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Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Public Awareness, Education & Training Committee
October 12, 2011
Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of August 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes – No meeting in September
- III. Old Business
 - a. Disaster Ready Kids Summer Program
 - b. County Fair – August 21 - 27
 - c. Mass Fatalities Course – Pipestem State Park – August 22 – 25
 - d. National Preparedness Month – September
 - e. Jennifer Maggio attended E-953 ICS All Hazards Public Information Officer TTT – September 12-15 at EMI
 - f. Boy Scouts Emergency Preparedness Badges
 - g. CERVIS – online Volunteer Management System
- IV. New Business
 - a. Earthquake - 8/23
 - b. Hurricane Irene - 8/27
 - c. LEPC/SERC Conference – 9/12 - 15
 - d. Health Department Exercise -- 9/20
 - e. Public Health Emergency Overview – CERT volunteers only – 9/27
 - f. October is Fire Prevention Month at JCHSEM – 10/9-15 “It’s Fire Prevention Week! Protect Your Family From Fire”
 - g. Quarterly Partnership Luncheon – October 26 at NCTC at noon
 - h. New CERT materials and upcoming session
 - i. Nationwide EAS Test – November 9 at 2pm
 - j. Recommended EMI Course for September – IS-11a – Animals in Disaster Community Planning -- <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is11a.asp>
 - k. Recommended EMI Course for October -- IS-546a – Continuity of Operations Awareness -- <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is546a.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 **November 9** at the Jefferson County EOC at 8:30am

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Public Awareness Committee
August 10, 2011
Minutes

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Public Awareness Committee met at Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management on August 10, 2011 at 8:30am. Present were: Barbara Miller, JCHSEM; Terri Mehling, JCHSEM; Jennifer Maggio, JCHSEM; Mike Davis, CERT Volunteer; Katherine Dunbar, Good Shepherd Caregivers and Sandy Hite, Jefferson County Health Department.

Ms. Mehling, Deputy Director, opened the meeting with approval of minutes. Mike Davis moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting and Sandy Hite seconded the motion, all approved.

Old Business

Ms. Maggio reported on the Disaster Ready Kids Program. Ms. Maggio noted if anyone is interested in volunteering to please let her know. Ms. Miller noted JCHSEM will be resending information to teachers once school is in session.

Ms. Miller updated the committee on the Whole of Community Program. JCHSEM is still working to get more partnerships, as well as updating old agreements. Ms. Hite asked for an updated list of agreements. Ms. Miller noted once she revises the list, she will send it to committee members. A discussion followed.

Mr. Davis reported on the Animal Disease Response Training Class that took place July 19, 2011 at the WVU Tree Fruit and Research Center. He noted the class was very well attended and the information was useful to all levels of attendees. A discussion followed.

Ms. Miller reported on the Emergency Preparedness Workshops that took place July 25-26, 2011. Ms. Miller noted, there were two workshops, a Youth Preparedness Workshop as well as a Whole of Community Workshop. Ms. Miller and Mr. John Sherwood gave a presentation on JCHSEM's Disaster Ready Kids Program.

Ms. Mehling reported on the July 27, 2011, Quarterly Partnership Luncheon. A presentation was given by Mary Ann Tierney, FEMA Region III Administrator. The luncheon was well attended and Volunteers and organizations were commended for their hard work and presented with awards.

New Business

Ms. Mehling announced the County Fair will be August 21-27, 2011. JCHSEM is currently working on new displays for the fair. If anyone is interested in volunteering at our booth, please contact Ms. Maggio.

Ms. Miller announced there will be a Mass Fatalities Course at Pipestem State Park, August 22-25, 2011. Ms. Miller reviewed the list of attendees that will be from Jefferson County. A discussion followed.

Ms. Mehling announced this year's September National Preparedness Month will focus on the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and how we are better now than then. Ms. Mehling reviewed a list of activities that

was handed out to committee members. JCHSEM has signed up to be a Coalition Member. Anyone is able to join and take the initiative of participating in preparedness month activities. Ms. Hite reviewed the Health Departments POD exercise.

Ms. Maggio announced she will be attending the E-953 ICS All Hazards PIO TTT Course, September 12-16 at EMI, in Emmitsburg, MD.

Ms. Miller announced letters have gone out to those who need to take NIMS Courses and/or update their NIMSCAST.

Ms. Miller announced JCHSEM will be using an online Volunteer Management System called CERVIS. JCHSEM has received training on how to manage the program. Ms. Mehling is putting together a database for CERVIS to transfer our information into the program. A discussion followed.

Ms. Mehling announced the recommended EMI Course for August is IS-244—Developing and Managing Volunteers—<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is244.asp>.

