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Meeting Minutes

ALASKA LEPC ASSOCIATION
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Anchorage, Alaska

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 29, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zac Schasteen, Aleutian/Pribilof Islands LEPC
Kevin Spillers, Anchorage LEPC
Stephen Jones, Bristol Bay LEPC
Elizabeth Bengtson, Copper River LEPC
Michael Paschall, Delta-Greely LEPC
Chris Noel, Denali LEPC
Doug Fleming, Fairbanks LEPC
Michelle Brown, Juneau LEPC
Abner Hoage, Ketchikan LEPC
Scott Walden, Kenai Peninsula LEPC
Jack Maker, Kodiak Island LEPC
Tom Vaden, Nome LEPC
Hina Kilioni, North Slope Borough
Linda Van Houten, Northern Southeast LEPC
Billy A. Lee, Northwest Arctic LEPC
Sandra K. Dixon, Petersburg LEPC
Dave Miller, Sitka LEPC
Brian Templin, Southern Southeast LEPC
George Keeney, Valdez LEPC
Doug McCloskey, Wrangell LEPC

GUESTS:

Michael O'Hare, Director, DHS&EM
Mike Sutton, Deputy Director, DHS&EM
Mark Roberts, DHS&EM
Jeffrey Lafferty, DHS&EM
Paul Valley, DHS&EM
Mariel Fonteyn, DHSS
Kim Weibl, DHS&EM
Stuart Greydanus, Anchorage LEPC
Donna Templin, Prince of Wales
Jared Twa, Anchorage
Tom Mattice, Juneau
Ernie Misewicz, Fairbanks
Deborah Turnbull, Ketchikan
Harry Patkotek, North Slope Borough
Scott Brown, Unalaska

Ruth Marquez, Unalaska
John B. Lewis, Delta/Greely LEPC
Flower C. Cole, Delta/Greely LEPC
Audrey A. Brow, Delta/Greely LEPC
Jon Behrends, Cordova
Lisa Russon, Alert Sense, Inc.
Arthur Nash, UAF
Deshanna York, UAF
Buzz Scher, Chair, Alaska Seismic Hazard Safety Commission
Capt. Kelly, 103rd Civil Support Team
MSG Nina V. Kolyvanova, 103rd Civil Support Team

I. **CALL TO ORDER - Co-Chairs Mr. Brian Templin and Mr. Dave Miller**

Co-Chair Miller called the LEPC Association Meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The LEPC Association members said the pledge of allegiance.

B. Welcome and Introductions

The Co-Chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting. The members of the LEPCA introduced themselves.

C. Administrative Announcements from Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Miller gave a safety briefing. Co-Chair Templin reminded participants to turn their microphones on and state their names when they speak.

II. **APPROVAL OF October 9th, 2015 MINUTES**

Abner Hoage, Ketchikan LEPC, MOVED to approve the minutes of October 9, 2015 as presented, George Keeney, Valdez LEPC, seconded the motion.

Discussion/corrections: Ms. Dixon, Petersburg LEPC, stated that under LEPC reports her last name was spelled incorrect. Also Operation MMCNF should be Operation MITKOF.

MOTION passed unanimously as corrected.

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

Abner Hoage, Ketchikan LEPC, MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. Jack Maker, Kodiak LEPC, seconded the motion. MOTION passed unanimously.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None

V. **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments at this time.

B. Treasurer's Report - There was no treasurer's report. Mr. Maker, Kodiak LEPC, pointed out that the treasurer's position was eliminated two meetings ago as there was only about \$20 in the LEPCA bank account. Co-Chair Templin stated the agenda in the future will need to be amended to delete this item.

C. SERC Finance Committee update – The committee has not met since October.

D. Homeland Security and Emergency Management -

1. Strategic Plans & Leadership – Mr. Mike Sutton, Deputy Director, DHS&EM, welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the conference that just met. He reported that there were a number of winter storms that had occurred. There were a number of state-declared disasters, one of which was also a federal-declared disaster. They had received an after action report and did a training and exercise workshop. The planning section has done a rewrite of the State Emergency Operations Plan. They continue to work with smaller communities to get their small community emergency response plans (SCERPs) completed. They are also working on closing out old grants as well as working on the paperwork necessary to manage all the grants. The Division has gotten direction from both the Governor and the Commissioner to turn their focus and division from the communities on the road system more towards the rural communities. They have developed a three-year strategy to expand rural outreach, improve processes and procedures internally in order to do this, and to look at re-equipping and retooling the Division's own facilities to make sure they have the appropriate technology to handle the mission. They are developing on readiness-in-a-box to give these communities the tools they need to do their own planning, assessing their own hazards, coming up with what training their community needs, and then helping them with some simple exercises to solidify that training and give some confidence in the plans that they have. Under the planning branch, the Division now has the community rural resilience branch whose focus is to lead the Division, the Department and other state agencies, facilitating all the state agencies working together as a team as they reach out to those communities. He stated they are looking at how a community works together as a whole in order to be prepared for whatever comes their way. The Division is working together with the Division of Community and Rural Development, Department of Health and Social Services, Troopers, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Natural

