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# Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Public Awareness, Education & Training Committee October 9, 2013 9:00am Agenda

## I. Call to Order

- II. Approval of September 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes.
- III. Old Business
  - 1. Mass Fatalities Conference update October 29 & 30
  - 2. Disaster Ready Kids Program June 1 thru September 30
  - 3. Regional Exercises: TTX June 26; FE August 9 in Hampshire County; Full Scale on Saturday, September 14 -- Jefferson Capabilities to be tested are Mass Fatalities, Medical Surge, and EOC Operations
  - 4. National Preparedness Month September
  - 5. Barb Miller and Terri Mehling attended Public Assistance Eligibility Class at Chief Logan State Park September 17-19
  - 6. Fire Safety Month October Taking requests now!
  - 7. Barb Miller and Jeff Polczynski attended SIRN Conference Camp Dawson October 7-8

## IV. New Business

- 1. Fire Prevention Week October 6 12
- 2. EOC Operations and Planning for All-Hazards October 15 &16
- 3. Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery -- October 22 -- County Maintenance Department -- register online via WVDMAPS
- 4. Public Service Banquet at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races 6:30pm 9:00pm October 22 \$10 tickets available at Chamber of Commerce by October 18
- 5. Quarterly Partnership Lunchéon Noon November 6 at NCTC Shepherdstown pending govt shutdown
- 6. CERT Session begins November 12
- 7. Regional Training, Exercise, Planning Workshop (TEPW) in Hampshire County November 19
- 8. WVDHSEM 2014 Training Schedule See Attached
- 9. Recommended EMI Courses for October -- IS-322 -- Flood Mitigation Basics for Flood Mitigation Staff http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS322.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 13** at the Jefferson County EOC at 9:00am.

## Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Public Awareness Committee September 9, 2013 Minutes

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Public Awareness Committee met at Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management offices on September 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Sandy Hite, Jefferson County Health Department; Terri Mehling, JCHSEM; Barbara Miller, JCHSEM; Sandee Niles, Red Cross Volunteer; Debbi Palmer, Eastern Panhandle American Red Cross; and Kelly Parsons, Chairperson, Nichols, DeHaven, & Associates.

### Introductions

Ms. Parsons, Chairperson, opened the meeting. Sandee Niles motioned to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2013 meeting, all approved.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Ms. Hite has been working on the Mass Fatalities Conference and Plan. The conference will be October 29 and 30 at the Quality Hotel. There are currently approximately 50 registrants. The Jefferson County Mass Fatalities Plan has been finalized and was adopted by the Board of Health on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Miller noted that the Disaster Ready Kids Program will continue until September 30<sup>th.</sup> There are still a few requests from schools that Ms. Owens is working on at the moment. Immediately following this program, the Fire Prevention Month program will begin and last through the month of October.

Ms. Miller stated that JCHSEM will be participating in an exercise coordinated by the EPA and WV Homeland Security Region 3. The capabilities to be tested in Jefferson County include: mass fatalities, medical surge, EOC operations-communications, public information, and ICS/EOC interface. The tabletop exercise was held in Berkeley County on June 26<sup>th</sup> and the functional exercise was held in Hampshire County on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The full-scale exercise will be held on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in all 7 counties of WV Homeland Security Region 3.

Ms. Mehling reported that the Dam Safety Workshop was held on August 8, 2013 at Lake Shannondale. It was taught by the West Virginia Dam Safety office and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. Different types of dams and possible breaches were discussed.

Ms. Mehling stated that JCHSEM received an invitation to participate in Charles Town's Third Thursday in August by Bob Shefner of Jefferson County Community Ministries. JCHSEM shared a booth space with Community Ministries and handed out information and flyers regarding emergency preparedness.

JCHSEM had a booth at the Jefferson County Fair from August 18<sup>th</sup> -August 24<sup>th</sup>. Information about our office, the LEPC, CERT, and FEMA brochures on emergency preparedness were handed out to citizens. Ms. Mehling noted that she thought participation at the fair was down this year compared to previous years.

