MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Hey? Good morning, everyone. This is Rayson. I just want to let you all know that we got it looks like a couple more minutes. I just spoke with Tom Baden. He'll be the

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00:19:23.490 --> 00:19:27.009

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: the Lepca chair that will be driving the meeting this morning.

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00:19:27.375 --> 00:19:33.139

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: He's about to hop on a couple more minutes, so we'll give him a couple more minutes and see who else joins us, and we'll get this going.

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00:21:43.970 --> 00:21:46.630

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Hey? Good morning again, Tom. It's good to see you.

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00:22:02.340 --> 00:22:03.410

David Engel: Good morning, everyone.

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00:22:03.810 --> 00:22:04.620

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Good morning!

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00:22:05.480 --> 00:22:08.579

David Engel: Hey? Good morning, everyone. This is David Angle, North Slope, Borough.

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00:22:10.370 --> 00:22:11.180

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Welcome.

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00:22:15.920 --> 00:22:19.019

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Let's see, I think Tom's having some issues with his mic.

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00:22:21.970 --> 00:22:25.069

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Yep, we we see you trying to talk, Tom, but we can't hear you

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00:22:25.680 --> 00:22:26.977

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: if you can.

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00:22:27.410 --> 00:22:28.559

Thomas Vaden: And here we go.

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00:22:28.560 --> 00:22:30.369

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: There we go, we hear you loud and clear.

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00:22:30.370 --> 00:22:31.036

Thomas Vaden: Okay. Good.

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00:22:36.410 --> 00:22:39.540

Thomas Vaden: Good morning. Shall we start the meeting, or you think we should wait a little bit.

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00:22:39.540 --> 00:22:41.279

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Sure that that'll be fine, sir.

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00:22:41.850 --> 00:22:42.960

Thomas Vaden: Which one.

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00:22:43.980 --> 00:22:45.779

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: We can wait a bit. I haven't started.

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00:22:45.780 --> 00:22:50.480

Thomas Vaden: Let's let's wait about 3 or 4Â min to see if any other people show in. Show up.

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00:23:32.560 --> 00:23:35.480

Thomas Vaden: Did you change your screen, or did. I'm in the wrong spot.

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00:23:37.400 --> 00:23:38.520

Thomas Vaden: Okay.

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00:24:56.800 --> 00:25:00.030

Thomas Vaden: we'll wait another minute or 2, then we'll get started.

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00:25:06.350 --> 00:25:10.459

David Engel: My apologies for the interruption. This is David Engel, North Slope Borough.

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00:25:10.810 --> 00:25:23.539

David Engel: Our Internet connection is kind of unstable, so we may or may not hear all of what's being presented here. I just wanted to let everyone know that, so that in future, if you need something I may or may not be available.

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00:25:24.420 --> 00:25:29.310

Thomas Vaden: Understand, there's supposed to be a big Geo storm hitting that's supposed to affect all the Internet stuff.

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00:25:30.810 --> 00:25:38.559

David Engel: Yes, sir, that's correct. It's A. G. 4 severe solar storm because of a mass coronal ejection that happened on the 9.th I believe it was.

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00:25:42.280 --> 00:25:44.919

Thomas Vaden: Well, let's hope you stay. But good luck

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00:25:45.580 --> 00:25:47.999

Thomas Vaden: I'm having. We have the same problem in gnome.

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00:25:50.390 --> 00:25:52.830

Thomas Vaden: Our Internet's been spotty for a little bit.

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00:25:53.050 --> 00:25:59.090

David Engel: Understood. Maybe for next year we have these in person again, because of these issues.

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00:26:00.110 --> 00:26:03.340

Thomas Vaden: I think the next one, which is in April, is in person.

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00:26:04.710 --> 00:26:10.039

David Engel: Right. I was just wondering about having them all in person as opposed to any kind of

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00:26:10.230 --> 00:26:13.110

David Engel: online presence type situation. But.

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00:26:13.110 --> 00:26:19.280

Bryan Fisher: I'll I'll talk about that a little bit, Tom. When we get into my spiel. There, it's Brian. Good morning, everybody.

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00:26:19.780 --> 00:26:20.139

Thomas Vaden: Morning.

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00:26:21.372 --> 00:26:24.428

Thomas Vaden: Okay, I'm gonna call the meeting to order

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00:26:25.430 --> 00:26:30.625

Thomas Vaden: But this co-chair Casey cook is not going to be available today. He's got to do

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00:26:31.520 --> 00:26:33.893

Thomas Vaden: he's got a I think it's a trade

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00:26:34.210 --> 00:26:38.720

Thomas Vaden: tabletop exercise. He's got to be attending an anchorage, so he's not gonna

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00:26:38.920 --> 00:26:41.369

Thomas Vaden: be here. So you're stuck with me and my!

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00:26:41.550 --> 00:26:42.780

Thomas Vaden: My voice

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00:26:43.790 --> 00:26:45.429

Thomas Vaden: so welcome.

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00:26:48.480 --> 00:26:56.910

Thomas Vaden: I don't, you know. I don't have any real administrative announcers, announcements. Everybody knows where their own bathroom is, and how the fire exits and stuff like that.

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00:26:57.710 --> 00:26:58.335

Thomas Vaden: So

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00:27:00.620 --> 00:27:02.409

Thomas Vaden: I guess you should take the role.

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00:27:04.640 --> 00:27:08.030

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Alright, I'll go ahead and re go off the the roster here

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00:27:09.730 --> 00:27:20.570

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: when I call off your your Lepc. Please just sign off with here, or type in and or type into the group. Chat as present as well, whichever you you decide to use

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00:27:20.590 --> 00:27:22.419

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Aleutian and privile off islands.

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00:27:26.430 --> 00:27:27.130

Peter Gurney: Here.

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00:27:28.110 --> 00:27:30.630

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Awesome. Thank you. Anchorage

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00:27:37.160 --> 00:27:38.979

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: 1 1 more time for anchorage.

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00:27:39.420 --> 00:27:40.809

John Huffman ( UAA EM): I'm here for anchorage.

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00:27:41.630 --> 00:27:43.250

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: All right. Thank you, Sir

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00:27:45.130 --> 00:27:46.470

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Bristol Bay.

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00:27:52.850 --> 00:27:54.809

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: One more time for Bristol Bay.

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00:27:58.850 --> 00:28:00.160

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Copper River.

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00:28:04.180 --> 00:28:05.940

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Join again for Copper River.

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00:28:07.020 --> 00:28:08.420

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Delta, Greeley.

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00:28:12.540 --> 00:28:13.930

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Delta, Greeley.

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00:28:14.720 --> 00:28:15.830

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Denali.

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00:28:16.270 --> 00:28:16.970

Forest Shreeve: Here.

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00:28:17.720 --> 00:28:18.450

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Got it.

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00:28:20.060 --> 00:28:22.080

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Fairbanks, North Star Borough.

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00:28:23.290 --> 00:28:23.940

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Here.

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00:28:24.440 --> 00:28:25.219

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Got it.

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00:28:26.130 --> 00:28:27.270

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Juno.

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00:28:31.160 --> 00:28:43.230

Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Ken Murphy with the dot safety officer. I don't know if that's a proper meeting for me to be in, but I wanted to at least see what your agenda was, and see if it would be a good thing for me to do in the future. Thank you.

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00:28:43.230 --> 00:28:43.790

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Great

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00:28:45.680 --> 00:28:46.789

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: welcome to him

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00:28:47.950 --> 00:28:50.179

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: again, for Juno, Lepc.

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00:28:53.930 --> 00:28:55.430

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Kenai, Peninsula.

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00:28:55.430 --> 00:28:59.979

Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: I am on the Lp. Lepc. Board in Juno.

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00:28:59.980 --> 00:29:01.539

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Okay. Thanks for clarifying, sir.

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00:29:02.130 --> 00:29:04.879

Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: Allberg, president for Kenai Peninsula, Borough.

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00:29:04.880 --> 00:29:07.110

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Here it's copy. Catch you can

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00:29:09.920 --> 00:29:11.530

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: again for Kitschkin.

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00:29:13.390 --> 00:29:14.910

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Kodiak Island.

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00:29:18.570 --> 00:29:20.389

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: another for Kodiak Island.

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00:29:20.500 --> 00:29:21.840

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Matsu Burrow.

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00:29:21.840 --> 00:29:23.350

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): Great Dorner, Kodiak.

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00:29:23.730 --> 00:29:24.920

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: All right. Got you

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00:29:26.680 --> 00:29:28.120

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Matsu burrow

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00:29:31.960 --> 00:29:33.200

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: gnome.

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00:29:34.260 --> 00:29:34.620

Thomas Vaden: Here.

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00:29:35.380 --> 00:29:36.210

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Loud and clear.

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00:29:37.840 --> 00:29:39.529

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: North Slope, Borough.

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00:29:40.830 --> 00:29:41.560

David Engel: Here.

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00:29:42.900 --> 00:29:44.629

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Northwest Arctic Borough.

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00:29:48.550 --> 00:29:49.860

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Petersburg

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00:29:53.090 --> 00:29:54.739

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: again for Petersburg.

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00:29:55.260 --> 00:29:56.440

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Sitka.

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00:30:00.130 --> 00:30:01.640

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: another for Sitco.

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00:30:02.510 --> 00:30:03.860

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Skagway.

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00:30:08.280 --> 00:30:09.560

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Skagway.

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00:30:11.280 --> 00:30:12.990

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: southern southeast

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00:30:15.510 --> 00:30:17.329

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: again for southern southeast.

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00:30:19.570 --> 00:30:20.780

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Valdez

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00:30:25.740 --> 00:30:27.230

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: again for Valdez

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00:30:29.160 --> 00:30:31.530

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: and last on the list, sir. We got Wrangle.

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00:30:33.630 --> 00:30:35.460

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Well, that's time for Wrangle.

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00:30:41.640 --> 00:30:43.740

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Tom. It looks like we do have a quorum, sir.

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00:30:44.730 --> 00:30:46.250

Thomas Vaden: Thank you very much.

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00:30:47.870 --> 00:30:50.540

Thomas Vaden: so now we want to

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00:30:50.630 --> 00:30:55.519

Thomas Vaden: have a motion to either approve or have some changes to the agenda.

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00:31:04.450 --> 00:31:06.480

Thomas Vaden: to hear a motion to approve the agenda.

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00:31:06.480 --> 00:31:07.959

Forest Shreeve: I moved this group.

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00:31:08.330 --> 00:31:08.850

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): Second.

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00:31:08.850 --> 00:31:10.130

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Nice, second.

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00:31:10.710 --> 00:31:12.860

Thomas Vaden: Okay, any discussion

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00:31:15.240 --> 00:31:20.590

Thomas Vaden: I'd like to mention in under new business under Section D,

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00:31:21.870 --> 00:31:22.263

Thomas Vaden: the

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00:31:24.120 --> 00:31:30.829

Thomas Vaden: there there are. Both Lapc co-chairs are up for election, one for this fall

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00:31:31.170 --> 00:31:34.519

Thomas Vaden: for 2 years and one in the spring for 2 years.

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00:31:34.720 --> 00:31:36.110

Thomas Vaden: and

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00:31:37.280 --> 00:31:41.429

Thomas Vaden: so I'd like to clarify that. And I'd also like to mention that.

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00:31:41.770 --> 00:31:45.688

Thomas Vaden: you know I'm considering I'm in the running with that, too, and and

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00:31:46.000 --> 00:31:51.309

Thomas Vaden: but Casey Cook, which is supposed to renew his co-chair

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00:31:51.590 --> 00:31:55.850

Thomas Vaden: in the spring is not interested in returning as a co-chair.

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00:31:59.540 --> 00:32:00.530

Thomas Vaden: so

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00:32:02.110 --> 00:32:04.880

Thomas Vaden: is in. Is there any other changes to the agenda?

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00:32:09.610 --> 00:32:13.129

Thomas Vaden: Okay, I'll entertain a motion to attend to to

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00:32:13.840 --> 00:32:15.090

Thomas Vaden: except that

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00:32:15.550 --> 00:32:17.279

Thomas Vaden: agenda as amended.

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00:32:18.730 --> 00:32:22.102

David Engel: This is David Angle, North Slope Borough. I'll move to

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00:32:22.900 --> 00:32:24.460

David Engel: approve, as amended.

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00:32:25.070 --> 00:32:25.850

Forest Shreeve: Second.

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00:32:26.810 --> 00:32:28.340

Thomas Vaden: Okay, any opposed?

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00:32:31.520 --> 00:32:32.470

Thomas Vaden: Okay.

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00:32:33.430 --> 00:32:36.470

Thomas Vaden: Now I look to a motion to approve the

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00:32:37.220 --> 00:32:41.859

Thomas Vaden: meeting minutes from the last Lapca meeting.

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00:32:42.740 --> 00:32:44.350

Thomas Vaden: and any comments.

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00:32:53.510 --> 00:32:57.190

Forest Shreeve: I move to approve the previous meetings. Minutes.

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00:32:58.000 --> 00:32:58.760

Thomas Vaden: Thank you.

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00:33:01.860 --> 00:33:02.410

Thomas Vaden: David.

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00:33:02.410 --> 00:33:04.449

David Engel: Angle, North Slope, Borough, all second.

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00:33:05.400 --> 00:33:06.112

Thomas Vaden: Thank you, David.

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00:33:06.830 --> 00:33:09.189

Thomas Vaden: Meaning, is there anybody opposed?

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00:33:12.480 --> 00:33:17.010

Thomas Vaden: All right? Thank you very much. The previous meeting meeting minutes

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00:33:17.230 --> 00:33:18.490

Thomas Vaden: are approved.

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00:33:18.740 --> 00:33:23.530

Thomas Vaden: Going into old business. We have the Lepc status reports.

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00:33:25.940 --> 00:33:27.070

Thomas Vaden: So did

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00:33:27.660 --> 00:33:28.810

Thomas Vaden: let's see.

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00:33:29.660 --> 00:33:30.890

Thomas Vaden: did we get

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00:33:31.080 --> 00:33:36.940

Thomas Vaden: status written status reports from anybody? Or does anybody want to make a verbal status report.

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00:33:41.090 --> 00:33:44.126

Forest Shreeve: This is Denali Borough forest shrieve.

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00:33:45.030 --> 00:33:47.789

Forest Shreeve: My, I I did turn in a status report

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00:33:48.417 --> 00:33:53.499

Forest Shreeve: wanna just quickly highlight one or 2 things, and and add one more thing to it. If that's okay.

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00:33:53.730 --> 00:33:55.040

Thomas Vaden: Certainly go ahead!

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00:33:55.040 --> 00:33:55.710

Forest Shreeve: Perfect

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00:33:56.510 --> 00:34:00.880

Forest Shreeve: So for the Denali borough we we were able to put some

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00:34:01.130 --> 00:34:06.130

Forest Shreeve: practice and planning into action this summer, as we had the Riley fire

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00:34:06.550 --> 00:34:13.519

Forest Shreeve: in Denial National Park. It was not it was in. It was all in Parkland, but

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00:34:13.750 --> 00:34:30.840

Forest Shreeve: it required evacuations, and for the 1st time we since I've been in the job we took more than 1 1 evacuee at a time where we had 100 evacuees, so we were able to really put some of our planning into practice, and we learned a lot there. That was a good experience for us.

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00:34:31.429 --> 00:34:34.669

Forest Shreeve: And the other big thing that

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00:34:35.560 --> 00:34:40.669

Forest Shreeve: we're working on and will be completed by the end of the year is

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00:34:40.719 --> 00:34:59.430

Forest Shreeve: community wildfire protection plans throughout the borough. So I did forget to put that on the report, and that's a big one that that we're pretty happy to see coming to fruition. As from what I understand, another community, Wildfire Defense Grant cycle will be starting in December. So we're hoping to apply for that

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00:35:00.320 --> 00:35:03.729

Forest Shreeve: and then we're hoping that in the circ meeting today

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00:35:04.130 --> 00:35:05.160

Forest Shreeve: our

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00:35:05.180 --> 00:35:10.680

Forest Shreeve: membership will be officially approved, and we will be official as an Lepc. Finally.

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00:35:11.490 --> 00:35:12.569

Forest Shreeve: and report.

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00:35:14.140 --> 00:35:14.713

Thomas Vaden: Thank you.

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00:35:16.130 --> 00:35:17.460

Thomas Vaden: Anybody else.

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00:35:19.850 --> 00:35:22.560

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): This is frank dornert kodiak.

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00:35:23.140 --> 00:35:25.887

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): So I turned in my paper one

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00:35:26.450 --> 00:35:37.649

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): basically, our Lepc is still non functioning we did submit out for applications. We only received 3 applications back. So

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00:35:37.840 --> 00:35:41.889

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): we're gonna reopen for applications and try to get

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00:35:42.920 --> 00:35:52.350

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): a minimum of 7 is is what we need for kind of getting going. But the other exciting side of it is, is the city and borough

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00:35:52.980 --> 00:36:06.369

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): joined forces, and we are going to be advertising for an emergency manager. Position to coordinate with the Lepc Eoc all of that kind of stuff so hopefully getting somebody

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00:36:06.550 --> 00:36:10.639

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): to be able to be more dedicated will will help in the recruiting, too.

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00:36:11.840 --> 00:36:13.840

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): That's that's where we stand.

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00:36:20.510 --> 00:36:21.300

Thomas Vaden: Thank you.

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00:36:27.070 --> 00:36:28.260

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Good morning.

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00:36:28.540 --> 00:36:31.320

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Can't see the room, Fairbanks, North Starborough.

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00:36:31.450 --> 00:36:41.560

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: we are proud to say. We re hired our contractor to do our Cwpp, and we submitted a written status, but that's not on there. So

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00:36:41.730 --> 00:36:50.750

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: our contractor, as soon as the contract is signed, which they're in the process of doing that, then we will get started on updating our Cwpp.

