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# Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Public Awareness, Education & Training Committee September 9, 2013 1:00pm Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of August 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes.
- III. Old Business
  - 1. Mass Fatalities Plan/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. Dam Owner Workshop August 8
  - 5. Third Thursday event August 15
  - 6. JCHSEM booth at the Jefferson County Fair August 18-23
  - 7. Barb Miller and Terri Mehling attended LEPC/SERC Conference August 25-23

## **IV. New Business**

- 1. National Preparedness Month September
- 2. Independent Fire Company 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony September 11 at 9:58am
- 3. Barb Miller and Terri Mehling to attend Public Assistance Eligibility Class at Chief Logan State Park September 17-19
- 4. Fire Safety Month October Taking requests now!
- 5. Barb Miller and Jeff Polczynski to attend SIRN Conference Camp Dawson October 7-8
- 6. Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery -- October 22 County Maintenance Department register online via WVDMAPS
- 7. Regional Training, Exercise, Planning Workshop (TEPW) in Hampshire County date TBA
- 8. Recommended EMI Courses for September -- IS-271a -- Anticipating Hazardous Weather and Community Risk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS271a.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 **October 9** at the Jefferson County EOC at 9:00am.

## Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Public Awareness Committee August 14, 2013 Minutes

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Public Awareness Committee met at Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management offices on August 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Patricia Davis, CERT Volunteer; Terri Mehling, JCHSEM; Sandee Niles, Red Cross Volunteer; Jessica Owens, JCHSEM; and Annie Wheat, Ameriworks.

### Introductions

Ms. Mehling opened the meeting. Ms. Wheat motioned to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting, all approved.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Ms. Mehling reported that the Jefferson County All Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan has been approved by the County Commission, all of the municipalities, and the state office. Our office is still waiting on the approval letter from FEMA. The plan is available for review on the County's website.

Ms. Mehling gave an update on the Resilient Neighbors Network, which is a part of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association. Jefferson County was chosen as one of ten communities from the country to participate in this network. Each month there is a conference call among the communities to provide updates and exchange ideas. Ms. Miller gave a presentation about Jefferson County during the Annual All-Hazards Consortium Meeting conference call.

Ms. Mehling announced that the Jefferson County Mass Fatalities Plan, which Ms. Hite of the Jefferson County Health Department was working on, has been finalized and was adopted by the Board of Health on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Hite is also the Incident Commander for the upcoming Mass Fatalities Conference on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Quality Hotel Conference Center in Harpers Ferry, WV.

Ms. Mehling reported that Ms. Owens is working on the Disaster Ready Kids Program which started on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will last until September 30<sup>th</sup>. This program is designed to teach children about different types of disasters that could occur in Jefferson County and how they can prepare for them.

Ms. Mehling stated that Ms. Owens attended the Advanced Public information Officer course at the Emergency Management Institute from June 24<sup>th</sup>-June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Mehling noted that Ms. Miller attended the Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities course at the Bank of Romney on July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Mehling reported that there was an Awareness Level Small Animal Emergency Sheltering Class at the Jefferson County Maintenance Building on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This course was taught by members of the Florida State Animal Response Coalition. We are hopeful that more training on the awareness level will be available in the future.

The Quarterly Partnership Luncheon on July 24<sup>th</sup> was held at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown. Sheriff Dougherty was our guest speaker and talked about different activities and progress that the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department has made since he was appointed as Sheriff.

Ms. Mehling 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.

## **New Business:**

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. The owners of the dam at Lake Shannondale were present at this meeting and have committed to meeting with our office after November 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss updating their emergency action plan. At least 35-40 people from around the state attended this workshop.

JCHSEM will have a booth in conjunction with Jefferson County Community Ministries at this week's Third Thursday event in Charles Town. We will be handing out brochures and information about emergency preparedness.

JCHSEM will have a booth at the Jefferson County Fair from August 18<sup>th</sup> -August 24<sup>th</sup>. The booth will be located in building 2, space 14. We will be handing out information about our office, the LEPC, CERT, and FEMA brochures on emergency preparedness.

Ms. Mehling stated that she and Ms. Miller will be attending the LEPC/ SERC Conference from August 26<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> in Charleston, WV. Ms. Mehling will be receiving her reaccreditation for her emergency management level 3 with the state of West Virginia.

Ms. Mehling 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 she and Ms. Miller will be attending this training taught by FEMA. This class will teach how to get expenditures reimbursed after a disaster through better documentation.

The Jefferson County Animal Welfare Society will be having its Paws & Claws Dinner and Auction on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. The cost to attend is \$50 per person. They also have a wish list of items they are in need of which include paper towels, high efficiency laundry detergent, and 55 gallon trash bags.

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. This course is ideal for all public information officers.

The recommended EMI course for August is IS-42--Social Media in Emergency Management. <a href="http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS42.asp">http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS42.asp</a>

## Member Sharing:

Ms. Mehling announced that she will be going on vacation during the last week of September.

Ms. Davis is working on her Capstone project for her degree.