

## Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

DATE: JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

CHAIR: Amanda Loach

RECORDER: Andrew Preis

**MEMBERS PRESENT** (P = Present, O = Online, A=Absent, AE=Absent/excused)

<b><u>LEPC Voting Members:</u></b>		<b><u>Other Agencies Represented:</u></b>	<b><u>Other Attendees:</u></b>
Chairperson – Amanda Loach	P		
Doug Lamkin – Building Owner / Manager		Chelsea McDonald – Vulcan Towing	O
George Vakalis – SERC / Member-at-Large	P	Adela Keel - DOH	O
Alyssa Farrar – Local Environmental	P	Kaela Watson - DOH	O
Manch Garhart – First Aid / EMS	O	Jason Young - OEM	P
Ashley Lally -	P	Erin Zackery – OEM	P
Lore Olson – Hospitals	O	Brenda Ahlberg – KPBE EM	P
John Huffman – Local Disaster Planning / CERT	O	Kathy Shea – AKDEC	P
Brian Dean – AFD Fire Marshal	P	Mikal Hawk – 103 <sup>rd</sup> CST	P
Brian Wilson – APD Captain	P		
<b><u>Support Staff:</u></b>			
Sean Mackenzie-OEM	P		
Andrew Preis-OEM	P		
<b><u>Ex-Officio Members (non-voting):</u></b>			
Aviva Braun - Weather			
<b><u>Reporting Agencies:</u></b>			
Community Right to Know (CRTK) - Jean Boyda	AE		
State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)	P		
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) – Rai Sempliciano	P		
Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection (APIP) – Shawna Watson / Robert Carmichael	A		
Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG) – Michael Kubler	O		
Communications (AWARN/ALMR) Jason Beach	A		
Anchorage Health Department (AHD) - Renee Aguilar	P		
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT/Citizen Corp)	O	John Huffman, Manch Garhart	
Emergency Operations Center		(Andrew Preis)	

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP
<b>AGENDA/ITEM</b> Call to Order and Introductions	Meeting called to order by Chair Loach – 1:00pm		<b>FOLLOW-UP</b> (Track, Open, Close)
Welcome and Roll Call	Welcome & Rollcall – Andrew Preis Committee members present: 9/10 (quorum)		
Safety Minute	<p><b>Brian Dean, Fire Marshal AFD:</b> Wildfire season safety tips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AKFIREINFO.COM good site for current fires around the state, and looking up fire weather forecasts.</li> <li>- Warm dry weather so far this season, along with lightning strikes</li> </ul> <p>Have a plan for fire mitigation around the home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clean up and remove combustible materials from around the home</li> <li>- Clean out gutters, keep screens in place so embers can't enter home</li> <li>- Talk with your families and neighbors about ready, set, go and what it means</li> <li>- Ready means property and go kits are all ready for occupant departure when ordered</li> <li>- Set means kits are by the door, plan to leave if necessary or ordered to, monitoring current conditions. <b>KEY POINT:</b> people don't have to wait for someone from the fire dept or police dept to tell them to leave</li> <li>- GO means leave home because there is an incident nearby and there is potential to harm property and people</li> <li>- Pay attention to local conditions especially during these dry spells</li> <li>- Pulse Point app can also show current conditions and incidents in the community</li> </ul>		
Consent Agenda- Approval of previous meeting minutes from 12/13/23	Approval of previous meeting minutes: DECEMBER 13, 2023 MARCH 20, 2024	<p>Motion for December minutes: George Vakalis Second: Brian Dean Result: Pass unanimous</p> <p>Motion for March minutes: George Vakalis</p>	Andy to have Chair Loach sign approved minutes, post on LEPC website.

Agenda Item DISCUSSION RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS FOLLOW-UP