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00:36:50.930 --> 00:36:52.370

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: So we're excited.

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00:37:26.280 --> 00:37:27.759

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: You're on mute, Tom.

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00:37:32.910 --> 00:37:33.560

Thomas Vaden: Good.

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00:37:48.920 --> 00:37:50.260

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Tom, can you hear us?

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00:37:57.380 --> 00:37:58.070

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Hmm.

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00:37:59.830 --> 00:38:01.010

Thomas Vaden: Anybody else.

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00:38:06.030 --> 00:38:08.300

Bryan Fisher: I hear you, Ray. I don't hear Tom.

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00:38:08.710 --> 00:38:09.330

Thomas Vaden: Cool.

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00:38:09.330 --> 00:38:10.630

Bryan Fisher: Oh, now I hear you, Tom!

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00:38:10.830 --> 00:38:11.819

Thomas Vaden: Can you hear me?

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00:38:12.230 --> 00:38:12.680

Bryan Fisher: Yes, sir.

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00:38:13.160 --> 00:38:15.299

Thomas Vaden: On mute while everybody else was talking.

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00:38:15.660 --> 00:38:18.360

Thomas Vaden: Is there anybody else that has a status report.

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00:38:22.922 --> 00:38:27.130

Peter Gurney: I I everything in my status report was included in the

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00:38:27.784 --> 00:38:31.199

Peter Gurney: write up that I sent, so I think that should cover it.

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00:38:32.220 --> 00:38:34.540

Thomas Vaden: Thank you. Yeah. The same with gnome.

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00:38:34.570 --> 00:38:36.159

Thomas Vaden: except we do have a

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00:38:36.320 --> 00:38:38.580

Thomas Vaden: some comments with the.

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00:38:39.410 --> 00:38:44.950

Thomas Vaden: probably with funding letters update, but it might be with new business under

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00:38:45.350 --> 00:38:48.190

Thomas Vaden: Alushin Privilov's presentation.

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00:38:59.540 --> 00:39:05.600

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Tom question. Did we get everybody else's status reports because I don't see them in my packet?

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00:39:08.030 --> 00:39:11.010

Thomas Vaden: I didn't get any in my packet, either, but.

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00:39:11.520 --> 00:39:13.725

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: We'll we'll send those out after the

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00:39:14.160 --> 00:39:16.900

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: in a follow up email afterwards. Nancy.

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00:39:18.580 --> 00:39:19.440

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Thank you.

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00:39:19.440 --> 00:39:20.340

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: You're welcome.

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00:39:25.300 --> 00:39:27.348

Forest Shreeve: Is is that gonna be the

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00:39:28.000 --> 00:39:30.800

Forest Shreeve: general practice is sending those out after.

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00:39:31.180 --> 00:39:31.710

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: No, that.

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00:39:31.710 --> 00:39:34.310

Thomas Vaden: Yeah, we adopt. Yeah, I don't know.

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00:39:34.707 --> 00:39:39.712

Thomas Vaden: Maybe we can get them sent out as a, you know. Read ahead, issue.

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00:39:40.070 --> 00:39:53.239

Bryan Fisher: This is Brian from from the division. I will say, if we get them in a timely fashion from everybody, we will be able to get them out ahead of time. So we'll definitely take that as a note to make sure they're included in the regular. Read ahead packet with everybody.

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00:39:53.530 --> 00:40:03.464

Bryan Fisher: and then if we happen to get any written ones, after we send that out to you for the next meeting. Well, the next one is in person. We'll we'll put them in

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00:40:03.770 --> 00:40:06.699

Bryan Fisher: We'll bring them in a table drop, and we'll send them out afterwards.

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00:40:07.690 --> 00:40:13.110

Forest Shreeve: And and it's no huge deal to me. But I tried to make sure I got mine in

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00:40:13.430 --> 00:40:19.239

Forest Shreeve: by the requested time, so I was just expecting to see it in the packet, and and wasn't sure if

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Forest Shreeve: I guess what the future of this protocol looks like.

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David Engel: This is David from North Slope Borough.

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David Engel: What packet are we referring to? Because I never received one up here.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: It should be a read ahead email there. David with it also had the zoom link to this meeting.

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David Engel: The Zoom link that I found was attached to the website. I did not have any email about a read ahead. Anything. So thank you for that.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thank you, for I can resend it to you right now, if you need it.

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David Engel: That's alright. I'm I'm well attached to what's going on here. It's okay.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Okay.

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David Engel: To that end, Tom, if I may give my report for the Lepc.

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Thomas Vaden: Sure. Go ahead!

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David Engel: Thank you. We're still in the functioning of a recreation. We have 21 new applications in front of the Cerc for approval.

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David Engel: We've had many community members, not only from Barrow, but also from Akp and Katovic, as well as some of our private partners, Uic and Kbrw, our radio station being amongst those.

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David Engel: We're trying to set up a meeting to formalize our bylaws and to secure

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David Engel: the secretary and the chairman positions for future funding is also remaining an issue for our Lepc. Filled out the Lepc letter to our senators, and there was quite a bit of internal pushback on that. So to that end. We're going to have a new Lepc chairperson

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David Engel: in North Slope Borough. He's actually on the line now. His name is Jeremy Ahmet.

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David Engel: and I will be stepping aside.

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David Engel: End of report.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you very much.

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Thomas Vaden: Anybody else.

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Thomas Vaden: Okay.

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Thomas Vaden: all right, let's move into Lepc. Funding letters. Update.

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Thomas Vaden: Does anybody have anything to report.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Nancy Durham, F. And Sb. We have not gotten ours in because we have not had quorum to be able to do one in our Lapc. So we're hoping with

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: the approvals today. We've had the people there, but they didn't have their.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: They weren't appointed. They come to the meetings, but haven't been appointed. So we're hoping after today that we'll be able to have Forum.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you.

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Forest Shreeve: This is Forrest with Denali Borough.

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Forest Shreeve: I put forth a draft one to the Lepc here, and they had

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Forest Shreeve: some changes that they wanted to make, and we.

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Forest Shreeve: I haven't been able to get it back to them for approval yet.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you very much.

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Thomas Vaden: no more, you know, when they do the aution privilege presentation.

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Thomas Vaden: We'll speak to

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Thomas Vaden: where we found funding.

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Thomas Vaden: you know, and and maybe give you guys some ideas on how to do it.

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Thomas Vaden: Hey, Buddy.

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Bryan Fisher: It's Brian from the division. Just a reminder. If you guys are going to be providing letters through either your Lapcs or your municipal borough or tribal jurisdictions. To your district representatives, your your legislators.

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Bryan Fisher: Do please make sure you get a copy to us. So we have that as well. Just a timing note. Again, the Governor is in the process of developing his budget for next year.

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Bryan Fisher: Which will be officially announced in mid December, and then the session will start at the end of January. The the next legislature will start in January, so

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Bryan Fisher: now, it's fairly fairly good time if you're able to, with your with your associations or your committees, or the association, I get letters ready to

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Bryan Fisher: to share with the with the legislature, as sessions gonna get wound up here in a couple of months.

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Bryan Fisher: Thank you, sir.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you, Brian.

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Thomas Vaden: Anybody else

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Thomas Vaden: moving on. Let's go to the Finance Circ Finance Committee report.

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Thomas Vaden: We have a

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Thomas Vaden: pretty much

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Thomas Vaden: no action on the Finance Committee. As we don't have any finances.

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Thomas Vaden: but usually

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Thomas Vaden: the representative of the

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Thomas Vaden: Finance Committee reports. But we have a blank page, so I don't think there's anything to report. Did you hear anything.

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Bryan Fisher: No, Tom, this Brian. Again from the division. I'm a i'm a ex officio member of the Circ Finance Committee, and there has been no meetings, no action, because there's no money.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you, Brian.

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Bryan Fisher: Yes, sir.

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Thomas Vaden: next is

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Thomas Vaden: homeland security emergency management

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Thomas Vaden: group. 1st is

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Thomas Vaden: strategic plans and

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Thomas Vaden: leadership.

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Bryan Fisher: Thank you, Tom. Good morning, everybody. Brian Fisher, the director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency management.

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Bryan Fisher: I want to start by saying thanks for

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Bryan Fisher: everybody being able to hop on this virtually.

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Bryan Fisher: I'll talk about that with our funding challenges here in a little bit.

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Bryan Fisher: I did want to announce, and David mentioned the change up in the North Slope Borough for the chair of the Lepc. There, welcome

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Bryan Fisher: as usual, we

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Bryan Fisher: we have a number of changes to the staff in the division.

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Bryan Fisher: Mark Rich and Jeff are on so they can talk about their sections. I will say we were successful in getting 3 new positions, full-time permanent positions added by the Legislature

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Bryan Fisher: as proposed in the Governor's budget. In July

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Bryan Fisher: we got those classified, and they are in various stages of recruitment. Now they're all in our disaster assistance. Section

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Bryan Fisher: because the work is really there on all of the recovery that's going on. We have over 60 open disasters between State

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Bryan Fisher: and Federal Federally declared disasters going back as far as 8 or so years.

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Bryan Fisher: So the bulk of the work that the division really has the meat and potatoes we do are in disaster, recovery, both the public assistance and individual assistance programs.

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Bryan Fisher: So I was pretty happy that the Governor

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Bryan Fisher: asked for more positions for our division full time positions, so we don't have to rely on only contractors. We got what we asked for the office of management budget converted one of my non permanent positions to a full time position as well, which provides all of our administrative support for recovery.

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Bryan Fisher: So actually, the net was 4 new full-time positions since August.

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Bryan Fisher: and we are in the process of recruiting there. Many of you or your staff have worked with some of the folks that work for Alcavallo in the Disaster Assistance section we were able to make a couple of promotions.

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Bryan Fisher: Partially because of those new positions, and and partially because some regular staff changes. But I did want to announce that Amber Price and Terry Kurth.

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Bryan Fisher: both State public. Well, amber was working in the individual assistance program. Prior. She was a PA person.

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Bryan Fisher: and then Terry has been a long term public assistance officer. Both of them have been promoted to supervisors. So they're both PA branch chiefs now.

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Bryan Fisher: Of course, that doesn't fill any holes in our division. It just shuffles them around. So we're in the process of hiring additional

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Bryan Fisher: public assistance and individual assistance officers to fill the vacancies created by those promotions.

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Bryan Fisher: Those of you who knew Mike Makins, who was one of our. He was our individual assistance branch chief and then our public assistance branch chief. Until recently

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Bryan Fisher: we lost him. Unfortunately he received a job offer. He couldn't turn down from the Us. Small business administration.

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Bryan Fisher: I think the good news is that you all trained him, and he is now for the entire West western part of the United States.

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Bryan Fisher: The small business administration's point person for long-term recovery

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Bryan Fisher: to make sure that the small business administration programs continue on past what happens typically in regular disasters. So

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Bryan Fisher: a number of changes there? Since the last meeting. I think you all know that Bill Dennis, our administration our program support

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Bryan Fisher: manager

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Bryan Fisher: administrative Operations manager, retired. So he retired at the end of June.

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Bryan Fisher: I'm sorry the end of July, and we selected Tiffany Peltier to be the new administrative operations manager. So all of you dealing with the other grants that we have out there.

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Bryan Fisher: No, Tiffany. She's now over our program support section, which includes grants. Hr admin finance accounting and

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Bryan Fisher: database programming so congrats to her for her promotion as well.

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Bryan Fisher: So outside of that there has been another number of other changes. I would like to say, I know all of you that have been doing the Lapca for a long time.

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Bryan Fisher: No, we have kind of a rotating door when it comes to Lapc. Insert coordinator.

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Bryan Fisher: That is happening again. I want to thank Ray Simpliciano for everything that he's done for you all and for myself and the division and the State. Over the last few years Ray has accepted a permanent position. Federal position with the Us. Coast Guard district 17 in Juneau.

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Bryan Fisher: So today is Ray's officially his last day, and he's going to do this for you guys, and do the Cirque this afternoon, and then he will be

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Bryan Fisher: making the move down to Juneau to work for the Coast Guard there. So thank you, Ray, for everything

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Bryan Fisher: we had. I think you guys had known we had

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Bryan Fisher: Roy English with did a lateral in our office from the preparedness section or from the planning section Lapc coordination over to our exercise shop. So

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Bryan Fisher: we we are, do

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Bryan Fisher: working on a hiring action to replace the position that will end up being your full time point of contact. Dave Riley is still here. He can maintain the continuity as your point of contact for Lapc business while he's trying to hire new staff.

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Bryan Fisher: Dave couldn't be here today because he is deployed through the emergency management assistance compact.

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Bryan Fisher: Emac to North Carolina. He and 3 other folks are on an Eoc support team that are

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Bryan Fisher: just getting in place right now to support one of the counties in North Carolina that was devastated by the flooding caused by Hurricane Helene.

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Bryan Fisher: But Dave is still around, so he still will be your main point of contact, and of course, rich. Hildreth, the plans program manager

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Bryan Fisher: is around as well. So we we have lots of transitions there, lots of changes.

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Bryan Fisher: I will talk a little bit about some budget challenges that we have

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Bryan Fisher: and I do want to clarify some stuff. I know you're all reading about misinformation and the pundits and everybody talking about the response to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

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Bryan Fisher: I can definitively tell you, because I'm in the middle of this with Fema headquarters and Congress.

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Bryan Fisher: There is no.

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Bryan Fisher: The the Federal Disaster Relief Fund is a completely separate stream of funding for survivors and communities impacted by disaster than the shelter and services program which is

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Bryan Fisher: the fund source that was dumped on Fema to help deal with the migrant crisis so totally different. There is no money being taken from the State, the Federal Disaster fund to support migrant sheltering.

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Bryan Fisher: However.

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Bryan Fisher: this summer Congress did

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Bryan Fisher: provide a pretty drastic cut to all of the preparedness grants that the nation has

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Bryan Fisher: in terms to pay for the sheltering services program. So

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Bryan Fisher: the money wasn't taken from the Disaster Relief Fund, but it was taken from our emergency management grants our preparedness grants.

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Bryan Fisher: And really, what that meant to us was a pretty much a 10% reduction in all of our preparedness grants.

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Bryan Fisher: particularly the emergency management performance grant and the State Homeland Security program. We took a 10% cut this year in the budget.

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Bryan Fisher: That was not Fema's decision. That was Congress, and essentially that was a last minute deal with the Senate majority leader trying to find money to continue to pay for the shelter and services program.

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Bryan Fisher: And do 0 0 based budgeting. So they stole the preparedness grant money to pay for the sheltering program, and the effect is about a 10% hit to our preparedness grants

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Bryan Fisher: I do want to share with you. My direction when that came out was very clear, particularly on the emergency management performance. Grant side.

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Bryan Fisher: we have in the last number of years been able to provide a million dollars out to local jurisdictions.

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Bryan Fisher: boroughs, and municipalities and tribes to to maintain emergency management, salary capacity.

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Bryan Fisher: My direction to the team here was that we were not going to pass that pain on to you all. So we did maintain a million dollars worth of empg funding to make available to spread out across the jurisdictions that take advantage of that program.

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Bryan Fisher: So we're taking the pain and figuring out how to deal with absorbing that cut internal to the division that funds a lot of our staff as well, and some of our big projects like Riverwatch and and

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Bryan Fisher: preparedness operations. Things like that

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Bryan Fisher: with the cut to the State Homeland Security Grant program.

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Bryan Fisher: that is the fund source that we utilize to host these meetings. It's also the fund source we use for the Spring Emergency Management Conference

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Bryan Fisher: as well as the fund source that our plan section uses to host rural resiliency workshops, and I know Rich will talk a little bit about where we're going next for that.

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Bryan Fisher: So to to your question, David, about doing these all in person twice a year, but the spring one in association with our conference, and then a fall one.

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Bryan Fisher: The likelihood that I'm going to be able to support that is, fairly minimal. And it is because there is a cut to the grant that funds these activities and funds, all the invitational travel

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Bryan Fisher: funds, the venue space, you know, getting the Egan or the Denaina, or or Conference space in a hotel.

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Bryan Fisher: So I certainly hear you. It's always better in person than it is virtually. But

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Bryan Fisher: I'm not sure we'll have to see going forward in the next couple years. If we're if those funding levels are going to be restored.

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Bryan Fisher: it's all up to Congress. We have both the National Emergency Management Association, which is the State Em Directors, the International Association of Emergency Managers

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Bryan Fisher: and the big City Emergency managers have all been very, very vocal and direct and testified to numerous appropriations and authorization committees authorizing committees on the Hill

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Bryan Fisher: for not only the restoration of funding to our preparedness grants, but at a substantial increase.

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Bryan Fisher: I could say, we've lost about 21% of our buying power in the emergency management performance, Grant, because it's been flat for years. If you take out the money that came from Covid, the Arpa supplemental, and the the other supplemental we received a couple of years ago.

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Bryan Fisher: But the the buying power of that Empg dollar has gone down because it has not kept up with inflation. So

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Bryan Fisher: we were lobbying pretty hard for more money for you all, and for all the States. And then we got we took a fairly substantial cut.

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Bryan Fisher: I think we've done a good job at explaining those direct impacts I've shared with our delegation

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Bryan Fisher: directly what that could mean in terms of number of local emergency managers that would have to be laid off if I passed those cuts on to you all.

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Bryan Fisher: And so it's a real big deal, and I think Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, and Congresswoman Potola, understand that they've been pretty good advocates for us, but we do have a pretty substantial funding concern with Congress and with everything else that has been going on.

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Bryan Fisher: In addition to that, we have 2 small grant programs that we administer. One is the national earthquake hazard reduction program, Neherp, which provides money for science and for outreach on the earthquake hazard

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Bryan Fisher: as well as the national tsunami, hazard, mitigation program and thmp, which does the same thing for the tsunami threat.

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Bryan Fisher: We use that funding to support science and bathymetry and mapping evacuation, planning as well as community outreach warning systems, all of those kind of things for the earthquake and tsunami threat.

