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**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Regular Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2022  
via Zoom and in person at Harrigan Centennial Hall

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair White called to order the meeting of March 10, 2022 at 12:00pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

(Quorum established by at least one member present from four different categories.)

Present:

Category 1: Dave Miller, Assembly Liaison  
Category 2: George Bennett Jr (SEARHC); Shannon Freitas (SEARHC); Geraldine Laux (TSA)  
Category 3: Becky Meiers (LEPC PIO, KCAW)  
Category 4: Amy Zanuzoski (Sitka Counseling); Mim McConnell  
Category 5: Trish White, LEPC Vice-Chair (White's Pharmacy)  
Category 6: Mary Ann Hall (Retired Medical Technologist); Joel Hanson  
Category 7: Jennifer Klejka, LEPC Coordinator (SFD)

Absent:

Category 2: Fire Chief Craig Warren, LEPC Chair (SFD); Lance Ewers and Robert Baty (SPD)  
Category 3: vacancy(ies)  
Category 4: Justin Mullenix;  
Category 5: Scott Wagner (NSRAA)  
Category 6: Robert Hattle

Others Present: Jacyn Schmidt, Geoscience Coordinator, Sitka Sound Science Center; Lisa Busch, Director, Sitka Sound Science Center; and Lucas Goddard.

**C. APPROVAL of AGENDA: March 10, 2022**

LEPC meeting frequency under New Business, Item 3 will be placed on a future agenda.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of February 10, 2022.**

**M/S –to approve the minutes of February, 2022.**

**Motion carried.**

**E. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **SHARK/ARES Report:** Monthly meetings and weekly net tests continue. The annual field day in June is a great opportunity to learn how ham radio impacts and relates to emergency services.
2. **Broadcast Communications Update:** The 91.9 transmitter on Cathedral Arms was out and has been turned back on; throughout SE AK improvements are underway to translators system-wide. The Radio-to-Go is still being constructed. The annual Spring membership event for local public radio will begin April 4. Coast Alaska will meet this week to strategically discuss services provided to the region for information and public safety needs.

**F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. HazMat Report – Jenny Klejka reported Tier II filings of hazardous materials reports were due March 1. Only one business is outstanding due to a change in management
2. LEPC Public Information Officer (PIO) – none.
3. Sitka Red Cross – none.

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Coronavirus EOC updates**

The State changed the way coronavirus statistics are reported and all data is all provided by the State. Sitka is at low risk level: optional mask wearing. The EOC is not meeting regularly.

2. **Tsunami Inundation Mapping - None.**

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) Update: Bridge Loss EOP**

Jenny Klejka and Joel Hanson reviewed the updates to the Bridge Loss EOP. There were minor grammatic revisions. The substantive revisions had to do with transportation between Japonski and Baranof Islands in the event of a medical emergency; access to the City's power plant past the Indian River bridge. To obtain a copy of the updated plan, contact Jennifer Klejka, LEPC Coordinator at the Sitka Fire Hall ([Jennifer.klejka@cityofsitka.org](mailto:Jennifer.klejka@cityofsitka.org)).

2. **Sitka Sound Science Center: Landslide Risk Dashboard DRAFTED Static Text for LEPC Review**

Jacyn Schmidt of the Sitka Sound Science Center provided a comprehensive overview of the Landslide Risk Dashboard Drafted Static Text for LEPC review. The text will be used in the online dashboard being developed by Sitka Sound Science Center and its partners to provide information about landslide risks. After presenting the power point and committee discussion, Jacyn welcomed LEPC members to provide additional comments, suggested revisions and questions to directly to her at Sitka Sound Science Center ([jschmidt@sitkascience.org](mailto:jschmidt@sitkascience.org)).

**I. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Shannon Freitas announced SEARHC/Mt Edgecumbe Hospital will conduct a mass casualty exercise April 26, 2022 noon to 2pm. This will be a simulated plane crash of approximately 40 "patients". The exercise was postponed from fall 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**J. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA/DATE(S)**

Regular Meeting Date: monthly on the 2nd Thursday at noon.

The next regular meeting will be **April 14, 2022, at noon.**

**K. ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/S to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Vice-Chair White adjourned the meeting at 12:47pm.