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Animals in Disaster

Sign In Sheet

July 19, 2010

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Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Animals in Disaster Committee  
July 19, 2010

The Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management (JCHSEM) Animals in Disaster Committee met on Monday, July 19, 2010 at 9:30am in the Emergency Operations Center located in Kearneysville, WV. Those present were: Terri Mehling, JCHSEM; Kelly Parsons, Nichols, DeHaven & Associates and Sandy Hite, Jefferson County Health Department.

Call to order

Introductions

Ms. Mehling, JCHSEM Deputy Director opened the meeting with approval of the minutes. Kelly Parsons moved to approve the minutes and Sandy Hite was second to approve. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Red Cross was unavailable to give an update on their endeavors with the Berkeley County Humane Society and grant objectives. – Postponed

**New Business**

Ms. Mehling reviewed the Animals in Disaster Plan. Ms. Mehling would like contact numbers, addresses etc. to be verified. Ms. Mehling asked Ms. Hite to verify boarding and shelter facilities and Ms. Parsons to verify vet facilities, and she will do the remainder. Ms. Mehling noted her and Ms. Miller are looking at repetitive loss properties that have had several claims for flooding purposes.

Ms. Mehling announced JCHSM will be sharing a booth with the LEPC at the Jefferson County Fair, August 22-28. JCHSEM will be working on creating new displays this year.

Ms. Mehling reported there will be a 9/11 Drill Down for Safety Campaign with Gayle Manchin as the National Spokes person. To begin go to [www.safeamericaprepared.org](http://www.safeamericaprepared.org) and click on take the pledge. They are asking friends and families to exchange text messages IM OK, RU OK and GOOD. The bandwidth is 800 phone calls to 1 text message.

**Member Sharing**

Ms. Mehling reviewed upcoming activities during National Preparedness Month, which included a Family Disaster Preparedness Night, Lunch-N-Learn sessions, a disaster kit photo contest and possible discounts at Wal-Mart.

Ms. Hite reported the Health Department will be setting up different display tables with pertinent information during National Preparedness Month.

Ms. Mehling noted if anyone has any ideas for the fair, upcoming events or any changes, etc., please let her know.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Animals in Disaster Committee will be on October 18, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Jefferson County EOC.



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- I. Call to Order
- II. Sign in Sheet
- III. Minutes of April 19, 2010 Meeting
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Red Cross update on their endeavors with the Berkeley County Humane Society and grant objectives -- Postponed
- V. New Business
  - a. Review of Animals in Disaster Plan
  - b. Jefferson County Fair – August 22 – 28
  - c. 9/11 Drill Down for Safety – [www.safeamericaprepared.org](http://www.safeamericaprepared.org)
  - d. Member Sharing Time
- VI. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Animals in Disaster Committee will be October 18, 2010 at 9:30am and will be announced via email notification.

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Animals in Disaster Committee  
April 19, 2010

The Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management (JCHSEM) Animals in Disaster Committee met on Tuesday, April 19, 2010 at 9:30am in the Emergency Operations Center located in Kearneysville, WV. Those present were: Terri Mehling, JCHSEM; Jennifer Maggio, JCHSEM; Kelly Parsons, Nichols, DeHaven & Associates and Sandy Hite, Jefferson County Health Department.

Call to order

Introductions

Ms. Mehling, JCHSEM Deputy Director opened the meeting with approval of the minutes. Kelly Parsons moved to approve the minutes and Sandy Hite was second to approve. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Red Cross was unavailable to give an update on their endeavors with the Berkeley County Humane Society and grant objectives. Ms. Mehling noted Jill Randlett is still updating their plans.

Ms. Mehling noted the committee agreed on 2010 Goals and Objectives.

Ms. Mehling reviewed the resources that need updated in the JCHSEM EOP Animal Control & Protection Annex. The committee members are still working to update the resources listed.

**New Business**

Ms. Mehling went over the JCHSEM 2011 Budget and impact on JCHSEM programs. JCHSEM as well as all departments have been cut 5%. Programs that will be impacted: CERT will be cut from 4 times a year down to 2 times a year and at this time; JCHSEM will not be participating in Bark in the Park. Ms. Mehling noted we will still be participating in the Jefferson County Fair. There is a chance there will be some unencumbered funds may roll over July 1<sup>st</sup> that could be used to make up for some of the loss in funding.

