

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Friday, April 10, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jamie Sunderland, Aleutian/Pribilof Islands LEPC
Kevin Spillers, Anchorage LEPC
Stephen Jones, Bristol Bay LEPC
Laura Thiesen, Copper River LEPC
Michael Paschall, Delta-Greely LEPC
Chris Noel, Denali LEPC
Craig Malloy, Fairbanks LEPC
Michelle Brown, Juneau LEPC
Abner Hoage, Ketchikan LEPC
Dane Gilmore, Kenai Peninsula LEPC
Neil Horn, Kodiak Island LEPC
Bea Adler, Mat-Su LEPC
Tom Vaden, Nome LEPC
Linda Van Houten, Northern Southeast LEPC
Brenden Ryan, Northwest Arctic LEPC
Sandy Dixon, Petersburg LEPC
Dave Miller, Sitka LEPC
Brian Templin, Southern Southeast LEPC
George Keeney, Valdez LEPC
Doug McCloskey, Wrangell LEPC

GUESTS:

Tom Mattice, Juneau LEPC
Brenda McCain, Willow CERT
Edward Abraham, Nunam Iqua
Dave Owings, Ketchikan
Libby Bengton, Copper River
Julie Harvey, Anchorage
Erin Keith, Kotzebue
Dan Nelson, Kenai Peninsula
Flower E. Cole, Delta-Greely LEPC
Michael Holman, Unalaska
Alex Fonteyn, Red Cross of Alaska
Jenni Ragland, Salvation Army
Marion Farley, Nome LEPC
Taunnie Boothby, DCRA
William Jones, Shishmaref
Audrey Brown, Delta-Greely
Dorothy Taylor, Valdez LEPC/Red Cross

Kion Evans, ADEC
Chris Dailey, AKARNG
Louis H. Friend, MSB/LEPC
Young Ha, ADEC
John Madden, DHS&EM
Brian Fisher, DHS&EM
Jeffrey Lafferty, DHS&EM
Paul Valley, DHS&EM
Roberta Carney, DHS&EM

I. **CALL TO ORDER - Co-Chairs Mr. Jamie Sunderland and Mr. Brian Templin**

Co-Chair Sunderland called the Local Emergency Planning Committee Association (LEPCA) Meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

A. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The LEPCA members said the pledge of allegiance.

B. **Welcome and Introductions**

Co-Chair Sunderland welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C. **Administrative Announcements from Co-Chairs**

Co-Chair Templin asked that cell phones either be turned off or silenced. He gave a safety briefing. He also reminded everyone to state their name when they speak.

II. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 10, 2014 MINUTES**

There was no objection to the minutes as presented.

III. **APPROVAL AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Public Comment**

No public comments at this time.

- B. **Treasurer's Report** – There was no treasurer's report.
- C. **SERC Finance Committee update** – Co-Chair Templin stated that the committee looked at the state of the LECP grants for the year. There were a number of LEPCs who had spent less than 35 percent of their funds. There were a couple LEPCs who had spent zero. Some had spent between 35 and 45 percent of their funds and some were at or past 50 percent. The next quarter's reports are due April 20, 2015. He requested they either spend the money or give what they are not going to spend back to the Division so it can be reallocated before the end of the grant reporting period.
- D. **Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DHS&EM)**
1. **Strategic Plans & Leadership** – Mr. John Madden, Director, DHS&EM, reported on activities of the Division. They have re-examined their practices and where they were lacking, they have improved them, and have automated those that were very manual and tedious. They have worked to improve their ability to rapidly support local communities when events happen. They have made improvements in their ability to swiftly invoke the key programs for which they are responsible. They worked with the private sector to help them increase their own resilience and to increase their own ability to operate under all conditions. He talked about Alaska Shield 2014 where they found things they needed to improve on logistics, coordination, communications and many other things. They also educated and informed many other people in other states, federal agencies, and the leadership of the nation that Alaska is a complex place. Alaska Shield 2016 will take the same approach but against a different threat. It will be the acknowledgement that there is a human threat that will have human consequences. It will include a cyber-attack. Mr. Madden also discussed staff transitions at the Division, including the retirement of Roberta Carney.
 2. **Operations** – Mr. Bryan Fisher stated that since the last Association meeting there have been very few power issues around the State; however, there were power outages in Arctic Villages and Tuluksak. There were problems with Little Diomed Island with the one commercial helicopter that provides transportation and mail services, etc., was down for services, and the area had about two months of no transportation to the community. At one point there was a power outage and the National Guard flew a lineman out to help do repairs. He reported that they have also handled a lot of unexploded ordinance calls. They have been working on a substantial communications and technology refresh for the agency, including replacing all their old radios. As part of that smaller communities have been receiving some of the old ALRM radios. He reported they are now out of those radios. Operations Staff has been busy reviewing Small Community Emergency Response plans (SCERP). They are also working on a major update of the State Emergency Operations plan. They conducted the annual tsunami live code test a few weeks ago. The test went off well. Following the 2013 disasters (the spring