Ms. Mehling stated that the LEPC/ SERC Conference took place August 26<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> in Charleston, WV. Ms. Miller, Ms. Mehling, Mr. Green, and Ms. Hite all attended. During the conference, Ms. Mehling received her reaccreditation as a level III WV Emergency Manager. Some of the other information discussed at the conference included a discussion about Tier II reporting and a demonstration on how to disarm an active shooter.

## **New Business:**

Ms. Miller reminded the committee that September is National Preparedness Month. JCHSEM's biggest activities for this month include training and the upcoming exercise on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Palmer noted that the Red Cross will be doing presentations this month at the Target and K-Mart in Martinsburg. Ms. Owens will also be giving a disaster preparedness presentation on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson County Council on Aging.

Independent Fire Company will be having a September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Ceremony on September 11, 2013 at 9:58 a.m. outside their fire house. Our office will be attending this event.

Ms. Miller reported that Public Assistance Eligibility Training will be held at Chief Logan State Park on September 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Both Ms. Miller and Ms. Mehling will be attending this training taught by FEMA and WVDHSEM. This class will teach how to get expenditures reimbursed after a disaster through better documentation.

Ms. Miller noted that Ms. Owens is working on Fire Safety Month with the local schools and daycares. She sent out information last week to numerous schools about how to contact our office to schedule presentations. Our office has many books, DVDs, and VHS tapes on fire safety for the children.

Ms. Miller stated that the West Virginia SIRN Conference will be at Camp Dawson in Kingwood on October 6<sup>th</sup>-October 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jeff Polczynski, JCECC Director, will be teaching six classes at the Conference.

A 'Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery' course will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Jefferson County Maintenance Building. A pretest is required for this course. This course is ideal for all public information officers.

Ms. Miller stated that the Regional Training, Exercise, Planning Workshop (TEPW) will be held in Hampshire County this year. This workshop will most likely be held in November.

The recommended EMI course for September is IS-271a--Anticipating Hazardous Weather and Community Risk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition <a href="http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS271a.asp">http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS271a.asp</a>

## Member Sharing:

Ms. Mehling stated that she is hoping to have another C.E.R.T. training session by the end of this year. This training will most likely start in November.

Ms. Palmer noted that she wants to work with insurance companies in October to try to convince the residents in her 8 counties to buy homeowner or renter insurance.

Ms. Hite announced that she has officially been hired by the Jefferson County Health Department.

Ms. Niles reported that she has made it through the first phase of the application process for the NOAA Commissioned Corps.

Ms. Miller stated that Tropical Storm Humberto has come into existence in the Atlantic Ocean near Africa. It is expected to become a hurricane by Wednesday. Hurricane season does not end until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Miller also shared the Farmer's Almanac prediction that our area will receive its first measurable snowstorm the first week of November. Two nor'easters are also expected in January and February.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9 at Jefferson County EOC at 9:00am.

**2014 TRAINING SCHEDULE** 

G290 BASIC PIO (16 HRS) JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

Chief Logan Conference Center (Carla McBee)

G291 JOINT INFORMATION SYSTEM/CENTER PLANNING FOR PIO'S (8 HRS) FEBUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

North Bend State Park (Don Williams)

G270.4 RECOVERY FROM DISASTER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROLE (16 HRS) MARCH  $18^{\text{TH}}$ - $19^{\text{TH}}$ , 2014

Pipestem State Park (Jeff Harvey)

G557 RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT (12 HRS) APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> -16<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

Cacapon State Park (Don Williams)

G386 MASS FATALITIES INCIDENT RESPONSE (17 HRS) MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

Twin Falls State Park (Carla McBee)

G364 MULTI HAZARD PLANNING FOR SCHOOLS (16HRS) JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> -18<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

Hawks Nest State Park (Don Williams)

G272 WARNING COORDINATION (12 HRS) JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

Blackwater Falls State Park (Dave Bradley)

G358 EVACUATION AND RE-ENTRY PLANNING (12 HRS) AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

Tygart Lake State Park (Dave Bradley)

G775 EOC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS (16 HRS) SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>-17<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

Chief Logan Conference Center (Dave Bradley)

Total hours offered at the State level = 125