<p><b>Consent Agenda- Approval of Agenda for 3/20/24</b></p>	<p>Approval of previous and current meeting agendas: MARCH 20, 2024 JUNE 26, 2024</p>	<p>Second: Brian Dean Result: Pass unanimous</p> <p>Motion for March agenda: George Vakalis Second: Brian Dean Result: Pass unanimous</p> <p>Motion for June agenda: George Vakalis Second: Brian Dean Result: Pass unanimous</p>	
<p><b>Presentation</b></p>	<p><b>Brenda Ahlberg, KPB EM:</b> Ready, Set, Go evacuation program presentation (see attached slide show presentation)</p>		<p>Andy to include slides in meeting notes</p>
<p><b>AGENCY REPORTS: Community Right to Know Act (CRTK)</b></p>	<p>Jean Boyda, AFD/CRTK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Written report submitted, read by Andy</li> <li>- CRTK reports are still being processed for billing, there have been 434 reports submitted through the E-Plan online system as 6/18/24.</li> <li>- Certificates of Compliance are being sent out as confirmation of invoice payments are received.</li> </ul>		<p>Follow up questions for Jean, what is the total number of facilities that SHOULD be reporting? And how does that number ever decrease? In other words, how does a facility drop the obligation to report?</p> <p>Andy to include slides in meeting notes</p>
<p><b>Emergency Plans</b></p>	<p>Sean MacKenzie – OEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OEM Strategic Plan (see attached slideshow presentation)</li> </ul>		
<p><b>State Emergency Response Committee (SERC)</b></p>	<p>George Vakalis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance committee meetings are still not happening due to the continued absence of funding</li> <li>- George submitted report to SERC regarding funding, read out loud at this meeting. Spoke about reinstating funding importance and the mass amount of good it would do</li> <li>- Most impacted are the smaller communities that don't have the tax base or other resources to fund LEPC responsibilities (public safety, emergency management)</li> <li>- Anchorage, Mat-Su, Nome all wrote letters of support of reinstating the funding again by the State. There was a suggestion at the last</li> </ul>		





<p><b>Citizen Corps/CERT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reported out by Lore at ANMC</li> <li>- Wrapping up grant activities and reporting</li> </ul>		
	<p>John Huffman – UAA Emergency Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ammonia leak: situation resolved. Contractor onsite last week to fix permeable pipe. External after action review in the next couple weeks.</li> <li>- Happy to present on the ammonia leak at our next LEPC meeting</li> <li>- C-CERT: relatively quiet. Have a few activities coming up for the team. Membership stays strong</li> <li>- LEPC Research: Research proposal approved, soon to conduct surveys of Alaska LEPCs. Hoping for good participation in this study</li> </ul> <p>Manch Garhart, Girdwood VFD/CERT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to add</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possibly have John Huffman present at a future LEPC meeting about the ammonia incident response.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>MOA Emergency Operations Center</b></p>	<p>Andrew Preis – Programs Manager, OEM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Notes included below</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Ex-Officio member comments</b></p>	<p>Aviva Braun, NWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N/A</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Break</b></p>	<p>Break 2:11 – 2:20pm</p>	<p>Motion: Second: Result:</p>	
<p><b>Unfinished Business:</b></p>	<p><u>Funding letter to State</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Effort will be made to keep the State accountable</li> <li>- Vakalis, suggested there continue to be two lines of attack. One is to go through the administrative side to budget for LEPCs specifically. Then too, the Legislative side can add things to the budget, but may later be vetoed by the Governor, and may not have said veto overturned by the Legislature</li> </ul>		

<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p>Bylaw update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair mentioned that she shared the bylaws out to the LEPC a month ahead according to current stipulations, with changes and updates indicated</li> <li>- Kathy Shea, AKDEC reviewed bylaw updates as an LEPC liaison and SME</li> <li>- Roles and responsibilities need to be clarified as being "all hazards"</li> <li>- Clarifying the LEPC as an advisory committee for emergency management in the MOA is important</li> <li>- Making sure national standards (EMAP) for emergency management are covered in the bylaws</li> <li>- Alyssa to send in suggested edits for spelling and grammar changes to OEM for consideration</li> <li>- Discussion about administering a term limit for committee members, but no strong opinion to add this into the bylaws</li> <li>- Anchorage LEPC is missing membership from media, transportation, building owners and managers (BOMA), utilities like Enstar, JBER</li> <li>- Revision needed to clarify how members get on and off the committee, including the application form in the bylaws</li> <li>- Tabling the rest of the new business items to next LEPC meeting in the fall</li> </ul>		<p>Bylaw updates to be made by OEM staff</p> <p>Updated draft to be sent back out to LEPC membership for final review</p> <p>At Q3 LEPC meeting, have a final vote on new version of bylaws</p> <p>Kathy Shea, AKDEC to report out on other tabled discussion topics at Q3 LEPC meeting</p>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andy Kendrick, pipeline compliance and integrity consultant in the Anchorage area.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Would like to present at the next LEPC meeting on the DOT requirements put on pipeline</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Chelsea McDonald, Vulcan Towing             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Offers a range of equipment and capabilities for disaster recoveries</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Michael Hawk, Medical officer with 103<sup>rd</sup> CST, introduced the mission of the team.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible future presentations by Andy Kendrick and 103<sup>rd</sup> CST.</li> <li>- Future discussions with Vulcan Towing in more detail about what they can provide and do in disaster response and recovery.</li> </ul>	<p>Andy Preis to follow up with both entities between now and Q3 LEPC meeting to see about presentations</p>



