

## Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

DATE: DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 CHAIR: Amanda Loach  
 RECORDER: Andrew Preis

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

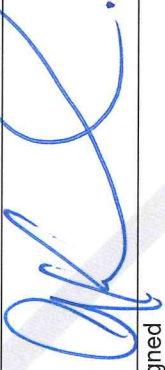
<b><u>LEPC Voting Members:</u></b>		<b><u>Other Agencies Represented:</u></b>	<b><u>Other Attendees:</u></b>
Chairperson – Amanda Loach	P		
Doug Lamkin – Building Owner / Manager		Kathy Shea - ADEC	O
George Vakalis – SERC / Member-at-Large	O	Erin Zackery – OEM	O
Alyssa Farrar – Local Environmental	O	Wendy Reese – OEM	O
Manch Garhart – First Aid / EMS	O	Erin Leaders – ADEC	O
Ashley Lally – Civil Defense	A		
Lore Olson – Hospitals	O		
John Huffman – Local Disaster Planning / CERT	O		
Brian Dean – AFD Fire Marshal	P		
Brian Wilson – APD Captain	AE		
<b><u>Support Staff:</u></b>			
Sean MacKenzie-OEM	P		
Andrew Preis-OEM	P		
<b><u>Ex-Officio Members (non-voting):</u></b>			
Dr. Michael Savitt - Health			
Aviva Braun - Weather	P		
<b><u>Reporting Agencies:</u></b>			
Community Right to Know (CRTK) - Jean Boyda	O		
State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)	O	(George Vakalis)	
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) – Roy English	O	Dave Reilly	
Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection (APIP) – Shawna Watson / Robert Carmichael	A		
Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG) – Lore Olson	O	(Lore Olson)	
Communications (AWARN/ALMR) Jason Beach	O		
Anchorage Health Department (AHD) - Renee Aguilar	P		
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT/Citizen Corp)	O	(John Huffman)	
Emergency Operations Center	P	(Andrew Preis)	



Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP
Emergency Plans	<p>Sean MacKenzie – OEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hazard Mitigation Planning. Update on the planning process, where to find the plan. Available online at the OEM website under the “mitigation” tab.</li> </ul>		
State Emergency Response Committee (SERC)	<p>George Vakalis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report</li> </ul>		
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS & EM)	<p>Dave Reilly, DHS&amp;EM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 12, 2024 for next LEPCA meeting. Hoping to hear back from Governor’s office that LEPC funding reinstated for the LEPC’s.</li> </ul>		
Alaska Partners for Infrastructure Protection (APIP)	<p>N/A</p>		
Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG)	<p>Lore Olson – Chair JMEPG, ANMC Preparedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working on a couple of projects, including alternate care facilities planning. New exec members coming online in 2024.</li> </ul>		
Communications: (AWARN/ALMR)	<p>Jason Beach – MOA Comms/Radio Shop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report.</li> </ul>		
Anchorage Health Department (AHD)	<p>Renee Aguilar, Elizabeth Whitney – AHD EP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participated in a comms drill yesterday. Also participated in a radiation TTX recently.</li> <li>- GIS project, partnering with OEM and MOA</li> <li>- GIS for a project to incorporate geo spatial information sharing.</li> </ul>		
Citizen Corps/CERT	<p>John Huffman – UAA Emergency Manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UAA CERT continuing to grow. Getting a team ready for AlaskEx activation, test some capabilities.</li> </ul> <p>Manch Garhart, Girdwood VFD/CERT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team still active, monthly meetings, maintaining capabilities.</li> </ul>		
Emergency Operations Center	<p><b>Andrew Preis – Programs Manager, OEM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EOC update to include work done during November snow storms and declared snow emergency. Additional planning for snow emergency response plan, kick off meeting</li> </ul>		

	<p>tomorrow, deadline for submission 12/31/23.</p> <p>Aviva Braun, NWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Notification of the issuance of more advisory messages, increase in frequency. Advisories are at forecaster's discretion right now, and have been. Current staff believe more advisories would be a beneficial approach, and their issuance does not happen "all the time" as anecdotal/historical information had warned.</li> </ul> <p>8-minute break</p> <p>Motion: Brian Dean</p> <p>Second: John Huffman</p> <p>Result: no objections, motion passes.</p> <p>Open positions ideas:</p>		
<p><b>Unfinished Business:</b></p>	<p>Open positions ideas:</p>	<p>LEPC committee members should feel free to do outreach and recruitment.</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p>New appointments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brian Dean, AFD Fire Marshal</li> <li>- Brian Wilson, APD Captain</li> </ul> <p>Snow Emergency Response Plan assignment to OEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OEM has been assigned the work by the Mayor to improve upon and add to the existing snow and ice management plan. This effort will incorporate all the other aspects of a snow emergency declaration and response/recovery effort.</li> </ul> <p>OEM is conducting strategic planning process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee members welcome to provide feedback and ideas to OEM in their process.</li> </ul> <p>N/A</p>		
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>		
<p><b>Committee Member Comment</b></p>	<p>Brian Dean – AFD participated with EPA to in annual hazardous materials site/facility check, response plans in place. Feedback from EPA was positive.</p> <p>Motion requested to adjourn meeting (time)</p>		
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT:</b></p>	<p>Motion requested to adjourn meeting (time)</p>		

Motion: Brian Dean  
Second: George Vakalis  
Meeting adjourned at: 2:30pm  
Next meeting will be Wednesday MARCH 20, 2024 1pm-3pm Loussac Library Moose Room/MS Teams hybrid



Signed

Date

6/26/2024