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Bryan Fisher: The earthquake reduction grant has been reduced substantially, and in the President's Fy. 25 proposed budget. The tsunami Grant program has been eliminated entirely.

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Bryan Fisher: That money is being taken to do some

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Bryan Fisher: system and software modernization and and standardization between the national tsunami Warning Center and the Pacific tsunami warning center.

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Bryan Fisher: Our message. There were some articles in the media that I that I spoke to this summer. Essentially, is all the science and all the technology and all the whiz, bang! Warning centers in the world

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Bryan Fisher: don't mean a hill of beans. If the folks at the local level don't.

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Bryan Fisher: and the public and our visitors don't aren't provided with outreach and education on what to do when that that siren goes off or the tsunami warning comes out.

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Bryan Fisher: if you will. So

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Bryan Fisher: I we think we have a fairly elegant solution to that, to the tsunami one

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Bryan Fisher: we're working with Congress to get that established definitively that that the Department of Commerce and Noaa and the Weather Service are gonna have to fund that program anyway.

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Bryan Fisher: At A about it's only it's not very much. It's 8 million dollars nationwide. But so we think we'll be able to get that one restored in the President's Fy. 25 budget

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Bryan Fisher: and we're continuing to work. And Senator Murkowski and Senator Sullivan are both champions for the earthquake hazard reduction program. So we're continuing to do the fight. But I would say, trend wise Congress is

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Bryan Fisher: congress is looking to nickel and dime and eliminate programs and have us, you know, do more with less kind of across the board with what we do in emergency management.

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Bryan Fisher: So that's where we are funding wise. Certainly I don't disagree that the In-person meetings are are easier better for all of us, but we may have a funding challenge because our grants have been reduced kind of outside of our control. Moving forward

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Bryan Fisher: outside of that. I will say. And I. And I've I've talked to you all about this before. We are still very much in kind of

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Bryan Fisher: all hands on deck, especially those that have security clearances with working with the homeland defense and Nation State threat challenges.

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Bryan Fisher: We're fairly confident that that the State of Alaska and the Lieutenant Governor's office and the division of elections is in great shape to be able to support

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Bryan Fisher: the General election in a couple of weeks. We have been asked

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Bryan Fisher: as a State agency by the Lieutenant Governor's office to preposition some volunteers in hub locations around the State.

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Bryan Fisher: So we're working through that process now. We'll probably have some folks from the department of military and veterans affairs not military folks, just civilian volunteers.

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Bryan Fisher: pre-positioned in places like Utkyogvik, Nome, Bethel, Kotzebu, Fairbanks

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Bryan Fisher: to be on standby if we have a challenge with poll workers being able to show up and open the polls on election day in any of our communities.

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Bryan Fisher: Some of you have recall that during the primary there were a couple of polling locations that didn't open up because the poll workers just didn't show up. So we have a mitigation plan in place, or the lieutenant Governor does, and Director Beecher for that.

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Bryan Fisher: so I think we're good. We, you know they found a good way to to try to mitigate what happened during the primary

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Bryan Fisher: I will say on the cyber security front, we're always fighting, you know cyber security attempts, breaches, and all, on all of our networks

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Bryan Fisher: that includes the State networks that support the administrative side of the division of elections. However, our voting machines the way they tabulate the way we transmit hard copies with chain of custody. Physically, the tallies from the machines directly down to the division of elections for

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Bryan Fisher: for final counts and certification and all. We're we're we're pretty fortunate in this state that we are still pretty low tech when it comes to that. So the threat of anybody actually being able to manipulate and change a vote

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Bryan Fisher: through our scanning machines and the way we transmit the the ballots and the tallies. Physically, I don't think we have a real concern there.

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Bryan Fisher: However, the threat from China and Russia, primarily, and then North Korea and Iran secondarily continues, there's certainly there's a lot of foreign line influence occurring with respect to the election, just like we've seen in the last decade, as well as some misinformation that's being thrown about by those nation states. With respect to the response to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

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Bryan Fisher: which we saw similarly in some fires, Lahaina specifically where we were able to identify the FBI was able to identify Russian actors that were sending out all that that crazy information about Lahaina, like space lasers, and Fema was going to steal your land. That kind of thing.

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Bryan Fisher: Outside of that there is still. And I've spoken about this before. China is our pacing threat. There is potential. There's been lots of talk over the last decade that President Xi wants the People's Liberation Army to be prepared to take back Taiwan in 2027 doesn't mean he's going to. He just wants them at the state of Readiness.

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Bryan Fisher: The United States Government and the Department of defense, certainly working with our ally in Taiwan to be able to support them if there is additional aggression.

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Bryan Fisher: With that in mind we strongly believe, and this is all unclassified. It's been reported publicly and in Congress.

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Bryan Fisher: we. We anticipate that Chinese actors may take action against the homeland

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Bryan Fisher: to deter our will to stymie our ability to project military power to defend our allies.

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Bryan Fisher: and that, of course, includes Alaska. You know we have substantial military resources up here bases.

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Bryan Fisher: So we are continuing to work all hands with the Department of Homeland Security and the Cyber Security Infrastructure Security Agency, the FBI, the Coast Guard Fema, the Department of Defense and others, and our private sector owners and operators. To make sure

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Bryan Fisher: we're providing every opportunity to strengthen and harden and mitigate our infrastructure that supports both the population up here and our bases, to make sure that if and when

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Bryan Fisher: this nation may choose to project power that will be able to continue to do that. So it's a it's a very.

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Bryan Fisher: it's very involved process that we're doing. There's lots of stuff because we're talking about military and and things like that that are classified

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Bryan Fisher: that aren't discussed openly. But I can let you know that our agency and the department of Military and Veterans affairs the the guard, and all were very much involved in

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Bryan Fisher: in future planning for making sure we can mitigate against nation State threats, so I will stop there unless you have any questions for me. And then you guys can hear from

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Bryan Fisher: the rest of the team on their sections.

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Bryan Fisher: Okay, so I think I think we have Mark Roberts next the operation.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: Brian. This is sorry. If interrupted, I put it in the chat. I have really sketchy email or internet. I got sketchy everything go back for you is clarification on the short ball with Empg.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: The State is going to be taking on that difference. So it lessens the impacts of jurisdiction. Is that still true?

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Bryan Fisher: Yes, ma'am, yeah, I am a we, you know we have in general made a million dollars it.

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Bryan Fisher: No less than a million dollars a million dollar ish available to all of you at the local level.

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Bryan Fisher: We're gonna continue to do that. I'm just gonna take the hit in in my division and itself, we're gonna have to reduce some of the things that we do. But you guys still have the same amount of funding available that you have for the last couple of years.

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Bryan Fisher: I do know there are some jurisdictions that are looking for additional funding for additional positions, or, you know the 50% salary for additional positions based on what's been going on this year. We definitely are not going to be able to

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Bryan Fisher: to consider many of those I think you all understand with the way we do. Mpg, there's a million dollars available for local

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Bryan Fisher: use. If we have to use that funding. If we get new communities or new positions that are required to be funded out of that, we're going to spread that pain across the rest of the local jurisdictions. But there is a minimum of a million dollars available as it stands today. So we're definitely not passing the pain on to anybody at the local level. I'm going to take that hit.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: So 1 1 follow up for you, then is I will be introducing our legislation to accept the funding that's coming forth, and I want to be able to share that with my assembly. If that's okay with you.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: Don't anything don't anything in writing. But I certainly feel like that's important for our Assembly to understand what the State is willing to do for us. Local jurisdiction.

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Bryan Fisher: Yeah 100%. Actually, I really do appreciate that. You know we don't. Wanna we don't. We don't need to be patted on the back. But I think it's important that the State recognizes

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Bryan Fisher: the rubber meets the road, and the preparedness activities are as are most important at the ground at the community level. And I, I definitely and the governor definitely supports continuing to resource you as much we can with the limited Federal dollars we get.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: Well, I think selfishly, because we're seeing cuts in other areas. I think it also reiterates that balance as you've just described

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: as well as prioritization. And yeah, virtually having these Lepc meetings stink.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: But that's where we're at. And so then, moving forward, how can we make it more robust engagement in the future, and happy to be part of that.

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Bryan Fisher: Thanks, Brenda, I appreciate that. And oh, by the way, all of us, my whole team is

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Bryan Fisher: doing this mostly from home, because we have power outages and fire alarm testing at the office all day today. So

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Bryan Fisher: I'm feeling a little bit of that bandwidth pain myself this morning.

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Bryan Fisher: Thank you for that. Any other questions for me, and please feel free if you want to throw them in the chat, too, and I can respond to them either in the chat. As we're moving forward. I don't want to keep you guys on the on the horn too long. Here.

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Bryan Fisher: So with that, we do have Mark Roberts, the chief of operations for the division to give us an update on response recovery.

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Bryan Fisher: and em and deployment operations. We're in the throes of right now to support our neighbors in the southeast mark. It's all yours.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Well, thank you.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: I think just the last time I briefed you operationally.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: the pace continues.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: We had fires both, and and Forrest already briefed about those fires and the Denali borough

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: which impacted tourism and transportation. We also had fires in the

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: unorganized borough off the skies highway.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: as you probably know the State has a unique responsibility in the unorganized borough, particularly in the unincorporated areas.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: And so we ended up sending a wireless emergency alert for an evacuation, manage an emergency evacuation along the Steve Highway, just to be careful and make sure no one was missed.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Following that we had breakup flooding, and that kind of that same time zone, our normal river watch operations on the Yukon, Cuscoquim, and other areas.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: and that included disaster level flooding disaster level flooding in Queeflook and Antioch. One of the unique things about this year is we've really had good

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: coordination with the Alaska Village Council Presidents, Avcp and their village public safety officers really enhanced our coordination with them this year, and that was a real win for us. And we're continuing that we've had some meetings with Avcp. To work through our

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: memorandum of understanding

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: to coordinate with them during disaster operations.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: I think Flood, the next one that came up was our Major Flood in Juneau.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Most of you know the about 5 billion gallons in the suicide basin above Juneau released.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: It was a foot above the previous record flood from last year. It was a major response. We sent numerous folks from the State Emergency Operations Center down there.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: as well as a major deployment of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska State Defense Force and Alaska Naval Militia. So that that was a huge response, and that recovery is ongoing.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: We have a request for Federal assistance, pending with the the President

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: for that, and then right on the heels of that, we had a landslide in Ketchikan that was unfortunately fatal to a worker in Ketchikan along with some injuries. And so that ended up being a major response. We swung even some folks from Juneau over to Ketchikan

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: and ended up activating some National Guard that were available in Ketchikan and some Alaska State Defense force along with our division supervisors, there to support the operations there, and the mass care. And we are actually in conducting, as of today, a preliminary damage assessment to support consideration of a request for Federal assistance for that landslide

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: all through the time since I briefed you last, we've had multiple local communities have utility disruptions either in their water systems. Power generation

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: very, very.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: very, very difficult to address

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: in remote areas. And so we've worked very closely with the Alaska Energy authority and our State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Remote maintenance workers to address those. There's been a number of utility issues that have come up, and it is particularly a serious matter during inclement weather.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: I will tell you that we've had some technological upgrades to the mobile emergency Operations center

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: that is available to you. Obviously, it's a road system thing. But if you were to need that, we have it ready to go, and would be willing to deploy that it's basically the way we operate is we send an operator with it. The cost to the jurisdiction is just taking care of the fuel. So if you were to need that for an emergency response

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: would be willing, if if possible, and available, to support you. We've also done and are in the throes of some technology upgrades in the State Emergency Operations center here to allow more enhanced virtual communications, including a camera, to be able to do virtual briefings.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: And we continue to have our generator sets available to you for local deployment. We've done a couple of deployments in the Matsu Borough, so we have a different size. They're not huge, but they're not small. They're on trailers in the, you know, 75 kilowatt range. Were you to need an emergency generator, the transportation most likely would be on you. But you could use that generator without any cost, and we'd be glad to deploy that with you.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: The last thing I'll say is, we've got multiple staff, seoc staff and other staff deployed to hurricanes.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Actually, I just give you a rundown. Julia Longs, in Florida, supporting

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Swanee and Taylor counties as a voluntary agency liaison and went through Hurricane Milton.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Desiree Chambers is in Virginia, and the State Emergency Operations Center for Virginia, supporting Mass. Care and Volunteer Agency liaisons

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: in North Carolina. Andrew Sather and Jonathan Nichols are in the State Emergency Operations Center, supporting operations and with a particular focus on the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. And then, currently Jen. Wallace, Dave Riley, Jeremy Aggie, and Lenita Copeland from Ops, are in a county very near the hardest hit Asheville to support North Carolina's response to that.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: and in the air, or on the way, are 49 National Guard to the State of Florida as a general duty, guardsmen to support the recovery from Milton.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: and I think that's it. The G. Ford manic storms already been referenced.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: I will tell you that we continue to watch. Unfortunately, the Juno Suicide Glacier Basin continues to fill. There was a small release yesterday, and then it really is filling again. So we have that on our watch until the weather turns cold enough to solidify that basin. We'll have to keep an eye on that, and I'll be glad to entertain any questions, and I think that's a good operations update for you.

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Bryan Fisher: Thanks, Mark. I didn't want to take a second before we go back to Mark. And David had a question for you in the chat. I'll let you read that mark.

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Bryan Fisher: Ken, are you? Are you back on.

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Yeah. I'm back on.

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Bryan Fisher: So I do want to say with respect to the response to the Mendenhall outburst flood last year, and then this year.

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Bryan Fisher: 1st of all. Thank you to Dot, and thanks to Ken for everything that you did, to make sure everybody was safe down there.

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Bryan Fisher: This was a fairly

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Bryan Fisher: fairly groundbreaking for us between the city and borough of Juneau and the Central Council, Tlingit and Haida, Indian tribes of Alaska.

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Bryan Fisher: the regional tribal government in southeast. It was an incredible partnership, both on the municipal and the tribal side, working hand in hand, going up and down the the neighborhood roads that were impacted

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Bryan Fisher: to do debris, removal and rescue operations.

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Bryan Fisher: For the 1st time ever we have jointly requested a disaster.

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Bryan Fisher: I will tell you normally there's 1 or 2 ways to get a Federal disaster. One is for the governor to ask, the other is for a tribe with their sovereign right and government to government relationship to have a tribe go directly to the President, bypass the State and get a get a declaration directly.

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Bryan Fisher: which we did see last year in wrangle with their fatal landslide and the Wrangle Cooperative Association. But this time the Governor and President Peterson of the Click and Haida tribe went in together jointly with 2 requests in one package to the President.

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Bryan Fisher: asking for a Federal disaster for both individual assistance and public assistance. So the 1st time it's ever happened in the nation.

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Bryan Fisher: I think Fema is. I was at Fema headquarters a couple weeks ago for a week, and they're very

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Bryan Fisher: very excited to see the partnerships that we have in Alaska, between State and municipal government and our federally recognized tribal governments as well as our

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Bryan Fisher: native nonprofit organizations, and all of that. So I just want to say this, you know, biggest flood in Juneau history. And the response was incredible, and the Juneau local Emergency Planning Committee for a very long time might be one of the 1st that had specific seats on their committee for their federally recognized tribes.

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Bryan Fisher: In the jury in the local emergency planning district, and I would say that that planning effort and partnership paid dividends because we all were able to come together and work with both the tribal Eoc and the Cbj

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Bryan Fisher: Emergency department to respond to this. So I think Ken had a couple of things that he did want to share with you all observations from his time during the response. There! So it's all yours, sir.

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Thank you just real quick. Yes, I support, I thought, the the planning and the overall effort between Cbj. State of Alaska, all of our political. The governor was down here. So there's a lot of support, which also means that we got a lot of resources.

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: And one of my comments is just about the Alaska National Guard when they hit the we had 40 people that were helping take out materials from the curbside, load them on to our vehicles, the dot vehicles, and just move debris back and forth.

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: I think, my recommendation is for anybody. I don't know if this is the appropriate

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: venue for this, but my recommendation is to provide some Osha training for the Sergeant Level staff for

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: anchorage for the Alaska National Guard. They were pretty much novice when it comes to Ppe. What protection they have! They didn't have some of the resources. Of course. We picked up the ball and went and got them the resources they need, as far as Ppe is concerned.

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: But I think there was an overall question about what was appropriate activities. What was the risk assessment in particular areas. So I'm trying to find a venue where we can pass that information back to the Alaskan National Guard, where they can be pre-prepared before they hit an incident and asked to do activities that they necessarily didn't have the

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: hazard communications or any of the type of training that typically is found in the the government and the private sector.

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Then the other thing is, I'd say, our after action review the dot. Specifically, I'm driving for an every after action review, and I am getting a facilitator from Noaa. So I'm getting another instant commander from Noah that comes down and acts as a facilitator. I think that's really important, because if you use your own internal resource in order to do the after action review.

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: there's usually some ownership of what the decision process was in the in in the incident that occurred. If you get an outside facilitator to do that, so I lean back on this particular organization that we have right here that in the future, if we need any facilitators for after action reviews go down the list, that of the people that are in attendance right now and say, Hey, would you be interested in doing that?

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: So those are my 2 in summary. My recommendations is to have the 30Â h Osha for supervisors somehow implemented in the training program for the National Guard, and then, secondly, a list of people that'd be interested in doing facilitations for after action, reviews for real incidences, for lessons learned. So those are my comments. If any questions just give me a call.

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Bryan Fisher: I appreciate, Tom. I appreciate you and the association.