flood and the two fall disasters), the Division has recognized the need to put in place a number of contracts including for Arctic man camps, project management and others. He stated that they are getting ready to ramp up operations for the River Watch Program. The Weather Service does not expect breakup to be bad this year. Governor Walker has declared a disaster for the flooding on the Dalton Highway.

In response to Mr. Keeney, Mr. Fisher stated that this year they are not activating the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during River Watch unless there is a threat of flooding. If it is set up, anybody from the emergency management organizations or the committees that happens to be in Anchorage at the time can come out and either watch or participate.

3. **Preparedness** – Mr. Jeffrey Lafferty reported the exercise section is working on development of the Alaska Shield 2016 full scale exercise. They conducted the initial planning meeting at the end of February. The exercise will be focused on homeland security. Mr. Lafferty announced that at the end of April Kathy Cayvill will be traveling to Pasadena, California to accept an award on behalf of the Division from the Western States Seismic Policy Commission for excellence in multi-jurisdictional planning.

With respect to outreach, they now have only one staff person in the section. The section was involved in planning the current conference. They are working on a plan to bring the earthquake simulator to Southeast this fall. In addition they have attended other outreach events, including health fairs, presentations at schools, etc. with the simulator.

With respect to the training section, they have been busy. At the IMP for Alaska Shield 2016 D.J. DesJardin coordinated the conduct of cyber security exercise planning for small communities. Mr. Lafferty stated that cyber security is a new area for all of them. Due to budget constraints they have had to cut back or eliminate some of the handouts and booklets that are part of the training they would conduct, so they are looking at innovative ways to get the information out to participants in the classes as well as other funding sources. In July they have active shooter training planned in conjunction with the FBI in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. There is also training scheduled for the fall conference. The focus will be on Alaska Shield 2016. The current conference included more workshops to help everyone better understand the programs. One of the things they want to concentrate on more is the use of social media. They can reach more people that way and inexpensively.

In response to Mr. Keeney, Mr. Lafferty stated that they are reaching out to the smaller communities throughout the State, although probably not as much as they would like, but they will keep trying. Mr. Keeney suggested working with AFN to get to the smaller communities during the AFN

conference, as well as with AML JIA. Mr. Lafferty stated that they are looking at different venues. Communication is key.

4. **Planning** – Mr. Paul Valley reported that the general community planning team is going over a major revision of the State Emergency Operations plan. It is currently in program manager review and will be signed by the Governor by the end of the year. One addition to the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is a cyber-incident annex. Mariel Fonteyn has visited seven LEPCs. He also touched on some staffing changes. He stated that since the last conference they have worked with communities to develop eight new SCERPs as well as updated 10 existing SCERPs. Recently Ms. Weibl and Ms. Fonteyn went to the Tanana Chiefs Conference and presented SCERPs to several communities and worked with them on the tool kits. They came back with six completed and are working on others. In addition the team is partnering with the Department of Education and Early Development on school district and school EOPs. The Team has worked with other stakeholders to develop the Alaska Intrastate Mutual Aid System policy and procedures manual, the all hazards type 3 qualifications, and resource typing guides.

