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Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Public Awareness, Education & Training Committee November 14, 2012 Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of September 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes. No meeting in October
- III. Old Business
 - a. Administrative Assistant/Public Information Officer/Volunteer Coordinator
 - b. 9-11 Remembrance at Independent Fire Company September 11
 - c. Presentation to Cub Scout Pack 420 September 24 at South Jefferson Elementary
 - d. Family Disaster Preparedness Night September 26 at 7pm at Independent Fire Company
 - e. Senior Center Presentation September 28
 - f. Risk Assessment Committee and Public Meetings September 18 and October 23 next meeting November 27 2pm
 - g. Emergency Manager of the Year Barb Miller
 - h. CERT Session

IV. New Business

- a. Super Storm Sandy
- b. Presidential Inauguration
- c. Recommended EMI Course for November IS-906 Workplace Security Awareness http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS906.asp
- V. Member Sharing Time
- VI. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee will be held on

December 12 at the Jefferson County EOC at 8:30am

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Public Awareness Committee September 12, 2012 Minutes

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Public Awareness Committee met at Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management on September 12, 2012 at 8:30am. Present were: Terri Mehling, JCHSEM; Katherine Dunbar, Good Shepherd Caregivers; Annie Wheat, Ameriworks; Lisa Yost, Ameriworks; Ashley Petrolino; and Mike Davis, CERT volunteer.

Ms. Mehling, JCHSEM Deputy Director, opened the meeting. Mike Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting and Annie Wheat seconded the motion, all approved.

Old Business

Ms. Mehling discussed the County's efforts during the June 29, 2012 Derecho storm that affected the Mid-Atlantic region. Organizations in Jefferson County are eligible for Public Assistance and those organizations are working with the State and FEMA to file the necessary paperwork for possible reimbursements of expenditures as a result of the storm.

Ms. Mehling discussed the efforts of the Risk Assessment Committee. The July 28 meeting was held which closed out the 2008 version of the county's All Hazards Mitigation Plan and Risk Assessment. JH Consulting will be compiling the updated 2013 documents which will then be submitted to the state and FEMA for approval next year. Public meetings were held on August 29 to kick off the revision process. The committee's next meeting is September 18 at 2pm.

Ms. Mehling discussed the Quarterly Partnership Luncheon that was held July 25, 2012 at the Bavarian Inn. Charlene Gilliam of First Energy provided a presentation of Potomac Edison's recovery efforts after the June 29 storm.

Ms. Mehling provided information on the EPA/Corp of Engineers-Jennings Randolph Lake Dam REGIONAL Full Scale Exercise which was September 8. This included the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, and Mineral. The exercise involved a breach of the DAM that will bring heavy flooding to the communities along the Potomac River. Ed Smith coordinated a swift water rescue scenario at the public landing in Shepherdstown as a part of the exercise.

Ms. Mehling and the committee discussed the Jefferson County Fair which was August 19-25, 2012. Visitors to the JCHSEM booth were asked to complete a ten question survey on disaster preparedness. Volunteers also discussed CERT and other JCHSEM activities and preparedness information with booth visitors.

Part of JCHSEM's display included Flat Stanley and Flat Stella which is a new initiative to teach children about disaster preparedness. Children and their parents can build their own FEMA Flat Stanley or Flat Stella, and then share with other children and classrooms the steps they have taken to support preparedness throughout their homes, schools and communities.

New Business

Ms. Mehling informed the committee that the Administrative Assistant/Public Information Officer/Volunteer Coordinator Position is still open. Ms. Miller has started conducting phone interviews to applicants.

September is National Preparedness Month and JCHSEM will be conducting a Family Disaster Preparedness Night on September 26 at 7pm a Independent Fire Company.

Ms. Mehling attended the 9/11 Remembrance at Independent Fire Company. Approximately 50-60 people were in attendance.

Ms. Mehling will be presenting disaster preparedness topics to Cub Scout Pack 420 on September 24 at South Jefferson Elementary School.

A CERT session has been scheduled to begin October 17 and run through November 15. Classes will be held at JCHSEM.

Ms. Mehling announced the recommended EMI Courses for September are IS-909 – Community Preparedness – Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone and IS-22 – Are You Ready? http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS909.asp and http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS22.asp

Member Sharing

Annie Wheat and Lisa Yost discussed the challenges they face with trying to assist their clients in building their job skills. A discussion among the committee members offered some suggestions.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee will be held on October 17, 2012 at the Jefferson County EOC at 8:30am.