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Bryan Fisher: give me a little bit of leeway there to let Ken jump in. I will say, those recommendations are concrete, awesome. I think that's a good idea. Outside of the support we get from this from the dot with their safety officers on responses we frequently hire or mission assigned the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

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Bryan Fisher: the Alaska Office of Safety and Occupational Safety and Health Acos, to be on the ground with you guys at the local level as well as with our volunteer efforts. When we're we're doing home repair and reconstruction as well. So I think those are great recommendations, and I just wanted to share that. But I'll turn it back to you, Tom, for questions of Mark or Ken.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: If you want, Tom. I can answer a couple of questions that are in the chat. If you'd like.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: I'll go ahead and proceed. Question from David Engel what is available for incident command Eoc for those who are not on the road system.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: We're more than willing to, if available support you with staff from the State, Elc.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: It would be a staff thing. We do have some deployable portable communications equipment.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: But it's nothing like the basically, it's a motor home with a satellite dish and plotter, and that kind of thing that just can't be transported by air. And frankly, the satellite doesn't work

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: much past eagle. So that is available to you, and that would be a request you would make to the State emergency Operations center.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: The second question I had is from Nancy was, what was that deployment that we pay for for fuel costs? Only it's the large mobile emergency operation center. It looks like a motor home has a satellite dish. We are glad to, if available, to deploy that up to you, or wherever it is on the road system.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: We've actually had it in the Fairbanks North Star Borough before on fires, and the only cost would you would to the jurisdiction, if it's available, would be to just take care of the consumables, which typically is just the fuel for the generator or something like that. We'll cover the staff cost so you would need to cover just the cost of

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: the fuel to drive it up there, and that

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Bryan Fisher: I I'll just add a little bit to that, so that that capability has a complete for workstation dispatch center in the back full. Almr

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Bryan Fisher: hf, VHF, UHF, all of those kind of things. And for you all in particular, our priority for deployment, for that vehicle is number one

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Bryan Fisher: for us if we're in a continuity scenario, and we lose all of our buildings and backup sites. Number 2 is to to deploy it and support you at the local jurisdiction level

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Bryan Fisher: number 3 would be to support other State or Federal agencies. So often we, we deploy it in support of the division of forestry and fire protection or the Alaska Fire service. But

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Bryan Fisher: if we had to adjudicate and prioritize, our preference would be

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Bryan Fisher: to provide the support to you and your teams at the local level. Local jurisdictions or tribes. Before we, you know, are letting some Federal agency use it like Fema, or something.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Thanks, Brian.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: and then the last con. Here was David Engel. He had a tragedy where his, the building which in the North borough that houses their emergency operations center burnt down.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Our equipment is kind of for incident, specific, short term response, and would not be

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: the kind of thing that we could put in place for a permanent and so that's kind of not. But we did understand the tragedy, and David had good communication with us. So we were in contact in case there was some kind of alternate communications needed.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: and I'm willing to entertain any other questions. Otherwise that'll be. And you're also welcome always anytime to call us at the Stadio. See?

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: At (907) 428-7100, or scoc@alaska.gov, and we monitor the phone all the time.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Thank you very much.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you. Mark. Next up.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: Hey? Good morning. This is Jeff Lafferty, preparedness program manager.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: I oversee exercise, outreach and training.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: I'll give you a quick brief out on each of the sections, and what's been accomplished over the course of the past few months since we last spoke to you.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: exercise has been busy, as always, they've been working with some local communities to to

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Jeffrey Lafferty: help them develop and conduct some. Ttx's ranging from, you know, communities is

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Jeffrey Lafferty: wide ranging is angoon down to Shaktulak. They've also.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: if you recall, we did the rehearsal of concept exercise this past spring. We did that Post

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Jeffrey Lafferty: emergency Management Conference.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: The section is in planning for the next iteration of the the rock, which will take place next march

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Jeffrey Lafferty: we made the decision after seeing the way things ran last this past spring to go ahead and conduct the rock prior to the Emergency Management Conference. As as you're aware, during the conference itself

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Jeffrey Lafferty: we go ahead and we

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Jeffrey Lafferty: we come together. We talk about exercise there and what we're going to go ahead and do as far as developing the my tap for the next 3 years. So

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Jeffrey Lafferty: what we do in that rock feeds into that planning process. So we made

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Jeffrey Lafferty: a concerted effort to go ahead and conduct the rock prior to the Emergency Management Conference this next spring.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: In addition to that planning for the next iteration of Alaska X. Which will be in 2026 is taking place. This will be our full scale exercise, and this time we'll be focusing on the southeast communities.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: Tom Riley and his crew have been working with Juno Skagway, and as some of the some actually some Yukon communities to go ahead and develop this, we've heard positive signals from the communities of Ketchikan, and, as I've already mentioned, Juno and Skagway about participating in this, we don't have solid dates as of yet, and obviously

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Jeffrey Lafferty: Shsp. Funding is is

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Jeffrey Lafferty: mostly driving this. So we we don't know exactly how much money we're going to have for this exercise so very much. It's and it's still 2 years out.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: So stay tuned for more information about the 2026 exercise.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: As far as outreach goes. Michelle Torres has been extremely busy with outreach this past this past summer. We didn't conduct as many events as we wanted to.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: Some of that was due to the real world. Events which unfortunately happened, and staff were pulled, and and events canceled to go ahead and take care of those events.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: But we conducted well over 10 solid events and many more minor ones when they've gone out to speak to

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Jeffrey Lafferty: organizations such as senior centers, senior citizen centers, schools, but that we did have 10 events in which we utilize the earthquake simulator, and we estimate, we estimated we probably contacted well over a thousand of our Alaska citizens. Our big event this year for Outreach was taking the earthquake simulator to Kodiak on the ferry system.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: They were there for well over a week. It was a great event, despite the weather. We were glad we were able to get the earthquake simulator down there next year. We're hoping to go down to Valdez with the earthquake simulator. We're in the planning stages for that right now

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Jeffrey Lafferty: we had many other events that outreach participated in ranging from the region 10 youth preparedness council

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Jeffrey Lafferty: to the, and this is a mouthful. I never can actually remember the acronym for this, the Ace Camp, which took place over in Copper River, the the Arctic climate and oh, environmental camp, which was

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Jeffrey Lafferty: grant funded via the University of New Hampshire, with some participation from the University of Alaska up in Fairbanks.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: That was a great event. It was a 2 day event for some high school students.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: we also did national preparedness. Month back in September we participated in the Matsu preparedness expo.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: We've done some presentations

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Jeffrey Lafferty: for the Alaskan Native Science and

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Jeffrey Lafferty: an engineering program over at Uaa.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: Right now, Michelle is in the planning process for the next Emergency Management Conference, which is going to take place next April. As I mentioned, it will take place after

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Jeffrey Lafferty: the rock event. We don't have solid dates for that yet. We're waiting on contracting to go ahead and come back and give us actually the dates they've been able to obtain the vignette force.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: and while I'm on the subject of outreach, I'll I'll go ahead and mention cert

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Jeffrey Lafferty: as

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Jeffrey Lafferty: as in past years. Cert continues to be something that is growing strong here in the State.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: Michelle as the cert coordinator for the State. She's had a focus all across, you know, Alaska. But really I want to point out the efforts that have been made up in Willow, the willow, the willow cert team.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: Wow! They were busy over the course of the past few months. They've they've had so many events. They've participated in such things as their Willow library. 5 K. The Youth Fund run up there the city of Houston's founder day.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: They've had well over in the course of the past year itself. They've had over 1,700 volunteer hours, and they've participated in over 10 events. Can't say enough about what's going on up there for cert and Willow. They've done a great job, and Michelle is the driver behind that

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Jeffrey Lafferty: as far as training goes Jeff Mckenzie. And as you heard, Jonathan Nickel, who's deployed to North Carolina right now. They've been very busy.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: I will say that we've had well, this calendar year alone, and within the past 6 months we've had well over well, the calendar year. We've had well over a thousand Alaskans that received some type of emergency.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: Management related classroom training. In the past

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Jeffrey Lafferty: 6 months. Of the

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Jeffrey Lafferty: we can say half of those were trained 500. So many of these have been in person trainings, but we're doing a lot more virtual training as well.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: We had a larger than usual list of rarely offered courses this year, and

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Jeffrey Lafferty: I think part of that is included in your read ahead. We were able to get that in there because there was so much that we've done one of the big things coming up

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Jeffrey Lafferty: is going to be taking place.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: And yeah, the week of October 21, st right now, we're going to be doing the incident command systems. Curricula train the trainer

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Jeffrey Lafferty: course up in the Matsu borough.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: There's 23 students registered for this course, which will confirm those instructors, and

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Jeffrey Lafferty: if all the students complete this course, which I'm confident they will, it's going to double the number of recognized Ics instructors that we have in Alaska.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: Jeff Mckenzie and and Jonathan Nickel. They've really been pushing to go ahead and get more instructors up in this state. They've been staying on top of this. They've been advertising these courses, and I think

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Jeffrey Lafferty: they've done a great job in going ahead, not only in educating getting folks educated in emergency management related topics in the State.

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Jeffrey Lafferty: but as far, but increasing the number of instructors that we have as well. So the preparedness section has been pretty busy, and if you have any questions, feel free to ask, and I see Michelle has pushed out the the course. Date is April, or, excuse me, the Emc. Is going to be the 15.th Through the 18th of April.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you. Jeff.

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Thomas Vaden: Next up is

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Thomas Vaden: plan a planning update.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: Good afternoon, everybody. This is rich, Hildreth, with the planning section within. Dhsem.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: There's I submitted, a written report of a quite a bit of the actions we're completing within the planning team.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: There are 3 separate teams within our planning section.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and I'll start off with our community planning team some highlights. They've updated the

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: community evacuation planning guidebook and plan template. So that's a good action. That's been happened recently. We are also updating the distribution management plan in concert with our fema logistics folks in Region 10, which is a great working relationship.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: And we're working on updating our continuity of operations, plan

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: the template and hopefully other agencies, and the organizations and jurisdictions can look at that and use that as a template to help them fill out their plan where needed moving on to our Lepc. Right?

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: something. I want to note. The Leps visits have been curtailed right over the last few years. We're going to

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: look at trying to get back out and visit Lepcs and sit with you all and try to offer over the shoulder. Look at what's going on, and try to help where possible, and something that's happening right now. There's a review of the Poly policy and Procedure Manual. I think that'll be talked about in the circ meeting later this afternoon. So we're looking at how that's structured. And if there's any

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: recommendations that could be made to enhance that with

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: recent information

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: moving on to our emergency management performance. Grant

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: the Fy. 24 Empg Grant applications have been received and are being reviewed for award.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: And as a friendly reminder. I've been asked to please make sure your quarterly reports are due are turned in on time. That helps us make sure we get you guys reimbursed

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: moving on to the Thyra threat and hazard, identification, risk assessment

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and the spr Stakeholder Preparedness Review.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: We responded to the Input from the Lepcs. They wanted to move away from the Wikif, the whole community input form, and we moved to a quarterly survey process.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: Now, we're getting some pretty good results from that. And of course, Mr. Todd Russell has been refining that survey.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: as the feedback from the jurisdictions come back. How to better employ that. So that's that's an ongoing method to try to help support getting the best information from the jurisdictions, to understand your gaps and

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and your capabilities and your priorities. So, working on that the next team we have within our section is the all hazard resilience team.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: Something that that team produces is called the small community Emergency response plan.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: that's a it's a lot of work. Mr. Dave Lee is working hard to do that. We're putting some ex, some focus on

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: the Bethel region. We're going to be conducting a rural resilience workshop in Bethel. Our focus for that workshop is the communities along the lower Yukon. We're going to bring in 13 communities.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: We'll have 3 representatives from those communities. The travel Representative, a city representative and a Vpso.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: Arrived to do a three-day conference to talk about emergency management principles. So

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: that's where Dave's focus right now is to get those scripts prepared. And we're working with the Abcp

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: out in Bethel. And that's that's a good partnership. We're having. The next thing. The Alaska partnership for infrastructure protection.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: The season has started again. Some of the most recent key actions that have happened. They've toured the port of Alaska.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and they've conducted a tour of the Northern air cargo facilities.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and some of the upcoming activities. There should be some National Guard briefings on some war gaming that they've

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: been working on.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: We had a, you know, an update from the Alaska Js infrastructure mapping project. I think.is pioneering that, and it's a great activity.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: Cisa is coming in to talk to us about some cyber security topics and some other stuff. So.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and of course, the spring event, the Alaska X rehearsal of Concept Api has been involved in that quite heavily. So

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: a lot of work going on there. If you know people that are in the private industry or public industry that want to be connected, please recommend them over to the Apip.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: speaking of the rural resilience workshops.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: But we're going back to Bethel, and we're gonna do that one in February, Bethel. Such a large region that we're gonna have to have a second or 3rd workshop

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: for that region to try to get us all those communities. We're going back out there probably sometime in the fall of 25,

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and we are working with Avcp. As our primary

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: point of contact to help us understand which is the best communities to approach and talk with

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: moving on to our tsunami and earthquake programs. We've recently and completed some installation of tsunami sirens in Whittier, Haynes

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and Heidiberg and Cordova is going to get theirs. In the summer of 2025

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: Alaska is going to host the National Earthquake Program managers meeting in the summer of 25, which is a great thing.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and recently, on the 60th anniversary of the Good Friday earthquake, we held a tsunami operations workshop in Seward.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: Next year we're planning the southeast Alaska workshop. And of course, we're talking about Geo hazards, including landslides

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: now, obviously with the recent number of disasters in southeast. That's gonna be

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: should be widely attended and some good information put forth to try to help folks be prepared.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: Moving on to our last team is a hazard mitigation team.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: Right now, our building resilient infrastructure and communities program manager, Mr. Rick Nebrowski is managing 6 brick grant cycles and something of note. Alaska was awarded its 1st

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: nationally competitive brick program project, which is the

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: project in Skagway, which is it's quite a feat, though

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: not many of those brick program awards happened. So we were very lucky to have that, and so great work by

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: the city of Skagway and its partners in that application. And we're

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: recently just had a discussion with Skagway about the award of that project. So I'm looking forward to see how that progresses

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: moving on to local hazard mitigation planning. We currently have an inventory of well over 120 plans that have been approved

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: with quite a number of the 38 that are in being

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: being worked and and getting ready to be sent to Fema for for adoption. So that's a lot of work that's going on. The State recently has adopted a requirement in the

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: State has mitigation plan for an executive summary.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and I think

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: the Kenai Prince of borough is

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: wading into that requirement as an additional requirement to the

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: hash mitigation plans. So I'm sure Brenda

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: can have some moments to talk about that moving on to the Hazard mitigation grant program.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: There are 16 open disasters that we have projects under, and you can see the the long list of disasters that we're working there.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: and and within that, those number of disasters there's over a hundred 10 projects that are being

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: actively worked with another number of disasters.

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Richard Hildreth, DHSEM: the notice of funding opportunity closing in the near future. So looking for more projects. So you know, if you have anything please contact our mitigation team, talk to them about potential eligible projects and the number of open notice of funding opportunities and see if you can get a project submitted. That's all I have.

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Bryan Fisher: Tom just a couple of things to wrap up. Thanks, Rich and Mark and Jeff. I did just want to mention disaster, relief funding. I mentioned the. I talked a little bit about the shelter and services program. Earlier. However.

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Bryan Fisher: the Federal Disaster Relief Fund received a 20 billion dollar supplemental appropriation. Just prior to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

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Bryan Fisher: Fema released their

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Bryan Fisher: their process called immediate needs funding. Once they receive that supplemental, however, we do anticipate that Fema will have to go back into this immediate needs funding scenario

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Bryan Fisher: in just a month or so, just because of the sheer costs for the response and recovery to Helene and Milton.

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Bryan Fisher: What that means is, Fema will be able to support

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Bryan Fisher: the financial needs of any of us for life, saving life, sustaining operations. If we have ongoing disaster response operations.

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Bryan Fisher: an emergency work associated with that. But there will be another pause more than likely in the ability for us to draw down and reimburse

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Bryan Fisher: communities and applicants for permanent work, restoration projects.

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Bryan Fisher: And that goes back to type. In Murbot the earthquake, the current disasters from this year.

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Bryan Fisher: We'll be able to likely support that funding

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Bryan Fisher: from the State to you guys to continue your work. But we'll be in a pretty big deficit at the state level until Fema releases that funding hold

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Bryan Fisher: and

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Bryan Fisher: allows us to have the regular funding we get from from Fema and the Federal Disaster Relief Fund

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Bryan Fisher: on a similar note. The State Disaster Relief Fund is almost empty.

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Bryan Fisher: we are down to about a balance of $50,000. That's not obligated

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Bryan Fisher: at this time.

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Bryan Fisher: However, the office of management and Budget and the Attorney General do have a plan. We have provisions in the State statute

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Bryan Fisher: to allow us to borrow money

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Bryan Fisher: from the disaster, relief, or from other accounts of the general fund. The State Treasury.

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Bryan Fisher: to fund disaster work. So we have a plan in place. We're we're completely covered with our State financial needs until the legislature is back in session, and then we'll work with them to replenish any funds we borrow, as well as

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Bryan Fisher: future funding for next year for for future disasters. So that is out there, but I can. I can let you know. We'll be able to cover down on the cost that you all have for

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Bryan Fisher: disaster recovery work, and then and we have funding in place at the State level, and then at some point, Congress will do their thing and put more money in the Federal disaster fund. So thanks for that. I just wanted to add that to you to let you guys all know as well.

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Thomas Vaden: Thanks, Brian.

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Thomas Vaden: next is the Dec. Spill response report. Would that be Kathy?

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Kara Kusche: Good morning, everyone. Kathy, is here, but this is Carrie Cruci filling in and reading the remarks, for today

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Kara Kusche: I am the prevention and Technical support manager here at the Department of Environmental Conservation

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Kara Kusche: Division of spill Prevention and response.

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Kara Kusche: Last April, we introduced you guys to Teresa Melville as the spill prevention response program acting director.

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Kara Kusche: I'm pleased to report that she has recently been named our permanent director.

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Kara Kusche: and we're really thrilled to benefit from all her years of experience.