The mitigation team has also been busy. They briefed tsunami hazard risk and notification procedures at the Harbormasters Conference in October in Ketchikan, as well as conducted the tsunami operations workshop in March in Ketchikan. They sponsored some Federal Emergency Management Agency post-disaster damage assessment training. Seven local hazard mitigation plans were completed. Several projects under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and PDM were closed out and several more awarded. An issue he wanted to highlight was the community development block grant nation disaster resilience competition, a Federal HUD program which has been initiated this past year. Alaska is one of 67 states or agencies that are eligible to apply. They are concentrating on two main regions, TCC and AVCP, and six communities within those regions. The program is a long-term recovery effort looking at communities with unmet needs stemming from Presidentially-declared disasters over the last few years.

Chad Fullmer, the lead of the critical infrastructure protection team, is the co-chair of the Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection. They have reinstated the VTC capabilities so people outside of Anchorage can participate in the monthly APIP meetings. APIP has also discussed cyber security. The Cyber Coordination Group also meets on a monthly basis. The CIP team continues to be involved in Security Vulnerability Assessments (SVA). They recently completed an SVA in Skagway. They completed the operational research portion of the Whittier SVA. They also looked at the Alaska Neighborhood Health Center's clinic. They have been participating as a partner with the Federal Department of Homeland Security in their Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP). The RRAP is focused on

cross border issues between Canada and Alaska. The report will be out by the end of the year.

VI. **LEPC VERBAL STATUS REPORTS**

Sitka LEPC – Mr. Miller reported that a squad was brought in to de-arm a potential bomb. They appreciate being able to make that call. They have been active in EOC training. The search and rescue team for the city is back in the fire department. They will be incorporated into the city's EOC. The City and Borough of Sitka just completed their Blue Lake Dam expansion, raising the dam level 80 feet. The old mill site area is expanding with different growth patterns. With all the rain they had this winter, the dam is 10 feet below spill now. An ICS 300 class is being held over the next few days. The Village of Emmonak will be coming in to do some fire service training with Sitka. Sitka has worked a lot with the smaller communities. The Coast Guard and other agencies will be coming in to do a massive oil spill exercise in the next week, Monday through Friday. Friday night they have their airport disaster drill. Coming up an active shooter class will be held.

Fairbanks LEPC – Mr. Malloy reported they are doing their annual Expo planning which seems to get bigger every year. They are actively involved with Alaska Shield. Since the last LEPCA meeting, they have had two major emergency operation center training and exercise events which have included an unprecedented level of coordination between the borough, the two cities, and the military bases. After years of discussion, they have started the Alaska Preparedness Council. It is an association meant to include the public sector emergency management people, the non-profit and non-governmental organizations as well as incorporate the business continuity, risk management people from the private sector. One goal is to one day have a conference targeted for them leading into the preparedness expo. They have incorporated with the intent that it could go statewide.

Copper River LEPC – Ms. Thiesen reported they have finalized their mission statement. They began preparing for a tabletop exercise scheduled for fall 2015. They have brainstormed articles for the Copper River Record with the goal of having one article in the paper per month. They sent out the Tier II paperwork to the necessary businesses. They have brainstormed with the school district about doing shelter training with the Red Cross. They have discussed developing a web site for the LEPC. They have reviewed the tourist flyer that they put out. They have teleconferenced with DHS&EM to further develop the tabletop exercise.

Valdez LEPC – Ms. Dorothy Taylor talked about the project she is involved with called the pillowcase project. Disney has teamed up with Red Cross on this project. A pillowcase has been designed for grades 3, 4 and 5. Disney provides all the cases at no cost. The training covers six topics: floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, winter storms, and home fire safety. Mr. Keeney stated that in the schools they have a webpage that has all the different programs for being emergency prepared. The program pulls the kids and the parents in. Mr. Keeney reported they did a mass inoculation drill with the flu vaccines. They have gotten to where they can do 465 shots in one hour. This involves the Public Health Service, the Valdez Fire Department, and volunteers. The National Guard also came down and assisted. They plan to do an oil spill drill in May. ALICE training has been taken out to all agencies throughout the community and now they plan to start exercising on the training. The Coast Guard does a fantastic job of teaching the 300 and 400 ICS classes, as do the Prince William Sound Community College, University of Alaska Anchorage, and

University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). They are working to build up the Red Cross in Valdez with about five people finishing up the program. Mr. Keeney reported he is working on a 100-bed shelter trailer. He has one trailer set up now with 53 cots and sleeping bags. He wants to have trailers on both sides of the area. Every fire station is set up for disaster response and shelter management. With respect to cyber security, their IT people have shown him how many times each day the city's software is getting attacked. He thanked the people with Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the conference and for what they do for the community. He added that Roberta Carney and George Coyle will be missed.