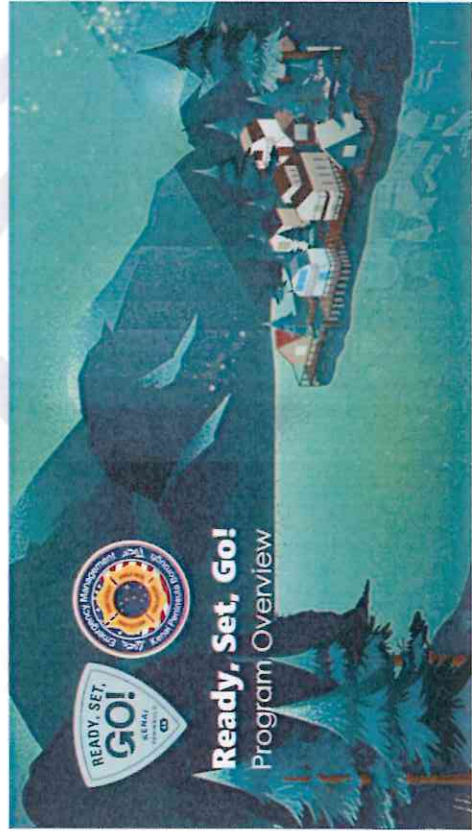


MOA EOC updates for Q2, 2024 LEPC 6-26-2024  
 2024 State Rehearsal of Concept Drill:

- Theme of drill was community-based last tactical mile distribution\*
- OEM/EOC director and program manager participated all 3 days
- Lots of good opportunities to learn from partners and key stakeholders at the local, State, Federal levels as well as private industry and non profits
- OEM preparing for participation in similar drill in 2025

Bi-annual LEPCA/SERC meetings were in April, OEM represented  
 Ammonia leak incident at UAA

- May 24 got the notice from UAA EM that there was developing situation at UAA regarding ammonia leakage
- UAA performed some closures of buildings and worked with civil support team for monitoring equipment. OEM staff kept in touch after hours through duty officer over the weekend
- May 28 update was the system was mostly drained and stable, buildings could reopen, contractor to come in and drain the remainder of the system



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### RSG! Engaging Safety

The purpose of the RSG! Program seeks to generate personal accountability by empowering and engaging citizens to be aware, knowledgeable and responsible for their own safety during hazardous events. Our local RSG! Program provides resources to help communities gain an understanding of disaster response and mitigation actions that may be taken to reduce risk.

**Level 1**  
**Ready**  
Take steps now to prepare for emergencies.

**Level 2**  
**Set**  
Know when it's time to go.

**Level 3**  
**Go!**  
Evacuate the area now!



### KPB Alerts - Notifications

Scan to Register

KPB Alerts is a suite of resources that include social media, R911 and GIS products that supports unified messaging under the KPB Joint Information System.

- ✓ @KPBAlerts (Facebook and blog)
- ✓ info.kpb.us (multi-agency hub)
- ✓ KPBAlerts (R911 cellphone registration)

Is this system beneficial for evacuation and re-entry phases?  
For pushing all-clear messaging as a result of JPAWS?



**info.kpb.us**

Multi-agency hub, providing facts and awareness for disaster preparedness.

From flooding to wildfires, the maps and current data that are generated for each disaster topic comes from certified, credible sources.

Site Map Snapshot:

- ✓ Real Time Alerts
- ✓ Blog
- ✓ Plans
- ✓ KPBA Alerts Registration
- ✓ LEPC
- ✓ RSGI Products
- ✓ Response Data

Emergency Response Data

Authoritative data used during an emergency incident.

- Administration
- Public Safety
- Prevention
- Transportation

**BE AWARE, BE PREPARED**

**1 READY 2 SET 3 GO!**

TAKE STEPS NOW TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES AND HAZARDS.

- Protect Your Home**  
Have you inspected your home for hazards and emergency exits?
- Create A Plan**  
Do you have an emergency plan?
- Gather Supplies**  
How do I prepare for an emergency?
- Create Connections**  
Have you made any connections with neighbors?

**Level 1 – Be Ready**

Be aware. Be prepared. Promote cross-cultural perspectives of being in a "ready state" that encourages the public to be part of response as well as recovery.

Level 1 - Ready phase provides tips and templates for helping the public with a variety of preparedness topics.