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Kara Kusche: Dec. Has provided a write up in your read ahead packets that provides a lot of our detailed updates. So I'll go ahead and keep it. Keep it pretty short for today. But do you want to highlight a few things

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Kara Kusche: over the past few months

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Kara Kusche: since we've last met our team has responded to many incidences, conducted lots of inspections, and participated in a whole host of drills and exercise throughout the State.

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Kara Kusche: Collaboration with State and Federal agencies continues in our area and regional planning efforts as well as during exercises and responses. We're really grateful for the support of all of your guys, agencies and all of the others, all of the others that we've worked with to provide

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Kara Kusche: our team supporting all of these activities.

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Kara Kusche: A friendly reminder as we go into winter.

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Kara Kusche: Please take a minute to revisit

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Kara Kusche: your oil and hazardous material prevention and preparedness plans. We have also a variety of tools on our website, and a great team of responders ready to provide technical assistance or answer questions at any time so

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Kara Kusche: definitely feel free to reach out

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Kara Kusche: other than that looking forward to the presentations this afternoon. And thank you guys for all your updates, too.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you very much.

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01:45:42.220 --> 01:45:44.559

Thomas Vaden: holy cow! Next up is

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01:45:44.750 --> 01:45:48.040

Thomas Vaden: public comments. Do we have anybody signed up for public comments?

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Hey, Tom, this is Ray. We didn't receive anything in the mailbox for public comment. For this meeting.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you very much. Ray.

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Thomas Vaden: okay.

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Thomas Vaden: let's see.

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01:46:10.170 --> 01:46:12.879

Thomas Vaden: why don't we take a 10Â min break?

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01:46:13.190 --> 01:46:13.815

Thomas Vaden: And

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01:46:14.550 --> 01:46:19.660

Thomas Vaden: because we're going just before we go into new business, everybody stand up and stretch their legs.

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01:46:21.240 --> 01:46:22.280

Thomas Vaden: Okay.

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01:46:23.930 --> 01:46:25.230

Thomas Vaden: come back at

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01:46:25.320 --> 01:46:26.330

Thomas Vaden: oh.

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01:46:26.790 --> 01:46:28.259

Thomas Vaden: 9, 35.

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01:51:38.140 --> 01:51:40.109

Thomas Vaden: I wish you had control all the way to the end.

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01:53:14.110 --> 01:53:17.620

Thomas Vaden: Kind of odd, like you said like your mom.

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01:53:17.860 --> 01:53:20.249

Thomas Vaden: If someone would say, Oh, she asked me.

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01:53:21.340 --> 01:53:22.360

Thomas Vaden: can

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Thomas Vaden: thank you.

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Thomas Vaden: Let me check.

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01:54:16.896 --> 01:54:18.959

Thomas Vaden: I don't know what.

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01:54:58.870 --> 01:54:59.760

Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Hey, Tom!

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Thomas Vaden: Yes.

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Who from Juno, normally attends these meetings. Tom Matisse.

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Thomas Vaden: Tom usually comes. But there, there's an Lapc member from Juno, I think. Let's see. Hang on.

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01:55:15.830 --> 01:55:18.840

Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Yeah, we, we keep our meetings pretty good. So.

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Thomas Vaden: Jill Brown.

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01:55:20.190 --> 01:55:21.230

Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Oh! Who.

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01:55:21.600 --> 01:55:22.789

Thomas Vaden: Michelle, Brown.

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01:55:22.790 --> 01:55:27.750

Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Oh, okay, yeah, I know. Michelle. Okay, good. Thank you. I just have another contact point. Appreciate it.

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Thomas Vaden: Okay.

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01:55:30.690 --> 01:55:35.110

Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: She's leaving in January. She has a replacement already available.

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01:55:36.220 --> 01:55:37.270

Thomas Vaden: Yeah.

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01:55:41.270 --> 01:55:43.889

Thomas Vaden: you guys have been getting hammered pretty good down there.

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01:55:44.280 --> 01:55:52.099

Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: Yeah, I was on the flood. And then I also went over to catch a can, too, for the landslide. So getting some real world experience.

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01:55:52.310 --> 01:55:52.645

Thomas Vaden: Yeah.

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Ken Murphy, DOT Safety: But I've been on type one fires before as a wildland firefighter back in the day.

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Thomas Vaden: All right. Let's get started.

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Thomas Vaden: again. Next up is the

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01:56:36.350 --> 01:56:39.080

Thomas Vaden: Aleutian Privilov Islands Emergency.

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01:56:39.200 --> 01:56:43.240

Thomas Vaden: Prepare Api, emergency preparedness, foundation.

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Peter Gurney: would you?

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Thomas Vaden: I saw him twice.

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Peter Gurney: I'll share my screen so that I can do a little Powerpoint presentation.

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Thomas Vaden: Yes, that was included in the read ahead stuff. But thanks.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Hey, Peter, this is Ray.

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Peter Gurney: Hey! Ray!

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Yeah, there, there seem to be a typo right there. If you wanna give like a a brief explanation of it, then we'll roll on to the the 1st presentation. If that's okay with you, sir.

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Peter Gurney: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: My apologies.

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Peter Gurney: So do you want me to talk about it now?

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Just like a just like a few words about the the the whole. 5, 1 c. 3. Incorporation would work.

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Peter Gurney: Okay? So basically.

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Peter Gurney: our Aleutian and Pribil off Islands. Lepc.

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Peter Gurney: just like a lot of the other Lepcs in the State.

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Peter Gurney: Had issues with funding. We didn't really have any available

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Peter Gurney: funding. The the city of Unalaska

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Peter Gurney: had supported us some in the past.

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Peter Gurney: but

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Peter Gurney: Then, when the State cut funding back in 2,019, I think.

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Peter Gurney: Lepc out here went dormant, and then we

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Peter Gurney: brought it back about a little over a year ago.

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Peter Gurney: And I'm the chairperson in that and

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Peter Gurney: The city was. Gonna give us a $5,000 for funding. But

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Peter Gurney: then they said, No, we're not. We're no longer going to give funding for Lepc.

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Peter Gurney: and

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Peter Gurney: you're on your own. Basically, they cut ties with Lepc.

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Peter Gurney: So we went ahead and looked into creating a 5 0, 1 c, 3

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Peter Gurney: and we kind of

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Peter Gurney: talked. I talked a lot with Kathy Shea, who was a big help.

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Peter Gurney: and she connected me with a lawyer named Timothy Gable House.

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Peter Gurney: and both myself and our treasurer, Rachel Allen Centeran.

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Peter Gurney: kind of worked with Timothy to

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Peter Gurney: get the ball rolling on a 5 0. 1 c. 3,

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Peter Gurney: and we were able to create the Aleutian privile off Islands emergency Preparedness Foundation.

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Peter Gurney: Inc. He suggests, he said, we

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Peter Gurney: shouldn't try to create the 5 0. 1 c. 3 in the Lepc name, because that could

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Peter Gurney: create some legality issues. He felt

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Peter Gurney: but that we could

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Peter Gurney: create the so we created the 5 0 1 c. 3, with a different name, with the goal of funding Lepc projects and initiatives.

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Peter Gurney: And basically.

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Peter Gurney: since creating the 5 0. 1 c. 3 we've been.

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Peter Gurney: We went to the city of Unalaska as a nonprofit.

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Peter Gurney: and we're able to get

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Peter Gurney: City Council to sponsor us for $15,000,

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Peter Gurney: and we were also able to get a

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Peter Gurney: $4,500 from

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Peter Gurney: a picta, which is our local Cdq.

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Peter Gurney: To fund the house numbering project. So we've now got

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Peter Gurney: $19,500. We've got a bank account for our 5 0. 1 C. 3,

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Peter Gurney: and

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Peter Gurney: we're gonna be able to

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Peter Gurney: raise more money going forward as well.

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Peter Gurney: We're looking into getting a raffle permit, and it's easier to get donations when you're 501 c. 3. So

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Peter Gurney: that's where

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Peter Gurney: just a summary of

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Peter Gurney: kind of

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Peter Gurney: what we've done with the

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Peter Gurney: 5 0. 1 c. 3.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thank you, Peter, that that was amazing. Thank you very much.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Alright. So the on Tom. The 1st presentation on the agenda is the

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: this from John Huffman.

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Thomas Vaden: Go ahead. See? I think he's already got a slide show up.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Yeah. Ray went ahead and pulled that up for me. Can everybody hear me? Okay.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): I'm working from home today. So I'm hiding up in my bedroom.

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David Engel: Yes, we can hear you. Just fine, John. Thank you.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Perfect.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): So

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): I was asked if you would come today to talk about our recent anhydrous ammonia release that we had

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): on our anchorage campus as we go through this presentation I'll have Ray flip in a slide. So, Ray, if you want to go to the next slide.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): so I can give a more formal introduction myself. Yes, there's my very doctored photo of myself

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): for those that don't know me. I'm the director of

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Environmental Health and safety risk management, emergency management for the University of Alaska Anchorage.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Oh, that's kind of a mouthful. For the last

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): 2 years I was the emergency manager, and then went through successful promotion into this position. So I oversee

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): not just emergency management, but a few other activities and programs on the Uaa campus. I'm also a member of the anchorage. Lapc.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): My more official title is that I'm within the local community planning.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): I don't know what you would call it position within the Lapc itself.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Some of you here I've already seen this presentation we presented at the last anchorage Lapc meeting, so I apologize. That'll be a little bit redundant from last time. But for the rest of you this should be fairly new. So

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): next slide, please.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): So I just want to give everyone just a little bit of an Lepc charge here just to remind us of why we exist and

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): what the purpose of our Lapcs are. And obviously, it's to

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): ensure that our

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): local communities in which we are serving are prepared for emergencies, primarily hazardous materials. But as we know, we've kind of transitioned to a more

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): all hazards, type of groups, at least most of us have. And so

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and obviously, that's providing information to the public as well as our local governments regarding anhydrous, not just anhydrous ammonia, apologize

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): hazardous materials.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): before and during and after, when they release within our communities. And so that's why I'm here today to present on this and my next slide will go into exactly what I'm going to be presenting on.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): So next slide. Please, Ray, thank you

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): so a little bit about what we'll be speaking on today is our anhydrous ammonia release that we had this past spring slash summer, if you will

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): some of the follow up mitigation efforts that were conducted, not just between Uaa, but also with many other community partners.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): as well as the after action that we had internally as well as with our community partners that were involved in those risk, mitigation.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): slash

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): response efforts.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): So the next slide that we're going to be presenting is going to talk a little bit about the anhydrous ammonia that exists on campus. I don't think I really need to go into

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): the

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): I don't think I really need to go into what anhydrous ammonia is. I believe everybody has an idea as well as the effects that it could have on a community if it were to be released.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And that's not really what I'm here for today. This is more to give you a background on the event that occurred, and so, at least on our Uaa anchorage campus we use anhydrous ammonia within the refrigeration process to create our ice rink at our Avis Alaska Sports Center.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): We have approximately 500 pounds of anhydrous pneumonia within our system. Now.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): it's not terribly a large amount. However, it could potentially cause a stir if it were to be released. And so

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): The system itself is contained. Within the photos that you see within that green box. We call it the big green box that also has not only canisters of anhydrous ammonia, but also a few 100 pounds that are actually within the system itself

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): as well as carbon dioxide that's used for the ice making process.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): This is monitored by on site on on site staff. So. Fortunately, we do have electrical technicians as well as refrigeration text that are able to monitor this.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And we don't have to outsource or contract for this

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): so a little bit of background as to why?

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): This became an issue every few years. Uaa does a regeneration of its ice. for the ice rink itself, which means obviously

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): removing the

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): sheets of ice through melting as well as heating the system, heating the anhydrous ammonia that's within the system.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): If you're familiar with anhydrous ammonia as it heats with inside of a system, it does build pressure, typically stays at a fairly low

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): pounds per square inch, and

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): once it is heated up it can dramatically increase in pressure. And this is where we started to see issues as we started to do our regeneration ice. So next slide, please.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): So a little bit of timeline and some facts that went along with it.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): So in May, or more specifically, on the 8th of May.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): our facilities team those individuals I previously mentioned that are

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): trained and qualified to operate that system

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): identified, that the ice plant had a leak that was coming from a permeable pipe.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): There is a

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): smell of ammonia within the green box, nothing to be terribly alarmed of, but it was obviously noticeable.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And it was discovered that there was a pipe that was leaking anhydrous ammonia. Slowly

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): come to find out. Give a little bit of context. To that we come to find out that there was a faulty

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): insulation.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): There was a faulty

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): insulation tubing around the actual pipe itself that contained the anhydrous ammonia

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): which caused condensation to build within the insulation and end up corroding the pipe over time.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): No fault to Uaa. It was a manufacturing issue but obviously became a

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): an issue. At this point.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): On the 9th of May our internal incident management team was notified of this leak and obviously started beginning some form of

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): idea of how we could respond to

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): fixing the leak itself. Obviously we weren't concerned about the general population. Yet, as the system. The big green box typically can contain that anhydrous ammonia until it's released to a certain amount of pressure.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): On the 10th of May, the very next day, early in the in the morning, we were notified by those facility staff members that the anhydrous ammonia had a released in full

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): they noticed this after going and visiting the green box, and noticing that the charge or the pressure within the system was dramatically lower

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): as well as the. There is a missing charge of ammonia in the system itself.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): obviously a concern to us.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Some of the

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): most notable

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): facts that we knew at the time were that we assumed that a full charge of 500 pounds of ammonia was released.

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02:08:47.290 --> 02:08:49.150

John Huffman ( UAA EM): but nobody was notified.

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02:08:49.430 --> 02:08:55.880

John Huffman ( UAA EM): Why would why did this occur? Well, our anhydrous ammonia. Alarming systems within the green box did not

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): alarm and did not

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): which did not ensue any type of response from not only Uaa, but also our local jurisdiction. That system itself is tied into the fire alarm system which would have

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02:09:09.570 --> 02:09:22.880

John Huffman ( UAA EM): contact the local fire department to respond accordingly to the incident itself. And so it wasn't until the obviously the morning of the 10, th when we arrived back to Uaa that we noticed that that was missing.

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02:09:23.070 --> 02:09:24.919

John Huffman ( UAA EM): and it would have been

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02:09:27.220 --> 02:09:32.219

John Huffman ( UAA EM): it wouldn't have made sense to at least make that notification, since the anhydrous ammonia had released. And so

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02:09:32.370 --> 02:09:33.759

John Huffman ( UAA EM): next slide, please.

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02:09:36.130 --> 02:09:42.599

John Huffman ( UAA EM): so just like we are required by regulation. We made some initial notifications.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): obviously to Akdc divide division or sorry department, environmental conservation.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): national Response Center.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Us. EPA as well as our anchorage. Lapc received an initial report, and then obviously following reports, after that but

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): had to meet those requirements. So at that time. Obviously our facilities crew as well as the Imt, were working more towards

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): doing some type of notification internally, and my team itself, who are more versed in the regular regulations that we are bounded by, made those notifications to

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): those partners that are listed there.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): So a little bit more of those developed facts. As I mentioned. Our local alarm system failed.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Following the release itself, we were able to determine that only 200 pounds had released.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): It's unfortunate because of the timing in which it occurred, which was around 12 Am.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Between 12 Am. And 2 Am. Is what we're suspecting.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): There is, we don't know exactly how the anhydrous ammonia reacted with its environment, whether it was contained within the green box and was basically fumigated with the dampers that are in the system, or if it released a gaseous cloud that traveled through campus or the surrounding area, we don't. We do not know which was very unfortunate and fortunate in this case, so we don't know exactly who was impacted.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): We also knew at this time that there was still up around 300 pounds worth of

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): anhydrous ammonia in the system itself.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and that pressure was continuing to build

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): it was, it was gaining around 10 psi per day that system, just for everyone's reference is usually operating at around

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02:11:30.750 --> 02:11:43.630

John Huffman ( UAA EM): 40 to 60 psi. At this point it was at 100, and so it was gaining pressure, and not that the system cannot typically hold that amount, but with a permeable pipe in place.