Denali LEPC – Mr. Noel reported they coordinated a number of public safety booths to attend a borough-wide winter fest, including their Red Cross partners. Friends of NRA presented gun safety information for children. Interior Search and Rescue out of Fairbanks also attended. The LEPC continues to recruit new members. They recently held a meeting of fire and EMS leadership in the Borough, including partners at the National Park Service and Clear Air Station, where they talked about mutual aid, communications, and training. He reported they have a boroughwide mutual aid agreement that includes Nenana. They have been in discussion with a local volunteer fire departments regarding holding a public safety fair. The school district will have a new facilities manager. Mr. Noel stated they will connect that individual with the Red Cross and hope to do some shelter training at the schools. They continue to push for private sector participation in the LEPC. At their next meeting they will host the Denali National Park geologist to talk about geologic hazards in the borough.

Anchorage LEPC – Kevin Spillers reported on some personnel changes at the municipality. Julie Harvey will be the LEPC project manager. She is also the public information officer and does community outreach among other things. With the change of administration in Anchorage, they expect a big turnover. Once the administration stabilizes, then the LEPC roster of active committee members will stabilize. He reported they are in the final stages of their comprehensive emergency operations plan. He will be happy to talk to others about the lessons learned with that. The plan is in the legal review phase now. They hope to begin the process for the COOP planning. They just received the written SVA report which will help them plug some gaps. With respect to training, they get their EOC together quarterly. Two times a year they do a full EOC activation for training, and in the off-quarters they do pieces of the EOC. They are expecting a possibly more significant fire season this year so they are working with people from Forestry out of Palmer, as well as the Anchorage Fire Department has just done a contingency planning exercise. They will be doing some mass care contingency planning later in April. With respect to outreach, Ms. Harvey has been leveraging technology for outreach. He stated that they had a cyber security project for the last grant cycle. It has helped plug some seams and gaps they had. He thanked Ms. Carney for all she has done for Anchorage.

Delta-Greely LEPC – Mr. Paschall stated that it has been quiet in terms of issues in the area. There has been a drop in emergency responses. The local fire agencies have been working with the Division of Forestry and others because of reorganization that is occurring. Forestry is looking at combining the Delta office with the Fairbanks office. Since the most significant regularly occurring threat is wildfire, they are trying to make sure they do not lose the ability to capture fires before they consume thousands of acres. Mr. Paschall has developed a history of LEPCs since there are a significant number of new members in the LEPC who did not really understand what the LEPC was

about. Fort Greely is updating their 911 system. Delta is discussing with them as well as renewing discussions with the Fairbanks North Star Borough on whether Delta can get tied into an actual 911, into a P-SAP, as well as have the ability to do local emergency alert notifications.

Wrangell LEPC – Mr. McCloskey reported they have lost three more members with people moving out of the area. They are trying to fill those vacancies. The community right-to-know notification was published April 2. They have been able to get more into the shipyards to help them with Tier II reporting. They have also been working with them to map out their hazard areas and where they store their flammables, etc., for the fire department. The public health nurse has been working to continue some training in the schools. The police department has been doing COOP training within the schools and other community organizations. They have gotten an LEPC website put together and operational. He worked with a Native environmental general assistance program manager to provide information for their EPA tribal environmental plan. Wrangell is currently in the process of revising their EOP. With respect to preparedness, the LEPC had an information booth at the health fair. This year the emphasis was on emergency water supplies. This week most of the fire department as well as other agencies are attending the national search and rescue fundamentals of search and rescue, the search tech II seven-day course.

