interesting to most, and to network with your peers.

Jefferson County's Participation in the National Capital Region Mass Dispensing Exercise

On March 28, 2012, Jefferson County participated in the 2012 National Capital Region's Full Scale-Mass Dispensing Exercise. Sandy Hite, Threat Preparedness Coordinator for the Jefferson County Health Department was the local contact for the exercise, wrote the local injects coordinated the event in Jefferson County. While the Jefferson County Health Department was the lead agency, some of the other agencies involved included: JCHSEM, Jefferson County Emergency Communications, JC Maintenance Dept; WV Dept. of Highways, JC Sheriff's Department, Charles Town PD; Shepherdstown PD; Ranson PD; Eastern Panhandle Medical Reserve Corps; Red Cross; James Rumsey Tech Institute's nursing students; Jefferson County Commission; Jay Watson, representing Fire in the EOC; CERT Volunteers in the EOC; JC GIS Dept. JC Schools, Jefferson Memorial Hospital; U.S. Customs and Border Protection Advanced Training Center at Harpers Ferry, and Zumro.



Jefferson County's Participation in the National Capital Region Mass Dispensing Exercise

Information about the Exercise

On March 28th, Washington, DC; and jurisdictions within Maryland, Virginia, and Jefferson County, West Virginia participated in the National Capital Region's Extended Metropolitan Statistical Area Mass Dispensing Exercise. The exercise was intended to increase our regional readiness to an anthrax attack. In Jefferson County, we tested our ability to receive and dispense SNS (Strategic National Stockpile) assets; our ability to activate and operate our Emergency Operations Center in support of the Health Department's missions; to set up and operate a Community POD site; to practice our closed POD dispensing abilities; and to test some of our equipment, volunteer resources, and plans. This regional exercise, which is mandated by the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) was a unique opportunity for public health agencies and their partners throughout the extended National Capital Region MSA to work together to enhance preparedness for a wide variety of Public Health Emergencies.



Director Miller Completes FEMA's Advanced Professional Series



JCHSEM Director, Barbara Miller has received the Advanced Professional Series Certification from FEMA, signed by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, WVD-SHEM Director, Jimmy Gianato, and FEMA Emergency Management Institute's Acting Superintendent, Vilma Milmo Schifano.

"Completion of this series of courses is an accomplishment that distinguishes her as an emergency manager with substantial expertise in emergency operations and management. By completing this series, she has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the goal of protecting lives, communities, and resources from disasters," said Ms Schifano of FEMA's Emergency Management Institute.

DO SOMETHING DISASTER GRANTS Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin Robbins Community Foundation

Do Something.org, the largest national organization in the United States dedicated to empowering youth and social change, provides the tools and resources for youth to convert their ideas and energy into positive action. Do Something and the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation have teamed up to offer Disaster Grants to young people across the U.S. and Canada. Grants fund project ideas and existing projects that assist people in emergency situations - everything from disaster preparedness to first responders to people working hard to rebuild years later. Each week the program makes a \$500 grant to a youth (25 years old or younger) to implement a project that helps people deal with emergencies.

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Training Opportunities

G393, Mitigation for Emergency Managers

Instructor: Jeff Harvey/Doug Britvec

This course will be held at Twin Falls State Park on April 24-26, 2012. It is designed to train emergency managers and other interested individuals who have no specialized technical background, but who can support mitigation efforts as advocates. The course provides activities and exercises that build the participants' ability to perform the tasks and responsibilities of the emergency manager's role, create long-term strategies for disaster-resistant communities, identify local mitigation opportunities, select mitigation solutions to hazard risk problems, and find resources to carry out mitigation activities in a post-disaster environment.

Selection Criteria: Local government officials, emergency managers, community leaders in such efforts as voluntary organizations, businesses and industries, and other emergency service personnel.

If you are interested in attending, please fill out the form located at <http://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/uploads/homeland/Forms/WV%20Division%20of%20Homeland%20Security%20&%20Emergency%20Management%20Training%20Application.pdf> Once filled out, send or bring it to your local emergency manager for a signature before having it forwarded on to the state training officer. To make a reservation at Twin Falls State Park, call 304-294-4000 and tell them you are with the WVDSHEM group to get the group rate. If you have questions and you are from Jefferson County, contact Barbara Miller at 304-728-3290. If you are from another county, please contact your local emergency manager.

2012 Disaster Summit April 17-19, 2012

What to Expect: This year the Disaster Summit will provide an opportunity for the behavioral health, faith based and volunteer communities to build upon state and local partnerships in order to enhance the state's integrated disaster response to the special, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of its citizens.