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02:11:44.047 --> 02:11:51.980

John Huffman ( UAA EM): The likelihood of that failing was very, very high, and we were obviously made notification of that of that. So

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): next slide.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): So because of the pressure building in the system, there was obviously some

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): level of

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): uncertainty as well as need for response

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): that was illustrated to us by our facility staff members that are familiar with the system.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): If they're concerned as well as our chemical hygiene officer is concerned, and made our incident management team concerned. So

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): what we were trying to do, as far as risk mitigation in the following weeks. After that

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): release itself.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): which was the attempt to source some company to do repairs to the system itself.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Now you may be thinking.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Well, there's plenty of anhydrous ammonia, sis, or systems that use that here in the state of Alaska there are none.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): There are no companies that know how to operate the system that's at Uaa.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): We came to find that out. During this sourcing of organizations that were available.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and we knew that we would have to outsource the lower 48, which would take a significant amount of time.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and that time we couldn't just sit by and allow that anhydrous ammonia to potentially release on campus.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And so it took a little bit of a multi agency

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): coordination to do some mis risk mitigation efforts. The 1st notification went out to

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): our anchorage oem as well as the fire department.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And it was

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): soon identified. One of the best resources that we could pull in

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): was the Alaska National Guard Civil support team. CST,

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): which is the is the 1 0, 3rd CST.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): They were able to deploy to our campus and put some onsite monitoring, knowing that our alarm system failed at any point that anhydrous ammonia could release, and we would have no idea.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And so they deployed

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and put some

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): anhydrous ammonia as well as just environmental testing equipment around the box. So we would know when it was going to be, we would know if it released.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and then, obviously through those risk mitigation efforts, it gained a little bit of

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): traction within the local news, and so we had to get ahead of that and put some communications out

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): to our umed partners that could potentially be affected by this. So Providence

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): activated their

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): their incident management team. And we're monitoring the situation over the period of time. We are feeding them information as well as some other umed partners.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): local news, and then obviously one of the more well, not one of the more, but one of the important ones was also our internal partners that were internal community that we have at Uaa that could potentially be affected by this at this time during the year. There's not a terribly amount of a terrible amount of students on campus. But

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): the

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): green box in which the anhydrous ammonia is contained is in a pretty central location, and so which has high traffic, no matter the time of the year itself. And so it was very important that we continue those communications.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Next slide, please.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): So we're near the end of this presentation, and so I know there's I. I can't spend all day to talk about things. The

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): I do have it if you need it, but the exact timeline itself, the dates and

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and military time codes there if you need it. But for today, let's just talk a little bit about what some of the after action things we found internally as well as doing our external

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): after action report.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): We found that our incident management team had a and this is from a non biased view, had a fairly successful activation and response to the incident itself.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Myself and my position. Although I am on the Imt, I try to separate myself from them themselves as the emergency manager.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and I found their response to this instance to be fairly surprising to myself, and so I would say it was successful.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): as well as the activation of the Alaska National Guard, 100 and 3rd CST. Again that stands for civil support team

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): for those that are familiar with the statewide Orca exercise. We had the civil support team on campus a year prior to this incident actually occurring.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): responding to a simulated anhydrous ammonia release.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And so I wouldn't say it's a coincidence. But we I see us emergency management professionals always running to the situation where we we exercise something. And then it ha! Actually happens a few months to maybe a year later. And so

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): we did have a successful activation. It was consistent with the exercise that we had, and it was great to call in in those partners, and

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and they were more than happy to respond to our campus and provide that that

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): civil service to us.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and then some some use of the untapped community resources. So, as I mentioned before, there would, there's not a lot of contracting support in Alaska for the type of system that we have at Uaa.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): However, we were able to call upon some private partnerships, such as Albertsons grocery was able to send over a refrigeration technician which was able to draw some of the ammonia

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): into the lower part of the system within the green box, which kind of

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): kept it from that permeable pipe. But there was still obviously a significant amount of anhydrous ammonia that could potentially release. But it was a great use of community resources, and we wanted to note that within our after action that those are out there.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): We often look at the big and

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): the big big resources are, and there's sometimes the smaller ones could potentially provide just as much coverage for us. And so that's what we were. We're trying to know

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): some of the things that could be better, I think, with any incident, communication can always be improved at sometimes coming from Uaa, it may have been inconsistent. We found this to be just because it was an uncertainty of facts that were coming through

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and needing to flesh those out, so as far as inconsistency as far and as far as timelines on which individuals were getting information itself.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): One thing that anchorage oem as well as Uaa, have always been talking about and working on is becoming with coming up with a more comprehensive platform to do communication. There's

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): multiple different applications that can be used. And we just need to find one that works for

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): both of our organizations as well as organizations within the anchorage bowl. And so

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): we're continuing to work through that. I know anchorage. Oem has that within their strategic plan to work on over this next several cycles. And so we'll see what that, what that results in.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): We also not just repairs the system. Obviously, it's been repaired. But also we have continually

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): or we're going to be implement what we have implemented continuous testing of the alarm system themselves.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): We do emergency evacuations, drills not just for regulatory requirements at Ua, but we just do it for the general safety of our community.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Every year. But this is going to consist more of testing that green box system on a monthly basis to ensure that it will activate. If anhydrous ammonia were to reach the sensors within there, and at what? At what parts per 1 million will it activate?

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And so it's very important that we continually test that we are unsure. Why, the system failed itself.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): but it has been repaired in those testings that testing cycles in place.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): so we also identified that some professional development may be needed. Although our qualified techs

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): responded very well to this incident.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): they felt the need to have a little bit more training in place on how to respond to these incidents so immediately following

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): this these risk mitigation efforts, we did send those technicians to an anhydrous ammonia workshop

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and they traveled to that, and they found it fit to be very informative for themselves, and how to respond to incidents here, and they were able to be to kind of use. This incident as a scenario at that workshop which was great to get some feedback from some local industry professionals.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Also. We don't have any partners in here today, but we also talked about some pluming and predictive modeling. And so the civil support team is willing to provide this to us as well as we know their National Weather Service partners can do this.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): which would be very important. We found that our emergency operations plan was fairly vague, and how to respond to anhydrous ammonia releases on campus.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And so the need to have pluming models and predictive modeling in place was is going to be very important, going forward and responding to similar incidents of this that could result in a catastrophe to not just Uaa community, but also our surrounding community itself.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And so those are the the items that we found within our after action reports.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And I'm willing to provide that to anybody that would actually like to see the formal document with the the time that the more formal timeline, as well as those after action points, and who they've been assigned to.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): And yeah, that's it. That's my presentation here today. My, my next slide is just if anybody has any questions and also my contact there, if you need to contact me for any reason. Uaa is a good community resource. So if you just need anything from us, please reach out. We're also willing to

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): participate in your events, and so please reach out to us. If you have anything coming up, and that we could support

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): any questions.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): I'll read the chat. I don't see anything in the chat yet. But if there's any questions or comments, please.

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David Engel: John, this is David Engel, up here at North Slope. How are you doing, sir?

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Good David, how about you?

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David Engel: I'm doing well. Thanks. Does your fire department locally have a hazardous materials team?

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David Engel: They might be able to help you with plumbing and predictive modeling.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Absolutely that the and I failed to really mention it in this presentation. But the local hazardous materials team at the anchorage fire department was heavily involved in those risk mitigation efforts.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): not the initial release themselves. Obviously they weren't activated because our alarm system failed. But those risk mitigation efforts.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): They were very instrumental in helping us identify what resources we could pull in for this. Now they don't necessarily do those pluming, modeling the the pluming models, but those they did identify that civil support team and National Weather Service could do that. Following

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): this incident itself in a planning in a planning cycle. So.

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David Engel: Oh, perfect. Yeah. Some of us who've been on hazardous materials teams there's like Aloha or cameo. Some of those softwares actually can do that modeling for you if you're in that discussion. So we can talk about that offline.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Sure, absolutely, and I'll reach back out to our fire department. I know that they would like to bring up this

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): anhydrous ammonia case and the upcoming Alaska hazardous material

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): conference. And so we'll be still in contact with them and be able to see if they have that those plannings, but they didn't offer it at the time, so I'm not sure if they have that

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): I appreciate that comment. David.

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David Engel: Thank you for the presentation. It was a very good presentation.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Thank you

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): any other comments, questions, concerns, apologies for the children screaming in the background.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Thank you for that point. Kathy E plan can also help with planning and modeling. We'll look into that

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): and see if that's a resource that we can use. It sounds like there's there's a lot of different capabilities out there as far as

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): plumbing and modeling for these types of incidents.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Absolutely, Kathy, I'll be in touch with you. And obviously we were in touch during this incident. But we can do a little bit more of a follow up discussion on it as well.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you very much, John.

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John Huffman ( UAA EM): Absolutely.

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Thomas Vaden: Okay. Next up we have

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Thomas Vaden: Peter again, with the preparedness foundation.

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Thomas Vaden: And

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Thomas Vaden: there's.

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Peter Gurney: Alright so I gave a little background before we created the Aleutian Pribloff Islands emergency preparedness Foundation, Inc.

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Peter Gurney: To fund our

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Peter Gurney: Aleutian Pribulov Islands, Lepc projects and initiatives.

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Peter Gurney: and that is A. It's now officially a 5 0. 1 c. 3 nonprofit organization in Alaska, and we've got a ein number with the irs.

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Peter Gurney: hold on one sec.

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Peter Gurney: How do I? I'm not. I'm not quite certain how to move the slides.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Oh, I'll do that for you Peter.

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Peter Gurney: Okay, yeah, I'm ready for the next page.

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Peter Gurney: so I'm just gonna kind of go through some of the steps that were taken to

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Peter Gurney: create the 5 0. 1 c. 3 nonprofit organization.

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Peter Gurney: and some of the logic behind it, which I touched on briefly earlier.

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Peter Gurney: This was

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Peter Gurney: I assisted, but a lot of the the paperwork aspect was done by our treasurer, Rachel Allen Sonarin.

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Peter Gurney: So I might not have answers if to every question if people have questions, but we can definitely get the information for you, and there's links and whatnot in the Powerpoint that could help other Lepcs. If you're interested in trying to become a 501 c. 3,

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Peter Gurney: so we're

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Peter Gurney: Here's a little comment we used for our

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Peter Gurney: purpose statement charitable organization to raise funds and distribute funds to local organizations.

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Peter Gurney: that conduct, emergency preparedness, activities, activities.

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Peter Gurney: That can be used on the Irs Ss 4 and 1023 ez forms.

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Peter Gurney: It's got to be short and to the point.

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Peter Gurney: a nonprofit organization can apply for a variety of grants and conduct fundraising efforts, and that's the main reason that we created it. To try to

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Peter Gurney: acquire funding for our Lepc, although we didn't put that particularly

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Peter Gurney: in the

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Peter Gurney: application. Because if you make it too specific to fund one specific thing.

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Peter Gurney: then it's less likely to get approved. So we just made it general to fund emergency preparedness

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Peter Gurney: projects and initiatives in our area.

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Peter Gurney: But our

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Peter Gurney: primary function is to fund

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02:27:28.590 --> 02:27:31.700

Peter Gurney: le. And we're gonna do that through Lepc.

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Peter Gurney: you can go to the next slide.

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02:27:37.040 --> 02:27:45.090

Peter Gurney: So question, why is the 5 0. 1 c. 3. Nonprofit organization, a separate organization from Lepc.

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Peter Gurney: The Lepc focuses on performing emergency preparedness activities and projects, while the 501 c. 3 nonprofit organization can focus on raising funds for local emergency preparedness activities.

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02:28:00.431 --> 02:28:06.298

Peter Gurney: From Timothy gable house. Who I mentioned earlier. He's a lawyer that

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Peter Gurney: Kathy Shea, with DC. Put us in contact with.

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Peter Gurney: he said. For legality purposes it's best not to use the Lepc name.

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02:28:17.750 --> 02:28:19.729

Peter Gurney: so you can go to the next slide.

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02:28:23.500 --> 02:28:29.090

Peter Gurney: So, as I stated before, I'm just gonna kind of go through now, some of the initial steps

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02:28:29.390 --> 02:28:36.473

Peter Gurney: for how to create your 5 0. 1 c. 3. If your Lepc chose to do that,

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02:28:38.710 --> 02:28:46.289

Peter Gurney: you want to name. The corporation should not contain Lepc in the name of the 501 c. 3 nonprofit organization.

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Peter Gurney: So we went with Aleutian privile off Islands

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Peter Gurney: Preparedness foundation.

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Peter Gurney: and then inc, and that was one of the suggestions

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Peter Gurney: by Tim Gable House.

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Peter Gurney: and it kind of fit what we're

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Peter Gurney: doing, what our initiative goals are

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02:29:07.970 --> 02:29:17.639

Peter Gurney: So once you get the name, you're gonna need to set up a local post office box and have a mailing address. So there was some expenses to get

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02:29:17.750 --> 02:29:20.239

Peter Gurney: our 5 0. 1 c. 3 started

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02:29:20.470 --> 02:29:21.200

Peter Gurney: but

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02:29:23.070 --> 02:29:32.529

Peter Gurney: We were able. Our treasurer covered some of them, and then we've paid her back through the money we've obtained since having the 5 0. 1 c. 3

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02:29:33.121 --> 02:29:40.920

Peter Gurney: so it cost a hundred $10 to initially open up the post office box and get a mailing address.

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02:29:42.310 --> 02:29:53.023

Peter Gurney: Lepc, and the 5 0. 1 c. 3 can share a post office box, but they must be separate organizations, slash entities.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: No, I did a talk earlier and let me.

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Mark Roberts - AK SEOC: Yeah, that's all I know. And you know the.

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Bryan Fisher: Mark, Mark, you're unmuted.

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Peter Gurney: so it it differs with different post offices, so there may be a fee or may not, but once you've got your 501 c. 3 set up. You'll qualify for a free post office box the following year.

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Peter Gurney: you can go ahead to the next slide.

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Peter Gurney: So here we kind of break down.

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Peter Gurney: how to how to file a state of Alaska article of incorporation, which is one of the 1st steps you need to

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Peter Gurney: create your 5 0, 1 c, 3,

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Peter Gurney: there's a $50 cost for that, and it can be done online or by mail

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Peter Gurney: online is a little bit easier, I think.

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Peter Gurney: So we've got a link for that here. And then we kind of go through all of the different

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Peter Gurney: steps, article by article of the

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Peter Gurney: application process. So you need the name of the corporation.

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Peter Gurney: The purpose statement.

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Peter Gurney: then you have to have

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Peter Gurney: registered agent must be a person cannot be a corporation.

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Peter Gurney: You have to be a resident of Alaska with a physical and mailing address.

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02:31:31.480 --> 02:31:35.629

Peter Gurney: And then you need an initial board of directors. So we used

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Peter Gurney: we made the board of directors our officer positions for our Lepc, who agreed to be part of it.

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Peter Gurney: So we have a

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Peter Gurney: I'm the I'm the President, and then we have a vice president.

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Peter Gurney: a secretary, and a treasurer.

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Peter Gurney: And then all of those different officer positions needed to sign off on it.

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Peter Gurney: We also had to create bylaws

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Peter Gurney: and a conflict of interest policy.

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Peter Gurney: If anybody else decides to go this route I could share ours with you. We also created bylaws for our Lepc. So we kind of use some of what we had from our lepc, but

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Peter Gurney: change the formatting and whatnot to

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Peter Gurney: Matt to go with the 5 0, 1 c. 3

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Peter Gurney: but like I said I'd be happy to share that what we have for our bylaws, if anybody else decides to go in this direction.

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Peter Gurney: After you file the articles of incorporation, the State of Alaska will send an email stating that the articles of incorporation have been received and filed.

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Peter Gurney: And then you're going to need to file an initial report with the State.

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Peter Gurney: and that's something that I think you do

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Peter Gurney: every year.

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Peter Gurney: but so our treasurer took care of that initial report.

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Peter Gurney: and then you need to apply for a state of Alaska business license

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Peter Gurney: which you can do online through the link that's listed there.

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Peter Gurney: and that, like, I is $50, and like I said, we were able to cover the expenses through. The funding we've received

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Peter Gurney: through our

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Peter Gurney: since getting the 5. 0, 1 C. 3.

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Peter Gurney: If you could go to the next page.

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Peter Gurney: one of the

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Peter Gurney: last things you'll need to do

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Peter Gurney: is you're gonna have to apply for a

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Peter Gurney: irs, EIN,

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Peter Gurney: which is free, and it can be done online at the link shown here on the site.

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Peter Gurney: and

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Peter Gurney: I have some. There's some information on how to go about doing that with a link. You need to have a ein

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Peter Gurney: to open a bank account for the 501 c. 3 nonprofit.

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Peter Gurney: So

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Peter Gurney: and then there's a 1023 ez form

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Peter Gurney: which there is an expense of $275,

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02:34:22.440 --> 02:34:29.530

Peter Gurney: and that can be done online. And it's only for 5 0. 1 c. 3 nonprofits. That

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02:34:30.185 --> 02:34:44.830

Peter Gurney: plan. Annual gross receipts will be less than 50,000 in any of the next 3 years, so we didn't. You could apply for a ton of different grants and get a bunch of different sponsors and

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Peter Gurney: raise over 50,000, but it's much more complicated if you have

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Peter Gurney: that kind of money as far as the 5 0. 1 c. 3. So it's a pretty.

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02:34:56.220 --> 02:35:13.224

Peter Gurney: it's. It's relatively simple process. It's an easier application process if you have. If you're getting less than 50,000 a year, which is the route we went, and we wouldn't need more than 50,000, anyway. If we can

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Peter Gurney: get

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Peter Gurney: 20 to 30,000 each year, we'd be able to accomplish the majority of our

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Peter Gurney: initiatives, if not everything.

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02:35:29.260 --> 02:35:38.270

Peter Gurney: and so with the 1023 ez form, you must create an online, an account online@pay.gov to file it?

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Peter Gurney: This is the only way to file that form.

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Peter Gurney: You can go on to the next page.

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Peter Gurney: some of the final steps. You're going to need to register with the State of Alaska Department of Law charity

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Peter Gurney: which cost $40,

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02:35:55.300 --> 02:35:58.489

Peter Gurney: and you can do it through the link that I show here.

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Peter Gurney: Max.

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Peter Gurney: You're gonna need. And you're gonna want to apply for a city business license

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02:36:08.990 --> 02:36:13.180

Peter Gurney: which is free for nonprofits, online or in person.

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Peter Gurney: and you can get a city sales tax exempt certification, which is free, online or in person.

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02:36:26.420 --> 02:36:28.160

Peter Gurney: You can move on to the next one

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Peter Gurney: and then

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Peter Gurney: one of the final steps,

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02:36:33.840 --> 02:36:40.471

Peter Gurney: you're gonna wanna open a bank account, because that's how you're gonna be able to receive money from

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Peter Gurney: sponsors or or businesses that donate to your

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02:36:46.790 --> 02:36:57.330

Peter Gurney: 5 0. 1 c. 3. Or if you earn money in a community event, or whatever it may be, having that bank account.

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02:36:58.010 --> 02:36:59.690

Peter Gurney: You'll be able to

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02:36:59.850 --> 02:37:02.549

Peter Gurney: put it in the bank and and start

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Peter Gurney: using it. Of course, you're gonna need to track everything you do.

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Peter Gurney: so it's $250. Is the initial deposit amount to open a bank account?

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Peter Gurney: each person that will have access to the bank account will need to go to the bank when opening the account

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Peter Gurney: you're going to need to bring your id

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Peter Gurney: your Irs, ein that you received after submitting the paperwork for the 5 0. 1 C. 3,

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Peter Gurney: and City and State business licenses

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Peter Gurney: along with cash to open the bank account.