Aleutian/Pribilof Islands LEPC – Co-chair Sunderland reported in the last six months they started planning for Alaska Shield 2016. The LEPC has held two regular meetings and one special meeting where some people from DHS&EM, National Weather Service, and UAF came out and completed a large tsunami inundation mapping study for Unalaska. It was enlightening and is keeping tsunami awareness going locally. They just completed renewal of their tsunami ready community. They have been putting some weather alert radios in all city buildings, all large businesses, hotels, schools, etc. They took a hard look at their Tier IIs this year and realized they are not actually getting reports from some entities that have explosive licenses in the area. They contacted those people as well as those they believed would meet the criteria for Tier II and did some training on what a Tier II report is. As a result they have gotten more information in. They have some active shooter training coming up in the community. They will have an LEPC booth at a local fair.

Southern Southeast LEPC – Co-Chair Templin reported over the past couple months they have been working with Public Health on a DHSS-directed exercise for public health nurses across the State essentially practicing mass vaccinations. They have rewritten their point of distribution plan and are getting ready to do a couple tabletops and a full-scale exercise over the next several months. A number of communities have completed their SCERPs, or are in the process of reviewing their SCERPs to be updated. They have been working to do some localized training to orient people identified in the SCERPs to the positions the SCERPs identified them for so that they are better prepared as communities to be able to fill those roles and the community is better able to respond. They have also been working on a local preparedness conference in September. This year their preparedness conference outreach will be to community leaders and local responders on Prince of Wales with the intent of trying to fill in some of the information gap, and providing information to communities on where they can get additional information, resources, or support in an emergency. The LEPC has been meeting regularly.

Petersburg LEPC – Ms. Dixson reported that since the boundary separation from Wrangell,

Petersburg has been trying to update their bylaws. The draft is now complete and they expect to approve it at the next LEPC meeting. They have filled two of the three vacancies on the committee and hope to have the third one filled by the end of the quarter. Ms. Fonteyn visited them at their last meeting. They continue to collaborate with local officials on the conversion of the disaster response plan to an EOP. During the local community breakfast sponsored by one of the canneries and two of the grocery stores, the LEPC set up a display table with emergency preparedness handouts. The public availability of community right to know information has been published in the paper. Ms. Dixon has been in discussion with the Coast Guard to renew the mutual aid agreements with the two boats in Petersburg. The Petersburg Indian Association just sent somebody to EMI for emergency management. They are trying to set up a meeting to coordinate emergency management.

Northwest Arctic LEPC – Mr. Ryan reported they recently held their first LEPC meeting of the year where they approved a mutual aid agreement with the North Slope Borough. The LEPC voted in support of it and it will now go to the borough assembly for final approval. An oil company in their area will be doing some exploratory drilling this year near one of the smaller communities, so they are working with DHS&EM to do a hazmat incident management and mass rescue response. There will be a 402 class, the Coast Guard will do some tabletop exercises with the Northwest Arctic. The LEPC, fire and EMS teams will participate in the tabletops. They have a one-day workshop planned for the next LEPC meeting to go over their EOP. They hope the 103rd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Unit will also attend. The airport is working on their triennial drill, so they will participate in that training as it is developed. They have SCERPs in all of the smaller communities, and if they are not already posted, they will be soon. The communities really like the format and how easy they are to reference.

Northern Southeast LEPC – Ms. Van Houten reported she was recently hired to staff the LEPC. The SVA was done last fall and the community is addressing some of the issues. With respect to EOC improvements, computers have been purchased and the phone lines in the EOC have been improved. The municipality has stepped up and is purchasing a back-up generator. The LEPC is working with the Skagway fire department to facilitate a community evacuation drill in the fall of 2016. Prior to the evacuation, they plan on ICS training and tabletop exercises. They just finished updating the SCERP.

Nome LEPC – Mr. Vaden reported they held their triennial airport drill. There are four ICS 300 classes scheduled before the end of November. It will be pushed out to a lot of the communities in the region who will come in for the class. The LEPC is doing interviews on the radio. They did one on fall sea storms and the next one will be travel in the spring, search and rescue, etc. They are working on recruitment. With respect to Tier II reporting, this year they sent letters to all businesses with a note saying, answer back if you don't have stuff. Members of the LEPC are doing presentations to the other members of the LEPC, saying, this is what we're doing. This is to familiarize newer members with what everybody's job is. They had a fall storm that wasn't, and Nome received a lot of calls from communities asking what they should do. They have had meetings on being prepared. It resulted in some really good outreach. They continue to work on their volunteer annex with the emergency operation plan. He thanked George Coyle and Roberta Carney for everything they have done for the region and the city of Nome.

