

October 29, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. KPB Emergency Response Center Soldotna, AK

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions took place.

Present at meeting:

Ron Rogalsky, Public	Gus Sandahl, Kenai PD
John Lucking, Soldotna PD	Chris Mokracek, CES
Patricia Little, KPHC	Glenda Landua, KPB OEM
Mary Jane Hanley, Public	Mike Tauriainen, Public
Jerry McGarry, ConocoPhillips	Richard Whetsell, AK VOAD
Frank Keener, ARC	Scott Walden, KPB OEM
Steve “Vinnie” Catalano, CIRCAC	Trenten Dodson, CIRCAC
Bonnie Hanson, KPB OEM	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Due to the lack of a quorum Membership was tabled. Hanley motioned and Lucking seconded to approve the agenda as amended. There were none opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mokracek motioned and Lucking seconded to approve the minutes of July 23, 2008. There were none opposed.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

OEM Update

A \$500,000 grant has been awarded for a CAD system. There is no match. The RFP will be completed and sent out with an expected project completion by October or November of 2009.

A grant has also been awarded for \$23,000 for a full scale exercise for Central Peninsula Hospital. A smaller scale hospital drill took place in mid-October.

StormReady has been delayed by the National Weather Service due to budget and personnel issues. Installing weather monitoring equipment on platforms is also being discussed.

Flooding problems in Seward were less than expected due to the freeze process and low precipitation.

Walden attended the State LEPCA meeting in Fairbanks. LEPC’s can now spend funds on outreach but it’s limited to brochures and informational items.

One of the LEPC members needs to attend the next LEPCA meeting in Juneau. Travel is paid by the State.

The KPB OEM has changed satellite phone providers from WorldCom to OCENS. WorldCom was difficult to work with and the last time the sat phones were needed it was discovered that there was no service. Anyone with sat phones might want to verify that they have service.

Walden met with the new Mayor. OEM's budget is down 14% from last year. If budget cuts are requested the river gauges in Seward may have to be eliminated.

Citizen Corps Update

Emergency Preparedness information has been printed in the Clarion, the Homer News, the KPB Safety Gazette and the CPH nursing newsletter. The Kenai Methodist Church is preparing 50 emergency buckets. Preparedness information and Hannah Watkins' books were featured at the Soldotna, Hope and Homer libraries. Information was distributed to senior centers, chambers of commerce and pet organizations.

Landua had a booth at the Seward Health Fair, and will participate in the Homer Health Fair in November.

Landua, Mokracek, Gary Hale and Lesley Quelland met with neighbors in a West Poppy subdivision about the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program.

MEMBERSHIP

Tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

MEETING SCHEDULE

No changes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.