Resources and others to work together as a team to think about what they are doing in the community. Mr. Walden, Kenai Peninsula Borough LEPC, stated that the LEPC will be happy to help as much as they can with logistics, etc. He thanked the Division for the tactful way the Division nudges them back into line when needed, and for the phone calls asking them if they need anything. Mr. Sutton added that they will work with the boroughs and will not go a community without making sure they are communicating with the borough governments where there are boroughs. In response to Co-Chair Templin, Mr. Sutton stated that the new branch has already been rolled out. Ann Gravier is the lead and they are working on the team that will be working under her.

2. Disaster Overview – Mr. Mark Roberts reported there were two disasters since the last meeting: one a state-declared disaster in Togiak, damage to their sea wall from a storm; and then a state and federal-declared in St. George, damage to their port area from a storm. They have transitioned to recovery. They are currently engaged in River Watch. This is record early on the Kuskokwim. Both Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers were simultaneous. They have finished flying the Kuskokwim and are currently launching the Upper Yukon. Currently it is believed that there is not a very high potential for widespread damaging flooding. There is an extreme increased risk for wildland fire this year. They will be meeting with the suppression supervisor for state forestry and the Division is gearing up to support them. There have already been fires in Southcentral. He discussed future exercises. He stated that anytime a community is conducting a communications check or an exercise and want to test something, they were welcome to engage the State Emergency Operations Center. He also discussed the just concluded Alaska Shield exercise which he felt went well. They practiced some things they do not routinely practice, which was terrorism as well as the cyber component. In August, they will conduct Arctic Chinook which anticipates the change in the ability for ships to travel clear through the Arctic Ocean and the potential life safety emergency that could happen. The section is supporting mutual aid, including the Type 3 credentialing, and is working through a process. They have a subcommittee reviewing all the procedures and are currently looking at sample task books. The section continues to deal with unexploded ordinances, continues to support communications in communities, and is working on continuity of operations, and on the emergency alert system.
3. Preparedness – Mr. Jeffrey Lafferty reported that they had 191 applications this year that the training section processed for national training partners. The training section facilitated and/or coordinated over 60 courses throughout the state with over 1300 people being trained. Alaska Shield was heavily focused on active shooter and cyber issues and there were trainings to bring everyone up to speed on these subjects. Outreach played a large role in the Alaska Shield exercise, focusing on social media and public information. Other activities included hosting the spring conference, which

was used as a venue for after-action for Alaska Shield. Also included at the conference was Management 418, which was learning to take a GAP analysis, learning to take what you know about your communities, to build a successful training and exercise plan. The fall conference will be focused on rural areas. The fall conferences will be rural resiliency workshops. This year they plan to go to Bethel and work with that community and the villages it supports as a hub to determine what the Division can do for them to improve their emergency management process. They also intend to partner with other state agencies and any other agency that wishes to come at the same time. He stated that they are also planning exercises. The decision was made by leadership to move the Alaska Shield series from a two-year cycle to a three-year cycle. With this they hope to be able to work with communities to help them develop more of their own exercises. Exercises occurring over the past year included a leadership table top leading up to Alaska Shield. They have done live tests with the tsunami warning system, participated in the Cordova oil spill exercise, and other exercises. They are participating in Arctic Chinook. In response to Mr. Paschall, Delta-Greely LEPC, Mr. Lafferty stated they plan for the fall conference to go to Bethel. They do not intend for the SERC and LEPCA to take place in Bethel. Mr. Kiloni, North Slope Borough LEPC, thanked the team for the training and exercise. It has opened up discussion within the Borough.

4. Planning – Mr. Paul Valley gave an overview of the section layout. They have a community planning team, mitigation team, and an all-hazards resiliency planning team. The community planning team will be cross-cutting not only within the Division but also working with other state agencies and communities. The goal is to improve collaboration and work through a lot of issues. They will work with other state agencies and making sure they do not inundate communities with multiple visits as well as expand what the Division is doing and to look at resiliency as a whole. Other planning items include revising the state emergency operations plan which is in its final stages. One aspect of that EOP is the addition of a cyber incident annex. They have started a planning committee with Kivalina. The idea of these planning committees is to work closely with the resilience team and look at a cradle to grave approach, starting with looking at the plans, what they have, what do they need, what do they want, and let the community drive it. They will be starting the same thing with Shishmaref. The focus is to start with the plans, make sure people are aware of the plans, test the plans, conduct exercises, train to the plans, and then evaluate again. He sees the challenge with this resiliency team as the coordination factor with the state agencies and communities. With respect to the HMEP, they conducted a few visits with the hazardous materials emergency preparedness program, tying that in with LEPC meeting visits, etc. With respect to the small community response plans, new SCERPs have been reviewed for Nightmute, Ninilchik, and Wales, and one was completed for Kenny Lake. The annual review has been conducted for three others. Currently there are 55 completed