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02:37:37.500 --> 02:37:41.826

Peter Gurney: And then you're gonna wanna order checks so that you can

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Peter Gurney: submit pay pay for things with the checks.

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Peter Gurney: That's a nice perk, and we're also getting debit cards.

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Peter Gurney: here. I have some helpful resources that you can use to kind of help with the

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Peter Gurney: application process. Like, I said I wasn't the one that did. The majority of the paperwork on this it was our

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Peter Gurney: treasurer. So if there's more questions you can feel free to reach out to me, and I can put you in contact with her.

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02:38:14.813 --> 02:38:18.746

Peter Gurney: And she put a lot of work into this, and

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Peter Gurney: got it done over about a month span

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Peter Gurney: but

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Peter Gurney: like I'd said before.

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Peter Gurney: by creating the 5 0. 1 c. 3, we were able to get

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Peter Gurney: the city of Alaska wasn't supporting us for the Lepc, but we were able to get City Council to support our 5 0. 1 c. 3,

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Peter Gurney: with a $15,000 donation.

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Peter Gurney: and then we were also able to get $4,500 from a picta

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02:38:50.850 --> 02:38:53.740

Peter Gurney: and then. So now we have our

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Peter Gurney: bank account with 19,500 in it.

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Peter Gurney: And we're

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Peter Gurney: you know, essentially, gonna be able to fund the things we want to do. Now, it's just a matter of

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Peter Gurney: putting things in action. We've gotten some

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Peter Gurney: shirts and some

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Peter Gurney: different kind of a

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Peter Gurney: swag. Our our treasure, our secretary, calls it, for our lapc, and then we're looking at ordering house numbers for

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02:39:26.790 --> 02:39:29.139

Peter Gurney: kind of a house numbering

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Peter Gurney: outreach that we're going to be doing.

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Peter Gurney: And we've got a website that we built that we're gonna put some money into to trying to upgrade, and possibly an app.

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Peter Gurney: So there's different things we're looking at doing with some of the funding we've received so far.

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Peter Gurney: and yeah, like, I said, these are

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Peter Gurney: all good resources that are

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Peter Gurney: treasurer thought would be good for everyone to

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Peter Gurney: be able to look at.

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Peter Gurney: If you decide to try to create a 5 0, 1 c. 3

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Peter Gurney: for your Lepc.

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Peter Gurney: and you can go to the next slide.

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Peter Gurney: And then, lastly,

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Peter Gurney: I wanted we wanted to make a special thank you to Kathy Shea. She's the interagency head of interagency coordination with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

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Peter Gurney: She had sent out an email a ways back, after we had talked about

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Peter Gurney: 5 0, 1 c. 3 possibilities

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Peter Gurney: and so we looked into it from there. And also she put us in contact with

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Peter Gurney: Timothy Gable House, who's a lawyer in Colorado, and he

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Peter Gurney: He kind of helped us out a lot. He was very responsive with

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Peter Gurney: any questions we had through the process.

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Peter Gurney: And

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Peter Gurney: I think that

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Peter Gurney: as far as creating the 5 0. 1 c. 3. For

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Peter Gurney: I can see from attending the meetings that one of the big problems that we're all having is

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Peter Gurney: funding. And it's on the local level and the state level. So

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Peter Gurney: if

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Peter Gurney: this could be a way that some Lepcs that have ambitions. But maybe don't really have support

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Peter Gurney: could create something that's sustainable

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Peter Gurney: and

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Peter Gurney: that you're able to fund and accomplish your goals with. So that's the thought process behind it.

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Peter Gurney: And that's the that's all I have. So if anybody has any questions feel free to ask.

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Thomas Vaden: Aaron, you have a question.

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Aaron Hankins: Odd question, just a couple of comments. I also sit on a bunch of nonprofit boards. And I just wanted to add to Peter's comments there.

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Aaron Hankins: So you are correct. There is an annual report that you will need to do. That includes an Update of who your officers are

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Aaron Hankins: so that is annual.

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Aaron Hankins: and then there is a

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Aaron Hankins: Now that you are a 5 0, 1 c. 3. Nonprofit, you do have the ability to go in, and I think you'd mentioned a gaming permit earlier.

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Aaron Hankins: Make sure that you weigh

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Aaron Hankins: you. Take a look at how much revenue. You think you're gonna bring in, because once you go to that gaming, permit it, does increase the

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Aaron Hankins: the amount of work, especially on your treasurer because there are quarterly and annual gaming reports you have to do as well, and there's also certain rules on how you can spend that money, including having to

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Aaron Hankins: spend it with.

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Aaron Hankins: yeah, you you accrue it one year. You spend it to the next year, and you have to spend it all the way down.

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Aaron Hankins: there is no rollover, so you can't just accumulate money through gaming.

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Aaron Hankins: So

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Aaron Hankins: Just be cautious of that. Is something that's in the past. Our fire department has run into trouble with their non nonprofit.

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Aaron Hankins: But that said, if you do get it

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Aaron Hankins: if you have a community that likes to play Poll Tabs, and you're trying to work with your local business partners.

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Aaron Hankins: if you go down, talk to like your local bar. They run the pull tab program for our fire department, and that's how they get a lot of

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Aaron Hankins: funding for equipment and things like that as well.

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Aaron Hankins: So those are my comments.

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Peter Gurney: Yeah, I I

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Peter Gurney: actually, now that you mentioned that I think our treasurer had suggested not creating a raffle permit because of the

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Peter Gurney: extra work that it would be, but

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Peter Gurney: it is a little bit easier to get other

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Peter Gurney: nonprofits to allow you to use

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Peter Gurney: their raffle permit

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Peter Gurney: when you're a 5 0. 1 c. 3. I know we had checked with the local museum, and they couldn't do it for our Lepc, because we were in a 5. 0, 1 c. 3. But

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Peter Gurney: they can do it for our

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Peter Gurney: nonprofit or 5. 0, 1 c. 3.

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Peter Gurney: So.

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Aaron Hankins: That is true, that is true. So

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Aaron Hankins: that's a good idea from your treasurer, and it it helps keep down the the reporting costs.

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Aaron Hankins: But

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Aaron Hankins: you know, if you are, you know, deciding that you're wanting to fund larger projects. And you are trying to.

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Aaron Hankins: you know you do want to take that step into gaming, just be prepared for the amount of paperwork that goes into that. But good job.

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Peter Gurney: Thanks, Derek.

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Thomas Vaden: Any other questions.

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Thomas Vaden: Okay, next on the agenda is

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Thomas Vaden: electing new co-chairs.

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02:45:22.700 --> 02:45:24.810

Thomas Vaden: so we're gonna elect one

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02:45:25.360 --> 02:45:26.630

Thomas Vaden: for

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02:45:27.080 --> 02:45:29.910

Thomas Vaden: the fall and then one for the spring.

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02:45:30.600 --> 02:45:32.550

Thomas Vaden: Currently we have

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02:45:32.570 --> 02:45:38.329

Thomas Vaden: 4 people in the running. There's me Deborah, Peter and Thomas

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02:45:38.750 --> 02:45:43.750

Thomas Vaden: and I. I don't want to run this like this. I think I want to let Ray

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02:45:44.320 --> 02:45:46.449

Thomas Vaden: run that portion of the meeting.

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02:45:46.590 --> 02:45:48.619

Thomas Vaden: If it's if it's okay, Ray.

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02:45:50.600 --> 02:45:52.340

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Alright, Tom! Tom!

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02:45:53.050 --> 02:45:54.439

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: So I'd like to

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: entertain a motion to vote the new Lepca chairs we have for spring 25, through 28

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: we got Thomas Baden Brenda Allberg, Peter Gurney, and Thomas Simonson.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: for for the the new Lepca chairs.

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02:46:14.190 --> 02:46:15.559

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: We we just need it.

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David Engel: Ray. This is David Engel from North Slope Borough. Would it be appropriate to have each of the applicants give, like a 3Â min discussion of why they want to be the chair.

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02:46:32.790 --> 02:46:36.370

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: That that that suggestion is welcome. David.

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02:46:39.080 --> 02:46:40.730

Peter Gurney: Ray. I've got a question.

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02:46:41.110 --> 02:46:42.169

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Yes, go ahead!

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Peter Gurney: So.

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02:46:45.040 --> 02:46:46.065

Peter Gurney: Thomas?

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Peter Gurney: he's I thought he was. I thought it was the spring one that's open, and then Thomas is interested in keeping the one for the

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02:46:57.010 --> 02:46:58.030

Peter Gurney: fall.

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02:47:00.700 --> 02:47:04.190

Thomas Vaden: That's that's true. But I think what happened

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02:47:05.370 --> 02:47:15.759

Thomas Vaden: when we I was elected in the fall before Casey was elected in the spring, and we tried, instead of having them both together. So you have brand new chairs.

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02:47:15.880 --> 02:47:18.119

Thomas Vaden: We were trying to stagger the.

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02:47:18.120 --> 02:47:19.150

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Yeah, okay.

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02:47:19.150 --> 02:47:23.749

Thomas Vaden: Chairmanship. So you had some continuity of of what was going on.

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Peter Gurney: So from that standpoint,

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02:47:31.500 --> 02:47:33.270

Peter Gurney: would it make sense

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02:47:33.670 --> 02:47:36.460

Peter Gurney: if if the continuity is the goal?

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Peter Gurney: and

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Peter Gurney: Thomas is still

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02:47:41.780 --> 02:47:44.240

Peter Gurney: wanting to maintain the role.

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02:47:44.705 --> 02:47:47.334

Peter Gurney: I know he's been helpful to me.

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02:47:47.990 --> 02:47:50.219

Peter Gurney: When I've had questions and whatnot.

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02:47:50.230 --> 02:47:53.371

Peter Gurney: I I think that might make sense. And then,

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02:47:54.530 --> 02:47:58.590

Peter Gurney: when the other position opens up, then we can go for that from there.

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02:48:00.530 --> 02:48:03.780

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: That sounds like a great way ahead Peter.

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02:48:10.280 --> 02:48:12.800

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Alright. So to circle back to it.

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02:48:13.350 --> 02:48:18.469

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: the next on the line is entertain a motion and vote the the one Lepca chair.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Let's see. Interested folks like you see right there on the agenda.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Then we can go from there.

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02:48:31.370 --> 02:48:34.800

David Engel: This is David Angle, North Slope. I've moved to

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02:48:34.810 --> 02:48:37.899

David Engel: vote in a new Lepca chair

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02:48:38.270 --> 02:48:42.720

David Engel: appropriate to the fall or spring depending on which one we're speaking of.

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02:48:46.320 --> 02:48:49.729

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: All right. Now let's see if Thomas Simonson is on the call.

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02:48:52.110 --> 02:48:53.739

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thomas, are you out there

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02:48:59.460 --> 02:49:06.000

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: hearing our response? It looks like just Brenda Allberg and Peter Gurney are the interested folks that are on the call.

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02:49:06.820 --> 02:49:12.689

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: and to entertain Mr. Engel's motion was to have at least 3Â min of a

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: a reason why they they should be one of these

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02:49:17.061 --> 02:49:23.229

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: lepc chairs should be elected to be the Lepca chair, along with Tom Baden.

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02:49:38.710 --> 02:49:41.520

Thomas Vaden: So, Brenda, do you have anything to say.

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02:49:45.110 --> 02:49:57.060

Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: Good morning, everyone. I certainly wasn't prepared to give 3Â min, but I will introduce myself. My name is Brenda Allberg. I am the emergency manager for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. I've been in the position for 3 years. I've been in emergency management.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: actually coming on 15 years. And one of the things that I'm very proud of doing is being able to support our local communities and meeting their needs for preparedness, as well as being sure that they are part of response and recovery for this particular group. One of the reasons why I'd like to be part of it is to help our other communities understand the importance of

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: unified messaging under ready set go programming as well as how we can move or migrate our changing needs as a statewide organization.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: and to what is going to be supported into the future, and how we can do that collectively together. I think that the the more that we can make these decisions collectively as we move into the the next timeframe of what are, for example, what our meetings look like, what that virtual structure looks like.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: how we carry things forward for consideration to the State, and also how do we support the division of homeland security to ensure that they are given the support they need from the Governor's perspective, understanding that ultimately it does support us as well.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: And I'll leave it at that.

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02:51:19.440 --> 02:51:20.529

Thomas Vaden: Peter, you're up.

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02:51:22.330 --> 02:51:26.390

Peter Gurney: Okay? So I I have interest in the

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02:51:26.430 --> 02:51:31.070

Peter Gurney: in taking on a bigger role. Primarily, because

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Peter Gurney: I

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02:51:33.350 --> 02:51:37.180

Peter Gurney: I've I've enjoyed being the chairperson for our local

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Peter Gurney: Emergency Planning Committee here in the Aleutian Privilof Islands, based in Unalaska.

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02:51:43.610 --> 02:51:45.110

Peter Gurney: I've been the

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Peter Gurney: communication sergeant with on Alaska Public Safety

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Peter Gurney: for the last 12 years, and I've worked in the emergency preparedness realm for

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02:51:57.510 --> 02:51:59.669

Peter Gurney: 15 years now.

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Peter Gurney: so it's something I'm passionate about. And

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Peter Gurney: I'm looking for ways to

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02:52:10.120 --> 02:52:15.599

Peter Gurney: you know. Ex expand. Our take on bigger roles in that realm.

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02:52:16.199 --> 02:52:22.179

Peter Gurney: I also think that Brenda would be a excellent choice as well.

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02:52:22.720 --> 02:52:25.937

Peter Gurney: I know she helped me a lot. I was able to.

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Peter Gurney: we created a ready set go website for on Alaska, and she was

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02:52:32.705 --> 02:52:36.035

Peter Gurney: instrumental in in us doing that.

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Peter Gurney: she basically. I used her website, which was really well done as a template

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02:52:42.740 --> 02:52:44.869

Peter Gurney: and followed the same model.

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02:52:46.380 --> 02:52:47.890

Peter Gurney: so I'm

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02:52:48.262 --> 02:52:50.918

Peter Gurney: I am interested. But I also think that

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02:52:51.360 --> 02:52:54.664

Peter Gurney: Brenda would be an excellent choice. So I think that you have

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Peter Gurney: good options.

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Peter Gurney: and that's all. That's all I have.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you.

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Bryan Fisher: So, if I may point order.

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02:53:20.750 --> 02:53:21.830

Bryan Fisher: This is Brian.

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02:53:23.460 --> 02:53:24.339

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Go ahead, Brian.

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02:53:25.560 --> 02:53:28.944

Bryan Fisher: So I think we're at the point now. Thanks for how we're going here.

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Bryan Fisher: what? What I think Ray needs to be looking for now is emotion.

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Bryan Fisher: to elect

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Bryan Fisher: one of the named individuals. It's gonna need to be my name now and then a second, and then.

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Bryan Fisher: only members of the Lapca should be voting, not State staff or or guests, or anything. So I think

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Bryan Fisher: that's where we're at

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Bryan Fisher: with respect to Robert's rules is that

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Bryan Fisher: Ray can entertain a motion for one or one or the other of the individuals that have volunteered to run, and then you all can vote then, and if needed, you can vote for the other individual or individuals as well.

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02:54:12.200 --> 02:54:19.909

Aaron Hankins: I move to approve Brenda Allberg as our Lepca chair. This is Aaron Hankins from Petersburg.

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David Engel: This is.

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Peter Gurney: I I agree with that, too, I think. Brenda's an excellent choice.

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02:54:44.890 --> 02:54:47.169

David Engel: I'll vote for Brenda. This is David Engel from North.

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Bryan Fisher: So so hang on any other discussion on the motion.

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Bryan Fisher: Do elect, Brenda.

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Bryan Fisher: If there are no other discussions, then Ray, you can call a vote of the Association Members.

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02:55:01.460 --> 02:55:02.250

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: All right.

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02:55:02.890 --> 02:55:08.790

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: The vote is for Brenda Allberg to be the Lepca chair, along with Tom Baden.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: and we're looking at 4 votes so far.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Yes.

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02:55:22.730 --> 02:55:24.200

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: from Fnsb.

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02:55:26.290 --> 02:55:31.309

David Engel: This is David Angle. Perhaps we should do a roll call vote, go down the roll of who's on the association.

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02:55:31.480 --> 02:55:36.230

David Engel: and just see if that's acceptable to that person through that roll call.

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Aaron Hankins: This is Aaron Hankins from Petersburg Borough. I've also seen it acceptable during Zoom Meetings.

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Aaron Hankins: The

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Aaron Hankins: chair running will generally call for a

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Aaron Hankins: you know any in opposition 1st

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Aaron Hankins: and then

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02:56:15.640 --> 02:56:18.029

Aaron Hankins: you know, if we wanted to avoid the roll call.

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Aaron Hankins: and whoever might be in opposition can speak their piece.

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Aaron Hankins: and then

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Aaron Hankins: if there is no opposition, it just moves forward.

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Aaron Hankins: That's another suggestion.

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David Engel: Yeah, this is David Engel. I concur with Aaron.

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Thomas Vaden: So.

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Thomas Vaden: Ray or

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Thomas Vaden: Brian.

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Thomas Vaden: why don't you go ahead and ask the question, or do you want me to.

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Bryan Fisher: No, I I have a Tom. Thanks, I'll do it for Ray. This is Brian Fisher.

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Bryan Fisher: Any opposition to the election of Brenda Allberg as lapca, co-chair.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: I thought she was gone for chair.

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Bryan Fisher: There are 2 co-chairs of the Association. Got it.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Thanks, bye.

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Bryan Fisher: She's going for one of the co-chair positions.

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Bryan Fisher: Any opposition.

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Bryan Fisher: So hearing and saying none, or hearing and seeing none the motion carries Brenda Allberg has been elected by the Association as one of the co-chairs for the Association.