Ms. Mehling reviewed with the committee a series of magazine/newsletter articles on animals in disaster.

Ms. Mehling noted there was no information on PETCO's website for National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>. As of now JCHSEM will not be attending. Ms. Mehling brought pamphlets if anyone wanted to volunteer to place them in local shops and veterinary clinics.

Ms. Mehling noted we will not be participating in Bark in the Park on May 22. JCHSEM cannot be represented without a staff member present.

**Member Sharing**

Ms. Mehling announced there will be a Volunteer Mobilization Center Training on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am-4:00 p.m. The training will be located at the Inn at Charles Town with lunch provided. Ms. Mehling handed out brochures.

Ms. Mehling announced Ranson Day will be May 15<sup>th</sup> from 10a-4p. There will be an email sent out shortly asking volunteers to help.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Animals in Disaster Committee will be on July 19, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Jefferson County EOC.



## Next Steps – '9/11 Drill Down for Safety'

### Texting Campaign

Safe America and its partners are asking you to participate in the '9/11 Drill Down for Safety' national initiative!

For the 2010 campaign, we have a special focus on texting, which is easy for all generations to do, plus it resonates with public (federal, tribal, state, and local governments) and private (businesses, nonprofit organizations, groups, families, individuals, and other stakeholders) sectors.

Here is what you can do:

- Send copies of this notice to your network, family, and friends / Get the word out!
- Go to [www.safeamericaprepared.org](http://www.safeamericaprepared.org) and click on "Take the Pledge", which is your statement that you are going to do a preparedness activity (texting) this September.
- In September, do one of the following texting activities:

**Drill A – Family/Friend:** Send, Receive, and Confirm text message with family member or friend.

1. Individual sends a text message to a family member (parent, child, husband/wife, etc.) and/or friend during the exercise, e.g., "IM OK - R U OK?"
2. Family member/friend responds with a confirmation text to Individual, e.g., "Yes IM OK"

**Drill B – Emergency Contact:** Send, Receive, and Confirm text with emergency contact.

1. Individual sends a text message to emergency contact, e.g., "I'm OK".
2. Emergency contact responds back with a confirmation text to individual, e.g., "U R OK – Good"

**Drill C – Employer to Employee Groups:** Send, Receive and Confirm text messages with employees.

1. Employer sends text message to employees announcing a drill, e.g., "This is a texting drill through the alert notification system. For more information on preparedness, please go to [www.safeamericaprepared.org](http://www.safeamericaprepared.org) (or insert organization website) or contact (supervisor, safety department, etc.) for more information."
2. Employees respond by going to the website and/or making the suggested contact for more information on preparedness.

For more information, go to [www.safeamericaprepared.org](http://www.safeamericaprepared.org)

# Text First. Talk Second.

All of us love to talk on our cell phones. But during an emergency, it can be wiser to text.

That's because texting takes less band width than a digital voice call. And, when voice calls are interrupted, you may still be able to get a text message completed.

To help my state and others absorb this important message, I am inviting other First Spouses around the country in launching a campaign this September during National Preparedness Month to have people remember in emergencies, it's wise to 'Text First, Talk Second.'

As we saw in Haiti and during Katrina, some text messages can get through, even when a voice connection can't be made. And by waiting to talk later, you can leave more telecommunications 'space' open for others who may need to get important messages through.

This September 11, practice with your family how you'd get back in touch during an emergency. Plan to conduct a family drill in which you send a text message to each member of the family and ask them 'RUOK.' Then have them reply with a simple IMOK (which is 4665 on your phone dial keypad). If you don't know how to text, have your teenager (or someone tech savvy) teach you the basics.

All Americans need to know how to contact others after an emergency, and by learning how to text, you can have a new tool that will connect you quickly, even if you can't get a voice message through!



Texting— It can be a life-saving tool when used properly. But also remember: don't text while driving. If you want to text while traveling, do what I do: Exit 2 Text it!

Gayle C. Manchin  
First Lady – State of West Virginia  
Chair of Safe America's (Text First)  
Spouse's Campaign



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