Member Sharing

Ms. Miller announced a Mass Care Grant has been released by the State. In order to be eligible this year you must prove how you are implementing the whole of community initiative as well as putting together a Mass Care Plan aside from the EOP Annex. The grant minimum is 20,000 with a maximum of 150,000.

Ms. Dunbar announced Good Shepherd Caregivers received the Governor's Good Service Award.

Ms. Hite reviewed with the committee her recent attendance at the CDC Conference in Atlanta, GA. Ms. Hite announced she is currently up to date with NIMS training.

Mr. Davis announced he currently finished NIMS 300 and 400.

Ms. Dunbar asked when NIMS must be completed. Ms. Miller replied the last date to turn in certificates is September 15, 2011.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management's Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee will be held on September 14, 2011 at Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 8:30 a.m.

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Get Ready for the Nationwide EAS Test

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On November 9, 2011, at 2 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST), the FCC and FEMA will conduct the first-ever, nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). EAS alerts are transmitted over radio and television broadcast stations, cable television and other media services. The purpose of the November 9th test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the system as a way to alert the public during nationwide emergencies. Although FEMA and the FCC are taking steps to ensure that broadcast announcements are made during the test, some people may not see or hear these announcements and, as a result, 9-1-1 Call Centers may receive calls. That is why both agencies are conducting various outreach activities to educate 9-1-1 Call Centers and other public safety agencies about the test. In addition, the FCC has established a website dedicated to the November 9th test which can be found on PSHSB's website at www.fcc.gov/psbs. Moreover, both agencies plan to work with EAS stakeholders to educate the public in advance of the test.

In existence since 1994, the EAS is an alert and warning system designed to transmit emergency alerts and warnings to the public at the national, state, tribal and local levels. EAS Participants broadcast alerts and warnings regarding weather alerts, child abductions and other types of emergencies. Although local and state components of the EAS are tested on a weekly and monthly basis, there has never been an end-to-end nationwide test or a national activation of the system. We need to know that the system will work as intended should public safety officials ever need to send an alert or warning to a large region of the United States. Only a top-down, simultaneous test of all components of the EAS on a nationwide basis can do this.

On November 9th at 2 PM EST, FEMA will transmit the EAS code for national emergencies. The EAS code and alert will be rebroadcast by broadcast stations and other service providers until it has been distributed throughout the entire country and U.S. territories.

What can state, tribal and local government agencies do to help? The FCC suggests a number of steps to prepare for the test. These include:

- Getting the word out about the November 9th test to state, tribal and local 9-1-1 call centers, first responder agencies and any other government agencies, as appropriate;
- Working with EAS Participants in your state to ensure that your state's EAS Plan is up-to-date; and
- Participating in monthly tests of your state's EAS.

Although the EAS test will be initiated by FEMA, state, tribal and local governments can use the test as an opportunity to educate appropriate public safety and other government officials and staff about the EAS, how it works, when it should be activated, etc. Finally, the FCC asks state, tribal and local government officials to help inform residents within your jurisdictions in advance of the test, so that they will know what to expect. Although the nationwide test will be similar to the monthly and weekly tests that the public is used to, there will be some differences. For example, the November 9th test will be longer - approximately three minutes - compared to the usual two minute monthly test.

Additional information can be found at the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau website at www.fcc.gov/psbs.



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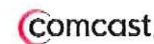
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Ms. Mehling, Deputy Director, opened the meeting with approval of minutes. Sandy Hite moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting and Kristen Lewis seconded the motion, all approved.

Old Business

Ms. Maggio reported the Disaster Ready Kids Summer Program was very successful with a total of around 500 students that participated. JCHSEM is now involved with Fire Safety Month for October.

Ms. Mehling reported on the Jefferson County Fair, August 21-27. There was less building traffic this year. Surveys are still being assessed to see how well prepared Jefferson County residents are. JCHSEM had to leave the booth early due to weather, but displays and handouts were left out.

Ms. Hite reviewed the Mass Fatalities Course held at Pipestem State Park, August 22-25, 2011. Ms. Hite named those who attended from Jefferson County. During the course, members created a list of what resources were needed in Jefferson County to handle 50 fatalities. Ms. Hite noted the Jefferson County Health Department as well as Jefferson Memorial Hospital applied for the Mass Casualties Grant. A discussion followed.

Ms. Mehling reviewed events that took place during National Preparedness Month in September. NPM was very successful.

Ms. Maggio reported on her recent training in Emmitsburg, MD, E-953 ICS All Hazards Public Information Officer TTT on September 12-15. The course needs a few adjustments, but overall it was a good course.