Mat-Su LEPC – Ms. Adler also thanked Mr. Coyle and Ms. Carney for jobs very well done over

many years. The LEPC has begun meeting alternate months. They have found more people attend. They try to have an educational program at each meeting. One time they heard from Sam Alvanez with NOAA about the weather Ambassador's Program. They have heard from the Mat-Su Regional Medical Center about their Ebola planning. At the next meeting they will be talking about fire weather. They did ICS training in March. The update of the Mat-Su Borough EOP has been completed. They have begun planning through their outreach committee for their summer events, including their third annual preparedness fair at the Sutton library in July. They are working in partnership with AARP to do a large preparedness fair at the Mat-Su College campus on September 19. The MOU with Chickaloon Community Transit is being completed so they can have a good partnership in place for emergency needs for buses boroughwide. Planning is occurring for Pills to Polar Bears, a mass dispensing clinic with Public Health in May. The three-day Matanuska River Search and Rescue exercise will occur the end of May. The LEPC voted to turn the CERT training over to the North America Outdoor Institute, a local non-profit. They have been a source of volunteer instructors for the program for many years. Ms. Adler will be working closely with them on making sure the training is well delivered and helping them find funding to help support the program. The Willow CERT team has been the most active team in the borough and they continue to be active. There is a project underway to continue siting conexes with emergency supplies, sheltering supplies, and response supplies throughout the borough. They are looking at 12 locations.

Ketchikan LEPC – Mr. Hoage reported they have been in transition. Mr. Frank Shearer retired in October and Mr. Hoage was hired as his replacement. He is the project manager for the LEPC. The LEPC held their annual elections in January and the officers were all re-elected for a second term. They completed the art work for their LEPC logo and the LEPC voted to adopt it. They have been busy with tsunami hazard activities. They developed a tsunami preparedness flier which includes specific local information. They hosted and participated in the tsunami workshop presented by DHS&EM. They have completed almost everything in their tsunami ready process. They have installed signs for the evacuation routes, and shelter locations. They did a tsunami awareness outreach campaign. National Weather Service came over and spent three days in town. He stated they did 17 presentations at 7 schools, 6 community organizations, three media interviews, and a public presentation, reaching about 1,500 to 2,000 people directly. They are working on their EOP rewrite with 30 different representatives involved from local, State and federal government agencies, local businesses, NGOs, and community members. They are updating all of the annexes as well as the basic plan. They are also involved in Alaska Shield 2016 preparations.

Juneau LEPC – Ms. Brown thanked DHS&EM and DHSS as partners in health. Ms. Carney had made a difference in the community many times. She stated they will be taking things back from the conference to the local area. Their potential disasters include mud slides, rain problems, flooding, etc. The conference gave them some good ideas to add to their protocol. The session on social media was also very helpful. A few years ago the LEPC reached out to all of the Tier II entities. By using that personal touch they increased the number of Tier II reports that came in. They have initiated into their LEPC meetings each month presentation training protocols. So far they have done an ALICE training, Red Cross fire training and others. The Red Cross' current campaign focuses on installing and teaching people fire preparedness. They are looking for partners with the fire department. She stated that the area fuel tank farms are old and outdated. Also, they didn't have a lot of information on them. They are supposed to have a response plan. In meeting with them, their response plan was to defer to CCFR and their response plan. Unfortunately CCFR does not

know all about each of the tank farms. She reported they hired a contractor who came in and did a full assessment on all of the tank farms. He did a plan update working with CCFR. They are currently in the middle of exercising that plan. She reported the one ad they are required to do is complete. They participated in the health fair both for Red Cross, CERT, and LEPC. Their preparedness expo is coming up so they are looking for funding partners for that, as well as partners to come in and be presenters. The community is looking forward to having the earthquake simulator.

