

September 20, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. KPB Emergency Response Center

Soldotna, AK

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Present at Meeting:

Bob Painter, Homer FD
Annette Hakkinen, American Red Cross
Mary Jane Hanley, SOA Public Health
Billy Harris, Public
Warren Isham, Nikiski FD
Scott Walden, KPB OEM
Steve Catalano, CIRCAC
Barb Beeman, MAPTS
James Lipps, 49th MPB
Kim Murray-Senn, Public
Tim Colbath, AK Extended Life Animal Sanctuary
Sue Hecks, KPEMSC & SOS via teleconference

Rick Warren, Agrium
Victoria Askin, CISPRI
Jerry McGarry, ConocoPhillips
Michael Masters, 49th MPB
Michael Tilly, Kenai FD
Debbie Standefer, CPHC
Tim Koerber, Lynden Transport
Ron Rogalsky, Public
Glenda Landua, KPB OEM CC
Teresa Ferguson, CPGH
Bonnie Hanson, KPB OEM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions took place.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Painter motioned and Beeman seconded to approve the minutes of July 12, 2006. The motion passed with none opposed.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

OEM Update

Walden attended the LEPCA meeting in Fairbanks.

Walden had circulated a condensed version of the Emergency Operations Plan but hasn't received a lot of comments. The new plan is simpler and more concise and is meant to mesh with the city plans.

Homer has adopted their pandemic flu plan.

Walden met with CIRCAC and NUKA Research and Planning. They have developed the Geographic Response Information Network (GRIN) - <http://www.nukaresearch.com/grin/> - which is an online resource tool. They would appreciate an opportunity to provide a brief demonstration for the Tri-Borough Mayors and OEM Directors at a Tri-Borough meeting in the near future. They are looking for funding to finish the project. There may be de-obligated grant money that the State accrues at the end of each year.

The mass dispensing exercise is scheduled for November 2nd. It will exercise NIMS as well as Incident Command.

The furniture has been ordered for the EOC and the Dispatch move is on track for December.

Citizen Corps Program Update

Landua reported that the 2006 Citizen Corps Grant is \$30,216 which is a significant funding cut.

The State of Washington has created a booklet that encourages citizens to map their neighborhood and list resources and those with special needs.

Hannah Watkins' *Spencer and the Wildfire* has been printed.

The Kenai Fire Department is hosting a CERT class in October. Anchor Point's CERT classes also start in October. Residents of Sterling, Tyonek, Hope, Seward and Soldotna have expressed interest in CERT.

September is National Preparedness Month. The campaign is to encourage everyone to prepare 72 hour kits. The Citizen Corps hopes to receive enough donated items to prepare kits that will be distributed to low income seniors. Soldotna Trustworthy Hardware, Home Depot and Spenard Builders Supply have offered their support.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mass Immunization Exercise

Hanley stated that there have been weekly planning meetings and encouraged everyone's participation in the exercise on November 2nd. Training will be held the evening of November 1st. The primary site is set for the old Carrs mall with a secondary site at the Soldotna Sports Center, which will be a drive through.

The number of shots that have been procured is 50% of what was requested, but that could change. In a worst case scenario shots will be limited to those with the greatest need.

Membership

Painter motioned and Askin seconded to increase the LEPC membership to 28, approving Debbie Standefer of Central Peninsula Health Center as a new seat. The motion passed with none opposed.

Askin motioned and Hakkinen seconded to approve Gerald McGarry as a replacement for Rodney Douglas. The motion passed with none opposed.

Ninilchik Fair

Harris stated that the Ninilchik Fair was very successful. It is necessary to let people know that they need to be prepared and that the government may be overwhelmed in a disaster. Hannah Watkins stayed longer than anticipated and signed and gave away a lot of her books.

Other Business

Landua has been speaking with Peggy Berry of Homer about the "Vial of Life", which is a canister that contains detailed information about medications and medical conditions for an individual, with a sticker that is placed near the entrance of the residence to alert emergency responders to look

in the refrigerator for the vial. They are being distributed for free and Landua has asked for vials to put in each emergency kit.

Masters stated that he was sitting in for Raymond VinZant. He is a local area detachment commander with the 49th MPB. He and Lipps attended domestic preparedness / homeland security training including WMD and toxic chemical incidents. They would like to participate in any emergency planning scenario and in emergency response plans.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting will be held on November 29th, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

2007 meetings will be scheduled at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Colbath said that the PETS (Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards) Act passed both the Senate and the House. The Act provides money for setting up evacuation plans to include animals. A discussion took place and it was generally agreed that planning for pets in a disaster is very important as many people will not evacuate if they cannot take their pets. The Act has not yet been signed into law.

ADJOURNMENT

Beeman motioned and Koerber seconded to adjourn. There being no one opposed the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.