Ms. Mehling announced Ms. Miller and Ms. Hite worked with Boy Scouts from Jeffrey Polczynski's troop. They were able to earn their Emergency Preparedness Badges.

Ms. Mehling noted she is still working on creating a volunteer database to give to CERVIS to upload online to their volunteer management system.

New Business

Ms. Mehling discussed with the committee the earthquake that took place on August 23, 2011. JCHSEM received minimal calls and there were some damages reported.

Ms. Mehling discussed the effects of Hurricane Irene on Jefferson County. JC received a lot of rain, but nothing major.

THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON

The city of Boston, situated on a neck of land between the harbor and the bay, was first settled by a group of Puritan emigrants from England in 1630. The settlement was founded by John Winthrop, who led a group of about 1,000 people to the area, which they named Boston in honor of the English city of Boston.

The city grew rapidly in the following years, and by 1639 it had become the largest city in the New England colonies. It was a center of trade and commerce, and its harbor was one of the busiest in the world.

The city was also a center of education and culture. In 1635, the first public school in the colonies was founded in Boston. The city was also home to the first printing press in the colonies, which was established in 1639.

The city's growth was hampered by a series of wars and conflicts, including the King Philip's War (1675-1676) and the French and Indian War (1754-1764). Despite these challenges, the city continued to grow and prosper, and by the late 18th century it had become one of the most important cities in the United States.

The city's role in the American Revolution was significant. It was the site of the Boston Tea Party in 1773, and the British evacuated the city in 1776. The city was then occupied by the Continental Army, and it played a key role in the Siege of Boston (1775-1776).

The city's growth continued in the 19th century, as it became a major center of industry and commerce. The city was home to many of the leading businesses and industries of the time, including shipbuilding, textiles, and manufacturing.

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The city's growth was also reflected in its architecture and urban planning. The city was home to many of the finest buildings and structures of the time, and its streets and parks were well-planned and maintained.

The city's role in the American Civil War was also significant. It was a major center of support for the Union, and it was the site of many important events and battles. The city's harbor was a key strategic point, and it played a major role in the war.

The city's growth continued in the 20th century, as it became a major center of industry and commerce. The city was home to many of the leading businesses and industries of the time, including shipbuilding, textiles, and manufacturing.

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Ms. Mehling reported Ms. Miller and John Mills attended the LEPC/SERC Conference September 12-15, 2011. Ms. Miller had mentioned there were a few informative workshops that she attended.

Ms. Hite reported on the Jefferson County Health Department's exercise on September 20, 2011. Ms. Hite coordinated a Flu Clinic with Jefferson High School. She reported on issues she faced while setting up the POD. An After Action Report is being created and will be sent to the State as well as the JC School Board.

Ms. Mehling reported Ms. Hite gave a Public Health Emergency Overview to CERT Members on September 27, 2011. Ms. Hite was very pleased with the turnout of interested volunteer. She has received 5 volunteers who are interested in assisting during a public health emergency. Ms. Mehling went over the presentation. Ms. Hite noted she is working on a training plan and a full course for volunteers who are interested. A discussion followed.

Ms. Mehling announced October is Fire Prevention Month at JCHSEM. This year's slogan is "It's Fire Prevention Week! Protect Your Family From Fire!"

Ms. Mehling announced JCHSEM's Quarterly Partnership Luncheon will be October 26, 2010 at noon located at the National Conservation Training Center. The cost of lunch will be \$9 for one time through and \$12 for unlimited. If you are interested in attending please contact her by October 21, 2011. Ms. Miller has invited Lorraine Kelly who is the new Eastern Panhandle Red Cross Community Executive to speak at the luncheon.

Ms. Mehling announced there are new CERT materials that will be incorporated into the upcoming session. Students will not be able to keep materials, but will receive them on a CD. This coming Thursday instructors will attend a class to learn about the new changes in the material. The next CERT class will start November 1 and will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9 pm.

Ms. Mehling gave committee members information relating to the Nationwide EAS Test that will be on November 9 at 2 pm. The test will last for about 3 minutes.

Ms. Mehling announced the recommended EMI Course for September is, IS-11a—Animals in Disaster Community Planning—<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is11a.asp>.

Ms. Mehling announced the recommended EMI Course for October is, IS-546a—Continuity of Operations Awareness—<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is546a.asp>.

Member Sharing

Ms. Mehling announced there will be a Rabies Clinic October 29, 2011. Information was handed out to committee members.

Ms. Lewis announced she is currently working on retaining volunteers. She is in the process of constructing training to keep volunteers up to date and interested.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management's Public Awareness, Education and Training Committee will be held on November 9, 2011 at Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 8:30 a.m.