Kenai Peninsula LEPC – Mr. Gilmore reported that their LEPC meetings are quarterly with an emphasis on industry, particularly the petroleum industry. Classes and training that have been conducted have included shelter management with the American Red Cross, ICS 300 and 400 with the borough partnering with DHS&EM, a PIO class, two CERT classes, four ICS overview classes, and others. The school district has brought ALICE training. ALICE is now being incorporated peninsula-wide. The three court locations have had the run-hide-fight training. Exercises that are planned include Rock and a Hard Place with Homer, a mass casualty operation planning in Seward. They are also working on revised public messages, creating additional brochures, public service announcements, and on-line content with four public preparedness presentations given around the peninsula. They hope to move ahead on a recovery team system boroughwide, and drafting an antibiotic point of distribution annexes to the plans right now. The emergency plan is coming up for review. The first fire warning message came out the first week of April which is early. He participated in CERT classes in some capacity and they both had high school kids participating which was encouraging.

Bristol Bay LEPC – Mr. Jones reported they are meeting monthly to try to keep the energy of participation going. They have had about 25 percent turnover mainly due to having a lot of Federal agencies where people come and go. The Federal agencies do require one of their employees to represent them at the table. They had the Red Cross come out and do the shelter preparedness training. They had more community members at that training than they have at the normal LEPC meetings. The borough encourages its elected officials to do ICS training. The borough acquired a new 911 system. With respect to community outreach, they have started to attend the craft fairs, etc., to give out emergency contact magnets and other printed material. In April they have the 103rd WMD Civil Support coming for the LEPC meeting. There is DOT/local fire joint training coming up.

Kodiak LEPC – Mr. Horn reported they have quarterly meetings with 25 to 30 people in attendance. They are in the process of updating the membership applications. One of the biggest changes is a new fire chief, Jim Mulligan, who has been elected chair of the LEPC. Within the LEPC they are missing greater participation from the private sector. They are going to start pushing for greater participation by the private sector. Having the private sector participating in the LEPC enables greater buy-in when looking at putting MOUs together. Last year they participated in their first emergency preparation fair at one of the firehouses. It went over very well. A lot of the attendees were some of the local outfitters and others who want to be part of the next one. They are gearing up for Crab Fest, May 21 to 25, where they have a preparedness booth. He stated that they have been lacking in training as they do not have any instructors on the island. He just completed the ICS curriculum train the trainer which will give them two instructors on the island. They will start running 300 and 400 classes. The classes will be open to everybody. With respect to exercises,

they will be participating in the DHS&EM Post to Polar Bears, point of dispensing exercise. It is an opportunity to move their POD plan from its current draft into a formal document. They are also building up for Alaska Shield 2016. They will start running monthly EOC training. DHS&EM will come out the end of April to run tactical emergency casualty care. There are a number of tabletops planned. He reported that the borough recently brought on a new GIS analyst who is also their mapping specialist in the IOC. They will use the technology to help build a common operating picture. Once they get things stable, they will be happy to share the information and/or present it. On the training side, they will be taking the ICS training out to the villages.

A. **Public Comments**

No public comments at this time.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Approval of Bylaws Update** – Co-Chair Sunderland pointed out that the proposed change was in Section IV, Structure, deleting the office of secretary/treasurer. Co-Chair Templin will insure that the bank account is closed. In addition the bylaws were updated with what the LEPCA approved three or four years ago.

Tom Vaden, Nome LEPC, moved to approve the revised bylaws. Michael Paschall, Delta-Greely LEPC, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Vote for Co-Chair** – Co-Chair Sunderland stated that he is retiring, although he will be at the October conference. He encouraged participants to step up if not this year then sometime in the future. Co-Chair Templin thanked Co-Chair Sunderland for his service. He then opened the floor for nominations.

Sandy Dixson nominated Dave Miller, Sitka LEPC. There were no other nominations. The vote for Dave Miller to serve a two-year term as co-chair of the LEPCA was unanimous.

- C. **Shelter Surveys** – Mr. Alex Fonteyn, Red Cross of Alaska, stated that if anyone has someone in their community that would be willing to become a Red Cross volunteer, it is free, and it would open up more resources to the community.

He talked about the pillowcase project, a national program for third to fifth graders. It has been so successful that they are trying to change the curriculum to where it will go from first to sixth grade.

Mr. Fonteyn discussed another national program called the home fire campaign. The goal is to lower the amount of injuries and fatalities caused by house fires by 25 percent over the next five years. This includes installing smoke alarms for homes that do not have them, or replacing batteries, replacing alarms as need be. This can be done in any community. It is totally free. Other volunteers will speak with the family about home fire safety. At the same time they are giving out materials about earthquakes.