DAY ONE:

Presentations and group discussions on mass care and sheltering including roles and responsibilities for:

- community based agencies
- the American Red Cross
- emergency responders & other service providers
- behavioral health care providers
- and volunteers and faith based agencies

DAY TWO:

Mass care and sheltering drill

DAY THREE:

Drill hot wash and debriefing

Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided on April 17 and 18 and a continental breakfast and beverages will be served on the 19th.

Please RSVP with your registration prior to April 6th.
Call Kim Rex at (304)356-4836 if you have questions regarding registration.

Sponsors:

West Virginia Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities
Appalachian Community Health Center
American Red Cross

The JCHSEM Recommended on-line training for April is the FEMA Independent Study Class IS-247 Integrated Public Alert and Warning System -IPAWS

This course provides basic information on the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). The goal of this course is to provide authorized public safety officials with: increased awareness of the benefits of using IPAWS for effective public warnings; skills to draft more appropriate, effective, and accessible warning messages; and best practices in the effective use of Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) to reach all members of their communities. This course consists of the following lessons:

- Lesson 1: Introduction to IPAWS
- Lesson 2: Appropriate, Effective, and Accessible Alert and Warning Messages
- Lesson 3: Common Alerting Protocol Message Composition

The course is free and can be taken at:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is247.asp>

UPCOMING EXERCISES

There are many opportunities this year for agencies and departments to participate in exercises. Below is a list that our County will be involved with during 2012. If your agency or group is interested in participating in any of the exercises below, please contact JCHSEM as soon as possible. Those agencies and volunteers that serve in the EOC will be contacted to serve in the full scale exercises that involve their emergency function. Exercises are designed to test plans, procedures, and resources in a safe learning environment.

January

Regions 8 & 9-WV Hospital Association Exercise—COMPLETE

WV Department of Agriculture Workshop/Seminar-Avian Flu Scenario-COMPLETE

February

167th Air Guard TTX-Active Shooter Scenario-COMPLETE

County Government Continuity of Operations-Workshop/Seminar-COMPLETE

County Government Continuity of Operations-TTX-COMPLETE

EPA/Corp of Engineers-Jennings Randolph Lake Dam REGIONAL-Workshop/Seminar-COMPLETE

March

28-National Capitol Region-Mass Dispensing Full Scale Exercise-COMPLETE

April

30-Jefferson County LEPC Table Top Exercise. Hazardous Materials/Commodity Flow scenario. For further information, contact Barbara Miller, JCHSEM. Planning for this exercise is being done by J.H. Consulting, LLC. All Jefferson County response agencies, members of the LEPC, and other interested agencies are invited and encouraged to participate.

July

Date/Place TBA-EPA/Corp of Engineers-Jennings Randolph Lake Dam REGIONAL Table Top Exercise. This will include the counties of: Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, and Mineral. This exercise involves a breach of the DAM that will bring heavy flooding to the communities along the Potomac River. Please contact your local emergency manager in your county if you are interested in participating. Planning for this regional exercise is being done by the EPA-Don McLaughlin and Chris Behr.

September

8-EPA/Corp of Engineers-Jennings Randolph Lake Dam REGIONAL Full Scale Exercise. This will include the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, and Mineral. This exercise involves a breach of the DAM that will bring heavy flooding to the communities along the Potomac River. Please contact your local emergency manager in your county if you are interested in participating. Planning for this regional exercise is being done by the EPA-Don McLaughlin and Chris Behr.

*Other exercises will be considered as they are presented.

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-Amy Jones, Chair

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 9:30 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. Next update in 2013. 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

APRIL, 2012

- 11 LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Meeting at 0730 at Billie's in Ranson**
- 11 Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee at 0830 (8:30 a.m.) at the Jefferson County EOC Conference Room**
- 16 Animals in Disaster Committee Meeting at Briggs Animal Adoption Center at Noon. Pizza will be provided to committee members. A tour of Briggs will be available following the meeting.**
- 24-26 Mitigation for Emergency Managers Training at Twin Falls State Park.**
- 30 Partnership Development Committee Meeting at 0830 in the Jefferson County EOC Conference Room.**
- 30 LEPC's Tabletop Exercise at the Jefferson County Maintenance Building's Meeting Room. Time TBA**

MAY, 2012

- 2 Quarterly Partnership Luncheon at The Anvil in Harpers Ferry at Noon. Lunch is \$11 payable to The Anvil at the Event. RSVP must be received by April 26 to attend.**

NOTE: There is no Steering Committee Meeting in April.