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02:57:37.240 --> 02:57:39.159

Bryan Fisher: I think we could turn it back to you now, Tom.

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David Engel: Congratulations Brenda.

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02:57:44.510 --> 02:57:47.190

Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: Thank you. I look forward to working with each of you.

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Thomas Vaden: Thank you very much, Brian.

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Thomas Vaden: Okay, next on the agenda

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Thomas Vaden: we have Lepc verbal status reports.

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Thomas Vaden: So

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Thomas Vaden: we'll start with

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Thomas Vaden: illusion. Privolofs.

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Peter Gurney: Alright.

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Peter Gurney: Hold on one second.

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Peter Gurney: so

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02:58:30.440 --> 02:58:34.957

Peter Gurney: I'll just go through some of the things I put in the written status report. But

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Peter Gurney: as I mentioned earlier, we've created Bylaws for our Aleutian privile off islands, Lepc.

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Peter Gurney: Just so. We had a little more structure, and

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Peter Gurney: everyone would kind of know

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Peter Gurney: what our goals are, and

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02:58:51.020 --> 02:58:54.540

Peter Gurney: we have something to follow, and we used

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02:58:55.480 --> 02:59:02.016

Peter Gurney: anchorage Lepc bylaws to help with that. And then

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Peter Gurney: Thomas was also willing to share gnomes bylaws, and so we use both of those to kind of formulate as a template to kind of formulate ones for our Lepc

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Peter Gurney: some of the things we did. We got a new logo. We did a logo contest for the

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Peter Gurney: for the area, and

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Peter Gurney: we got a bunch of entries. And so we got a new logo that we're pretty happy with

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Peter Gurney: for our Lepc, and we're putting that on shirts and stickers and different things like that for outreach.

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02:59:43.430 --> 02:59:44.035

Peter Gurney: we

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02:59:45.867 --> 02:59:47.480

Peter Gurney: we've got about

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02:59:48.040 --> 02:59:50.839

Peter Gurney: 35 members. Now, at this point.

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Peter Gurney: I would say, in our meetings, which we have

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Peter Gurney: every 6 weeks.

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Peter Gurney: We usually have about

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Peter Gurney: 15 to 20 people in attendance. So there it it. We've had some good attendance and interest.

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Peter Gurney: And we

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Peter Gurney: like I mentioned earlier, we got funding. Now we've gotten $19,500 over the last several months.

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Peter Gurney: some things that we've

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Peter Gurney: I've been working on we

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Peter Gurney: we kind of spearheaded a cert team

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Peter Gurney: for Unalaska.

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Peter Gurney: We haven't.

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Peter Gurney: We had the training

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Peter Gurney: which went really? Well, we had not as many people as I was hoping attended. But we had 10 people that got certified.

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Peter Gurney: the one issue that we've had is liability.

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Peter Gurney: The city's not

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Peter Gurney: interested at this time in taking on cert from a liability standpoint.

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Peter Gurney: they are interested in using us like deploying us when needed, but

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Peter Gurney: they want to go with a waiver of liability. So if anybody got injured in a response.

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Peter Gurney: then the city wouldn't be liable. So that's something we've got to kind of figure out if we're gonna make cert

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Peter Gurney: functional and sustainable out here.

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Peter Gurney: and

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Peter Gurney: we

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Peter Gurney: created the 5 0. 1 c. 3 which I talked about. And then we've got the

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Peter Gurney: website, which has been a good resource for the community

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Peter Gurney: which

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Peter Gurney: like. I said, Brenda was a huge help with.

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Peter Gurney: And then, lastly.

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Peter Gurney: we

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Peter Gurney: yeah, we've got a several different initiatives we're

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Peter Gurney: looking into for this coming year like the house numbering initiative that we wanna

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Peter Gurney: get done.

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Peter Gurney: And

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Peter Gurney: we're gonna help with. We're gonna look into applying for some more grants. Last year we applied for we helped the school apply for

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Peter Gurney: the Shsp. Grant for to get a security framework in place

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Peter Gurney: for

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Peter Gurney: so they could secure their doors with a

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Peter Gurney: Access control system and have surveillance cameras. And then we also helped the city apply for

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Peter Gurney: a couple of different surveillance cameras at public safety and then a security framework at City Hall.

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Peter Gurney: So I I think we should find out in the next

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03:02:45.600 --> 03:02:51.920

Peter Gurney: day or so whether those got funded because I know they've gotten the responses from Fema

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Peter Gurney: and then we're gonna start planning. If there's things we want to.

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Peter Gurney: look into applying different grants we want to look into applying for this coming year.

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Peter Gurney: So

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Peter Gurney: yeah. And then, lastly, we've got

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Peter Gurney: tier 2 reporting. So it's getting close to that time of year where,

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Peter Gurney: the local businesses can start filing reports for

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Peter Gurney: 2,024

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03:03:21.206 --> 03:03:27.160

Peter Gurney: which will be done. I think the applications are open on January first.st So

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03:03:27.180 --> 03:03:30.059

Peter Gurney: probably around December, we'll start sending out

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03:03:30.220 --> 03:03:32.889

Peter Gurney: reminders to local businesses.

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03:03:37.180 --> 03:03:39.120

Peter Gurney: and that's all I have for right now.

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03:03:44.900 --> 03:03:46.620

Thomas Vaden: Thank you very much.

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03:03:48.230 --> 03:03:51.059

Thomas Vaden: Ray, do you have a a list of everybody

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03:03:51.080 --> 03:03:53.200

Thomas Vaden: by alphabet? Is that's here.

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03:03:53.990 --> 03:03:54.790

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Yes.

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03:03:55.190 --> 03:03:59.910

Thomas Vaden: Would you please? You just go down the list, call it in that way. I think we just don't have to guess.

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03:03:59.910 --> 03:04:00.570

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Sure.

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03:04:01.650 --> 03:04:03.600

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Next on the list is anchorage.

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03:04:10.910 --> 03:04:12.110

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Denali.

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03:04:15.040 --> 03:04:21.099

Forest Shreeve: Yeah. Sorry about jumping in earlier and and doing this part earlier. But I'm good.

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03:04:27.140 --> 03:04:28.890

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Fairbanks, North Star Borough.

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03:04:33.730 --> 03:04:34.960

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Hi, yes.

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03:04:35.080 --> 03:04:37.680

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: we have set up a

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03:04:39.700 --> 03:04:44.040

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: new web page on the Fairbanks, North Star Borough

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03:04:44.070 --> 03:04:50.850

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: website. So we now have a Fairbanks emergency planning committee web page page.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: So everybody could see. We also have a set email and a Facebook page

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03:04:57.340 --> 03:05:03.720

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: to start getting more information out there and outrage, and where people could go to get documents and

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03:05:04.060 --> 03:05:06.350

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: know who we are and what we are.

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03:05:06.847 --> 03:05:09.110

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: So that's been set up this

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: last quarter.

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03:05:11.790 --> 03:05:24.780

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: we're again working on our membership applications. We have a lot of people that come and haven't had their applications in, and we still have several of those that we're trying to get in so hopefully for spring. The rest of them will be in.

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03:05:25.050 --> 03:05:26.560

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: And then

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: that way we have quorum for our meetings. We've been meeting quarterly in person, and this year we had our

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: community specific training. So it was from Fema that we were awarded, and it was our train derailment, hazmat training and exercises, and we had a huge turnout

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: from Dec. Which.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: thank you. Dec. We appreciate that. And EPA and overall. We had 70 participants with 47 different stakeholder agencies involved in the training

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: and the 3 daily tabletops. And then the big exercise functional exercise on Thursday.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: And for.

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03:06:13.940 --> 03:06:18.940

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: let's see, we're in process of updating our existing bylaws.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: and we're moving towards hybrid meetings. So, Ray, yes, I will have a link for you soon, for the next one in November

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03:06:27.670 --> 03:06:32.780

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: and then we're working on establishing our

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03:06:33.370 --> 03:06:38.120

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: emergency preparedness, preparedness and use safety day expo.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: So that's gonna be in May right now it is tentatively scheduled for May 17.th We're just trying to nail that down so we could get that moving.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: and we had some stakeholder meetings with partners to get input for our plans.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: So cause we're updating our simp and our distribution management plan is brand new. So we're working on getting all that input, and

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: we're just waiting to for

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: homeland security to see if we receive funding to start our pre-disaster post disaster recovery plan.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: So

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: and just getting out more training. So so that's where we are. And this past week our department

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: did a

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: tour of Fort Knox mine to talk to them about seeing the dam and issues with that, but also chemicals and other things that could impact

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03:07:36.035 --> 03:07:42.680

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: the community. And then we had a drill where, after. We have a mobile command.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Pop up building. It doesn't have

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: all the fun filled

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Amlr stuff in it, but it's a building that you could put stuff in, including communications, and so Dec. Came and helped us set that up along with North Pole, Pd. And our

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03:08:02.400 --> 03:08:12.329

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: cert team. So most of us didn't know that existed, and so the ones that originally opened it when it when we received it, came and helped us open it.

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Thomas Vaden: Borrowed your ladder. I brought it back.

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Came and helped us open it so we could see it. And now we can start on moas to

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Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: to be able to learn that out to our stakeholders as well, and that concludes my report.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thank you, Nancy

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03:08:32.720 --> 03:08:33.810

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Juno.

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03:08:39.610 --> 03:08:41.990

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Next on the list is Kenai Peninsula.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: Greetings everyone. 2 additions to our status report that was submitted earlier.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: The borough's second iteration of the distribution distribution Management plan, Dnp. Is currently with the State. It's also

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: concurrently being reviewed by our Lepc, which will be weighing in on that next week

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: for any final edits. And then our hazard mitigation plan

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: has gone to the State for review. It is hopefully going to be updated before our deadline in December.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: and that will also include the cities of Seldovia and Seward. As we migrate into a multi-jurisdictional plan, we're really excited about that, and happy to have worked with those 2 jurisdictions to make that happen.

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Brenda Ahlberg, Emergency Manager: and hopefully, the next iteration will include all of our municipalities on the Kenai Peninsula Borough and report.

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03:09:37.570 --> 03:09:38.540

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thank you, ma'am.

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03:09:39.530 --> 03:09:41.070

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Kodiak Island.

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03:09:42.570 --> 03:09:45.079

Frank Dorner (Kodiak): Nothing to add from earlier. Thank you.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thanks. Sir.

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Matsu, borough

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MVA DHSEM Planning Section: gnome.

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Thomas Vaden: Hang on.

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03:09:59.540 --> 03:10:02.712

Thomas Vaden: Yeah, there's a couple we have a couple of changes.

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Thomas Vaden: With that I mentioned in my status report that

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Thomas Vaden: we were working with, you know, trying to get the sirens working in the city.

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Thomas Vaden: Because they've they've been out for over a year, and and then they're going like, well, how do we evacuate?

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03:10:18.410 --> 03:10:20.749

Thomas Vaden: So the good news is is that

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03:10:21.420 --> 03:10:31.110

Thomas Vaden: we did enough politic and to get the city council members and stuff like that to say, Why don't we have sirens? So now we have most of the sirens up we have. We're still lacking one or 2,

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Thomas Vaden: which is a big relief, because up until now we had no way of evacuating people.

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Thomas Vaden: we've had a meeting in May over our emergency operations plan. The Lepc wrote the plan in 2,018, and gave it to the city in 2,019, but it never has been approved.

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Thomas Vaden: And so now the city was looking at going like, Do you guys want to write it again? And and so I we just recommended they outsource it to somebody else.

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Thomas Vaden: Other thing that's a little better news is

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Thomas Vaden: We went with our Cdq.

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Thomas Vaden: Norton Sound Economic Development Company and and the Lepc formed

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Thomas Vaden: Ellie.

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Thomas Vaden: Llc.

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Thomas Vaden: And went through the whole steps with bank accounts and all that.

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03:11:18.730 --> 03:11:21.279

Thomas Vaden: and we got a grant from

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Thomas Vaden: Northern Sound Economic Development Company, and then one of our members in the Lapc is A is a tribal organization.

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Thomas Vaden: and we've got a grant from them that's just coming in with

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Thomas Vaden: about 8,000 bucks, which is going to be good. And I also wanted to mention we're in the process of exploring Department of Health and social services has a grant for healthy and equitable communities. And and they are talking to us about how we can get a grant. And because it's like it has to be. It's not an overall

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03:11:59.410 --> 03:12:03.230

Thomas Vaden: large grant for 10. It's up to 10,000,

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Thomas Vaden: but

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Thomas Vaden: it has to be for more like a 1 time event. And so you guys may want to explore that. And as we are trying to figure out, what kind of one time event could we explore?

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Thomas Vaden: We're considering the tier 2, because it's outrageously expensive to advertise in the papers and stuff like that here for tier 2,

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03:12:21.830 --> 03:12:22.929

Thomas Vaden: that's all I got.

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03:12:23.880 --> 03:12:24.800

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thank you, sir.

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03:12:24.970 --> 03:12:27.280

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Next on the roster is Petersburg.

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03:12:31.390 --> 03:12:33.765

Aaron Hankins: Yeah, this is Aaron Hankins.

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03:12:35.290 --> 03:12:42.836

Aaron Hankins: we're having an upcoming meeting on October 16.th we've been trying to meet quarterly.

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03:12:43.520 --> 03:12:48.244

Aaron Hankins: unfortunately, even the members of the Lepc aren't

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Aaron Hankins: as active as I would have hoped when they'd sign up to be a part of that organization.

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03:12:54.682 --> 03:13:04.129

Aaron Hankins: The we did have some success in a informational campaign about disaster preparedness. Working with our local radio station.

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Aaron Hankins: They did an On air series where they were

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Aaron Hankins: reading the State of Alaska Guide for emergency preparedness kits

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03:13:13.890 --> 03:13:20.470

Aaron Hankins: as voiced by volunteers from the fire department. So they had a smattering of voices in there.

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03:13:20.790 --> 03:13:27.959

Aaron Hankins: and those sessions are recorded. So it remains on that radio station, Kfsk's website.

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03:13:28.956 --> 03:13:34.019

Aaron Hankins: So that is one good thing that we have accomplished.

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03:13:34.450 --> 03:13:38.977

Aaron Hankins: Unfortunately, we still encounter a number of hurdles and

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03:13:41.422 --> 03:13:42.707

Aaron Hankins: performing our

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03:13:44.220 --> 03:13:53.290

Aaron Hankins: the emergency. Planning side of our operations. Not just financial, but political as well.

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Aaron Hankins: It's not. That's our

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03:13:55.690 --> 03:13:58.370

Aaron Hankins: officials are apathetic to

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03:13:58.920 --> 03:14:04.530

Aaron Hankins: working with us. They're just downright hostile and don't see the the need for it, and

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03:14:06.150 --> 03:14:08.801

Aaron Hankins: they do not want to be convinced.

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03:14:10.640 --> 03:14:23.709

Aaron Hankins: and they've gone so far as to elect their the most prominent naysayer on the board to be the public liaison to the Lepc, so we continue to

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03:14:23.860 --> 03:14:33.730

Aaron Hankins: fight that ha! Battle and educate them. But I don't seem to be making much forward progress there, and that's where things stand.

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03:14:37.430 --> 03:14:41.290

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thank you, sir. Last one on the the roster is Wrangle.

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03:14:56.130 --> 03:15:01.702

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Hey, Tom, this is Ray it looks like all the folks that attended have have

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03:15:02.130 --> 03:15:04.089

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: done their verbal reports.

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03:15:04.620 --> 03:15:06.130

Thomas Vaden: Thank you very much, Ray.

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03:15:07.020 --> 03:15:07.980

Thomas Vaden: And

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03:15:08.880 --> 03:15:12.180

Thomas Vaden: the is there any members have closing comments.

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03:15:21.680 --> 03:15:29.849

Thomas Vaden: hearing none. I wanted to thank Ray. This is this is your last meeting, and I want to thank you for all your hard work setting that up, and good luck with your next job.

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03:15:30.590 --> 03:15:31.560

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thank you, sir.

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03:15:32.090 --> 03:15:37.699

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Thank thank you. Everyone. It's it's been a short but fun ride. Glad that we're able to

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03:15:37.740 --> 03:15:41.330

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: to get on today. And you know, do this meeting so.

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03:15:41.740 --> 03:15:46.290

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: and I'm sure we'll be able to work later on down the line. So.

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03:15:49.890 --> 03:16:01.369

Thomas Vaden: So next meeting is April 18, th 2,025, following the Emergency Management Conference, and I'll attend a entertain a motion to adjourn.

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03:16:04.880 --> 03:16:07.670

David Engel: This is David Engel. I move to adjourn the meeting.

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03:16:07.960 --> 03:16:09.390

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Nancy, second.

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03:16:10.420 --> 03:16:11.890

Thomas Vaden: Thank you. Any opposed

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03:16:12.890 --> 03:16:15.050

Thomas Vaden: meetings adjourned. Thank you very much.

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03:16:15.830 --> 03:16:18.769

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Are we on the same zoom for the afternoon meeting?

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03:16:19.000 --> 03:16:25.346

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: No, it's a separate one. The best thing to do folks is to go to the Circ website, and I'll put it in the

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03:16:26.000 --> 03:16:27.710

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: the group chat right there

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03:16:28.420 --> 03:16:29.520

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: for everyone.

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03:16:31.830 --> 03:16:37.040

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: And you, you'll be able to go to the the links. They were sent out in emails as well, but

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03:16:37.941 --> 03:16:40.669

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: it's probably easier to go to the website.

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03:16:48.940 --> 03:16:50.330

Thomas Vaden: See this afternoon.

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03:16:51.140 --> 03:16:53.704

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: Alright. Yep, I put it in the group. Chat.

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03:16:54.930 --> 03:16:56.680

MVA DHSEM Planning Section: It's the circ webpage.

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03:17:00.740 --> 03:17:01.590

Nancy Durham-FNSB EM: Thank you.