Who are the 6 Ps?  
Who are our vulnerable populations at Level 1?

**KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO GO**

**1 READY 2 SET 3 GO!**

BE READY TO EVACUATE

- Have your bags packed and your plans made.
- Go now if you or a loved one need extra time.
- Move livestock or recreational vehicles.

**Level 2 – Get Set**

Often the public cannot decide when to evacuate during Level 2 phase, particularly when messaging continues to imply "be ready to evacuate."

Messaging needs to stress actions that must be completed in this phase. I.e. bags packed, plans shared, shelter location identified.

Level 2 - Set also encourage early evacuation for those that need extra time to leave the area.

Leaving early isn't just for folks with mobility issues, who or what else should leave now?

**GO! EVACUATE NOW!**

**1 READY 2 SET 3 GO!**

- Grab your bags and get out.
- Go to your shelter or away from the danger.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes.
- Stay Alert

**Level 3 – Go!**

Take the "PLEASE" out of the message. The urgency of leaving an evacuated area must be clear, concise and assertive. Keeping the public out of the evacuated area can also be challenging.

GO now! Evacuate the area now!

What's the percentage of folks that are not ready at Level 3?

What's your response to folks that refuse to leave?

Does your operations use "mandatory"?



### GO! or No Go?... Call Center Q/As

Call center operators are often asked:

- ✓ What if I don't want to leave?
- ✓ Can I bring my pets?
- ✓ What do I do with my livestock?
- ✓ Should we leave now or wait?
- ✓ Will my home be robbed if I leave too early?
- ✓ Why did my house get flagged?
- ✓ When can I return home?



### Management Action Points Operationalized



## Ready

Level 1

## Set

Level 2

## Go!

Level 3

### Why Color Matters: 2024 South Fork Fire

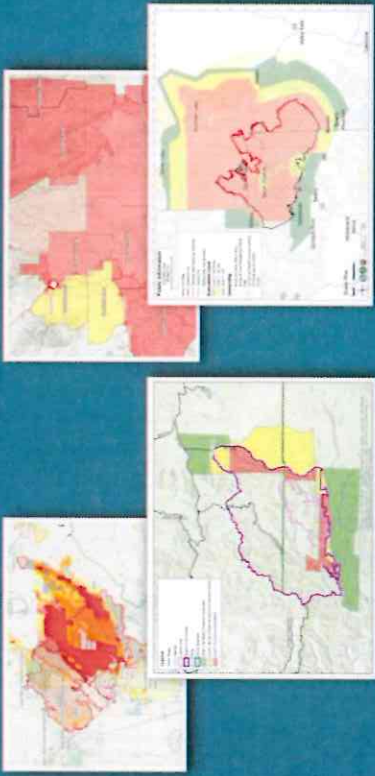


### Closed Areas: Does Green = Good?





### Closed Areas: Red = Danger. Stay Away!



### Closed Areas: Alaska Evacuation Examples



### Closed Areas: Red = Danger!

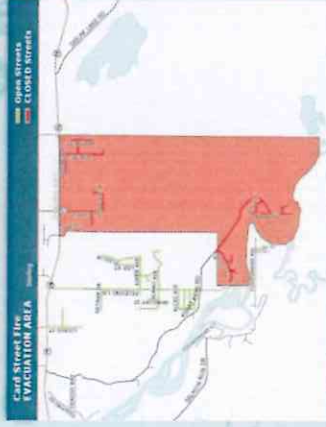


### Learn When to Return

Streets colored green indicate safe access for phased re-entry. Red indicates closed areas to the public.

Multiple resources used to distribute unified messaging. (e.g. shelters, R911, radio, social media, phone trees, static media, traplines, etc.)

Continued coordinated messaging with utility companies, solid waste, roads and other cooperators as areas are reopened.



## RSGI Campaign Components



<p><b>RSG Series Flyers</b></p> <p>Oval mascot series showcasing each level of preparedness</p>	<p><b>Visitor/Tourist Flyer</b></p> <p>Postcard distribution to Chambers of Commerce and tourism industries</p>	<p><b>Emergency Flyers</b></p> <p>Flyers updated each wildfire season, illustrating concise actions for each level</p>
<p><b>Learn When to Return Flyer</b></p> <p>Promote the importance of cellphone registration for re-entry notifications</p>	<p><b>Trifold Brochure</b></p> <p>RSGI Program highlights the all-hazards approach to preparedness</p>	<p><b>Website Components</b></p> <p>Real-time, credible sources aggregated onto one safe</p>

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**Online Sources**  
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