Mr. Fonteyn next discussed the shelter surveys. They are pushing this statewide. The Red Cross runs the National Shelter System. Every shelter that we have in Alaska is put into the system. When an event happens, they go into the system and open it electronically. It records nationally that a shelter is open. Every night a head count is entered. The Red Cross has a number of free mobile apps, including a shelter app. During a disaster, people can go on the shelter app and it will show where there are shelters. But for that to happen, they have to be in the system. The survey includes such things as is it ADA accessible; how many people can it shelter; does it run on a generator, and if so, what is the fuel and what is the capacity for that fuel.

Mr. Fonteyn also discussed local trainings. In Kenai they did a shelter fundamentals class as well as a shelter management class. Local trainings are for the local people and are decided by local people. The Red Cross can tailor whatever they need. In Naknek they were asked to do a training for the teachers at the school in terms of how to shelter in place, how to do an evacuation shelter, etc. On St. Paul Island they looked at the full spectrum of shelters, every building they had. At the end of the month he will be going to Cordova and running a boot camp teaching seven different types of classes.

- D. **Faith Based Organization Response and Recovery Capabilities** – Ms. Jenni Ragland, Salvation Army and Alaska VOAD, stated that the Salvation Army has determined to get involved in support and response for emergency disaster situations in Alaska. They have determined that this is an investment that is important as is looking at under-served opportunities and expanding their presence in Alaska. Currently they are in 17 communities in Alaska. Roles and avenues of service they offer in response to disasters include providing food support. In Anchorage they often work in partnership with the Red Cross. They have thrift stores where they can provide items based on the needs of individuals if they have been displaced. They have two mobile feeding kitchens on the road system. They also provide emotional and spiritual care as part of their disaster response. They also have a program called the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN). Ms. Ragland is also the chair of the Alaska VOAD. Some of the expertise that they bring includes, as in the Galena disaster in 2013, groups who volunteer their time to help with rebuilding and repairs of homes, provide transportation to and from the airport, etc. The four C's of VOAD are communication, coordination, collaboration, and cooperation. It is not a direct service provider, but is a gathering point for information so they can make sure they are being the most efficient and most effective in how they deliver services and that they avoid duplicating efforts. There is a vast array of resources that the Alaska VOAD is ready, willing and able to help provide support.

In response to Mr. Keeney, Ms. Ragland stated that going through DHS&EM would be one way to activate them in an emergency. If there is a local Salvation Army in the community, that would be the first point of contact.

- E. **UAF Preparedness Classes for Ages 50+** – Mr. Craig Malloy stated this is part of the Fairbanks North Star Borough's public outreach and education for disaster preparedness and resilience with respect to their relationship with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. The OLLI preparedness courses are just one of the Borough's ventures in trying to help

residents become resilient. He presented his first course at the Institute in October 2014. It was a basic preparedness course with 35 students in the class. It identified the basic preparedness model: Do you have a plan, do you have a kit, stay informed, and identified various resources to learn about preparedness. In the spring he presented an advanced preparedness class where students were strongly encouraged to develop a basic plan both for home and work or if they were not in their home community. They also developed an inventory and actually begin building a kit. Future classes could include field trips to preparedness vendors for training and demonstration of products, services, etc., and/or field trips to residents who are prepared. He would also like to work on developing a curriculum for credit courses.

Mr. Keeney wanted to get more information on the program. He would also like to see the packs participants develop. Ms. Adler would like the Mat-Su College to get involved in something like this.

VIII. **MEMBERS CLOSING COMMENTS - OPEN FORUM**

Craig Malloy, Fairbanks LEPC, thanked Co-Chair Sunderland for his service. George Keeney, Valdez LPEC, echoed this.

Co-Chair Templin thanked the Division for the conference. He reminded the LEPCs to spend their money or tell the Division how much they will not spend so it can be reallocated.

Co-Chair Sunderland thanked Mariel Fonteyn for what she does for LEPCA. He also thanked George Coyle and Roberta Carney for all they have done for the LEPCs and stated they will be missed.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.