

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING

April 3rd, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER - Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) 0804 → 1130
Association Co-Chair, Ms. Brenda Ahiberg and Association Chair Mr. Tom Vaden

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Administrative Announcements from Co-Chair

Approval of, and changes to, the agenda 1- changes Nancy - unanimous
2- 2h Forest

Approval meeting minutes - April 18, 2025 3- 2h Nancy
1st Kodiak

Old Business 4- 2h Forest
2nd Denali

- A. LEPC status reports - written - do @ end
- B. LEPC funding letters - AXEMA, Aleutians, NOAA, FWS, Kaverok, Nome, KPB, MSB,
Tom - approves \$3,000 for LEPC in process & approved

Correspondence/Communications/Presentations

- A. Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) - Bryan - no PPW
- B. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Spill Prevention and Response (SPAR) - Kathy Skora - Grant program - no PPW
pdf - website home heating oil tanks @ Alaska.gov - Aaron
- C. EPA - Huelkoetter - Lithium Ion Batteries - PPW
WIPs complicated, get help!

VII. New Business
A. Co-Chair Nomination

BA. Feedback on August 2024 and 2025 Juneau Glacial Outburst Flood: A look at the response and long-term recovery efforts, and how we can prepare for future events like 2026 "River Watch" - removed from agenda

CB. Discussion on Wildfire Preparedness efforts: A review of the 2025 fire season, with a focus on community preparedness and resource sharing. Standardized evacuation messaging, utilizing the statewide Ready, Set, Go! framework.

B. D.C. Public Alert and Warning Systems: Review current use of **IPAWS** and other local alert systems by LEPCs, and brainstorm ways to improve public awareness. - Vetchikan, Aaron, Tom, Amanda, Mio, Nancy, Amanda, Bryan, Eric, Brenda, - Ran by FEMA - operated by DHS&EM + best use practices

C. D.P. Discussion on rewrite of the 2018 LEPC Handbook: consider task assignments for updating this critical document to reflect current best practices and the specific challenges faced by Alaskan communities,

+ comments - little feedback
↳ policy, procedures, by-laws
↳ deadline - 2wks before MTG - TBD

AXEMA - 88 members

DOF - presentation II. + PPW + survey III.
Sarah Santos
Ready, Set, Go
campaign including website
- Nancy, Forest, Amanda, Amanda, Forest, V. Brenda, Ketchikan, Aaron, Bryan, Nancy, Ken, Eric, Aaron, Brenda

Networking session

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Public Comments

D. State LEPC for unincorporated areas. Looking for consistency + preparedness for disaster response + recovery. Kevin working on SERP.

Dr. Dany Scutter

- All-Hazards Clarification

also considering proposed SERC Bylaw and Procedure Manual draft changes.

John Huffman - UAA

- Questionnaire for Research + Betterment for LEPC

F.F. **Funding Gaps:** How can we better identify and apply for grants to address our vulnerabilities? - not discussed

New Business

Vote for Co-Chair - Tom Vacen

- open 4 nominations

• Tom Nominade
1st Aaron, 2nd Nancy

- Co-Chair Duties

- Co-Chair Term
↳ 2 year position staggered

F. **Mutual Aid Agreements:** A review of our existing mutual aid agreements to ensure clear protocols for resource sharing and support across jurisdictions. D?

VIII. LEPC Verbal Status Reports

Amanda - updates, Kodiak, Bristol Bay, Ken added new chair

SERC review AAs, request one for LEPC
↳ Emergency Plans - ~~work~~ committee

IX. Members Closing Comments

FNSB, MSB, Denali, Ketch, Petersburg, Nome

↳ April 21st
↳ Tabletop - onsite

Next meeting: Recommend Friday, October 16, 2026, held virtually

- New Logos - MOA, FNSB, Denali,

- All-Hazards Review Plan Committee - Rich

Adjourn - FNSB, Denali

Petersburg - Aaron - EOP expired since 2010 - update All-hazards
* hnelskoetter, torri@epa.gov - cyber security hacked - issue w/ sinens

Ketchikan - Miro

Denali - Forrest - looking to get a new chair or co-chair for Borough - HMP Expired

Matsu - Kara Cali II

FNSB - Nancy

Bristol Bay - Eric

Kodiak - Ken

Kodiak -

MOA - Amanda

KPB - Brenda

Nome - Tom

DHSEM - Dave

Other

Bryan Fisher - DHSEM

Kevin Knolton - ANTHE

Kathy Shay - DEC

Andrew Preis - MOA

Erin Leaders - DEC

Virginia Rux - NWS

Dr. Dany Scutter - Arctic security

Ariva B... - NWS

Mark Roberts - DHSEM

Kim Barenburg - DHSEM

John Werner - JBER

Tom Haggerty - BPA - Anc office

Emery Johnson - DoF

Sarah Santos - DoF

Neilman Huffman - UAA

Jeff Lafferty - DHSEM

FNSB: Site Inspections for Hazard Facilities
↳ request guide