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**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Regular Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2022  
Harrigan Centennial Hall

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Warren called to order the meeting of May 12, 2022 at 12:17pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Present:

Category 1: Dave Miller, Assembly Liaison  
Category 2: Fire Chief Craig Warren, LEPC Chair (SFD)  
Category 3: Becky Meiers, LEPC PIO (KCAW)  
Category 4: Amy Zanuzoski (Sitka Counseling)  
Category 6: Joel Hanson; Robert Hattle

Absent:

Category 2: George Bennett Jr (SEARHC); Shannon Freitas (SEARHC); Lance Ewers (SPD);  
Geraldine Laux (TSA); Robert Baty (SPD)  
Category 3: vacancy(ies)  
Category 4: Justin Mullenix; Mim McConnell, excused  
Category 5: Trish White, LEPC Vice-Chair (White's Pharmacy), excused; Scott Wagner (NSRAA),  
excused.  
Category 6: Mary Ann Hall (Retired Medical Technologist), excused.  
Category 7: Jennifer Klejka, LEPC Coordinator (SFD), excused

Others Present: None.

**C. APPROVAL of AGENDA: May 12, 2022**

The April 14, 2022 Minutes will be considered at the next regular LEPC meeting, September 8, 2022.

**D. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **SHARK/ARES Report:** Becky Meiers reported the amateur radio net continues to meet weekly. Development of a mobile command post also continues. Field Day will be all day June 25<sup>th</sup> at Mt Edgecumbe High School parking lot, providing those interested with a great opportunity to learn about ham radio and connecting with communities all over the USA.
2. **Broadcast Communications Update:** Becky Meiers attended the National Association of Broadcasters Meeting and the Alaska Broadcasters Meeting. At these meetings, Meiers met with officials of FEMA who work to provide energy back up and other emergency response resources for broadcasters in places that have been impacted by natural disasters. Meiers will be connecting with them over the next couple of weeks to talk further about how they can assist Alaska broadcasters to remain on the air through a natural disaster(s).

KCAW is considering the usefulness of its broadcast properties in terms of public service to the communities being served. In that context, Meiers is beginning to plan a move one of KCAW's translators from the roof top of Cathedral Arms to Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School. The elevation is about the same, and would make the translator accessible during any emergency. Meiers would like to meet with the Sitka School District Superintendent and welcomes input

from LEPC members. Chief Craig Warren would like to be involved in the planning for the translator relocation to Keet Gooshi Heen. Keet Gooshi Heen is the designated site to serve as the emergency operations center, as may be needed.

#### **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. HazMat Report –none.
2. LEPC Public Information Officer (PIO) – Chief Warren will assist the PIO in developing PSA's for preparations for an active volcano.
3. Sitka Red Cross – a contact for Red Cross was provided to member Hattle. Chief Warren stated it is immensely helpful when there is a local Red Cross representative. Currently Chief Warren must contact a representative from Juneau, and it takes days to obtain emergency housing authorization.

#### **F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Mt. Edgecumbe Volcanic Activity Report from Alaska Volcanic Observatory (AVO)**  
Chief Warren reported on his recent meeting with volcanologists (one whom grew up in Sitka). The volcanologists are not concerned about the recent activity; however, they are quite excited about the re-awakening of an old volcano. They will place sensors on Mt Edgecumbe, the first of which should have recently been situated in place by the date of this meeting, if they were able to keep to their schedule. A sweep of sensors on the volcano is desired by the volcanologists. They provided Chief Warren with booklets, information and ideas to draft an active volcano emergency plan. Chief Warren would like LEPC to be able to consider an emergency plan for an active volcano at LEPC's next meeting September 8, 2022. Topics that will be in the plan include: power distribution system; potable water and water system treatment; fallen ash removal and prevention of breathing ash (volcanic ash is fine, abrasive, slippery, heavy).
2. **Tsunami Inundation Mapping** – Chief Warren met on May 6 with scientists from University of Alaska Fairbanks. Tsunami Inundation Maps for two communities (Unalaska and Valdez) were provided as examples to show members what Sitka's inundation mapping could be like. A sample brochure map for Sitka was reviewed. Chief Warren noted a revision he would like to make to Sitka's map would include an insert of all the streets between the 25 foot to 35 foot elevation. LEPC members discussed the 25 foot to 35 foot levels recommended for evacuation. The maps will be modified for Sitka to shade in the areas up to 25 feet.

#### **G. NEW BUSINESS:** none.

#### **H. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Committee members recommended the roster be updated to remove those who have not attended in over a year. The Clerk's Office updates the rosters and notifies members when terms are up for renewal.

#### **I. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA/DATE(S)**

LEPC will recess for summer months June, July and August. The regular monthly meetings will resume in September on the 2nd Thursday at noon.

The next regular meeting will be **September 8, 2022, at noon.**

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Chair Warren adjourned the meeting. Motion carried.**

Chair Warren adjourned the meeting at 1:02pm.