SCERPs and 33 in process. By the end of December, they received completed Alaska assessments from the EMPG and state homeland security program on several communities. Those assessments help identify capabilities and gaps. Using those the state can look at the communities and help the community, as well as fuel the state's participation and completion of the FEMA required threat and hazard identification and risk assessment (THIRA), which was completed by the end of 2015. This helps the state identify capabilities and gaps and where they need to make improvements and work with the communities. The Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection (APIP) continues to meet on a monthly basis. A lot of good table top exercises, scenario-driven meetings have occurred with the APIP. With respect to mitigation, they conducted three tsunami awareness courses: Valdez, Seward, and Homer. They continue to work with the tsunami ready program in various coastal communities. In 2015, NOAA awarded them a \$500,000 grant to continue working on mapping, inundation studies, workshops, as well as outreach and working with communities to acquire tsunami sirens. Eleven local and tribal hazard mitigation plans were completed. Currently they have two open pre-disaster mitigation projects and 11 hazard mitigation grant program projects in the works. While they were not awarded any projects from the Department of Housing and Urban Development community development block grant, the process raised the awareness with state agencies and the communities about the projects they applied for, so the Division will be looking for other funding sources for these projects. Co-Chair Templin stated that most of the Prince of Wales communities have done SCERPs and for many it was their first real foray into emergency planning. He congratulated the section for their work in this respect.

I. LEPC VERBAL STATUS REPORTS

Copper River LEPC – Ms. Libby Bengtson reported they held an all-hazards workshop with 10 local and four regional surrounding communities. It was an opportunity to network and understand what resources each organization had in the event of a hazard. She felt that due to the workshop they have maintained better community buy-in and involvement in the LEPC meetings. They have had articles in the local newspaper, including one on wood stove safety and an article about the purpose of the LEPC. With the Red Cross they completed the shelter surveys for the schools. The superintendent is reviewing the surveys and the MOA/MOU with Red Cross with the schools' attorney. The LEPC did their officer elections in the last quarter. They received Tier II reports. They finalized the Kenny Lake SCERP and are in the final stages for the Gulkana SCERP. The LEPC participated in a community health fair in April. Upcoming trainings include a HAZMAT workshop in April. They will be reviewing their bylaws.

Northern Southeast LEPC – Ms. Linda Van Houten reported they continue to work on expanding their LEPC membership. They continue to work on their EOP revisions. The municipally started their own emergency services committee. The idea is that they have more control over the funding for emergency equipment purchases. The police chief is also on the LEPC and is the interface

between the two groups. In February, they held an ICS workshop with the focus on HAZMAT. They have done some TIER II outreach. A couple new businesses reported this year, but they do have a long list of other businesses that should be reporting. They are working to have someone come and do Red Cross shelter training.

Ketchikan LEPC – Mr. Abner Hoage reported they continue to have good attendance at LEPC meetings and there has been interest by new entities such as the Salvation Army. They held an organizational meeting and the new chair person is Deborah Turnbull. They participated heavily in Alaska Shield. They held a mass rescue operations table top exercise with the Coast Guard at the last LEPC meeting. They completed a CERT class and graduated six new CERT team members. They are still working on the update of the EOP and finalizing the multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan. They plan an active shooter table top with the US Coast Guard in August. Plans for the future include continuing to expand CERT training and outreach as well as doing some ICS training. They will conduct a review of their emergency plans. They plan to do a comprehensive review and update of their training and exercise program.

Northwest Arctic LEPC – Mr. Billy Lee introduced some members from the borough that were present. Their last meeting was December 15, 2015 where they met with the new mayor and his staff to find out what their expectations were. One thing that came out of the meeting was to develop a public safety commission that could report to the LEPC to see if there was anything the LEPC could do for them, or they could do for the LEPC. They received a report on how the trail staking was proceeding, the number of fires they had in the past, the searches that had occurred, and getting the shelter cabins ready case of emergencies on the trails. They are currently on river watch on the Upper Kobuk River. They are also getting ready for Arctic Chinook which occurs in August. They are working on getting their SCERPs done.

Wrangell LEPC – Mr. Doug McCloskey reported they lost two members off the LEPC and are waiting to see if they will be replaced within the community, and if not, then how those positions will be filled. The LEPC met with Jared Woody with respect to the new Tier II stuff. They have finalized their community resources list. Their SCERP is nearing finalization. With respect to outreach, they attended the community advisory board training and the regular community advisory board meetings that are hosted by the Salvation Army. They had a booth at the annual health fair with the theme of how can the LEPC help you be informed and prepared. They discussed what links could be placed on the LEPC website to help community members get basic information about emergency preparedness. There is a drill scheduled at the airport the second week of May. With respect to the SCERP, they need to complete the shelter places.

Kodiak Island LEPC – Mr. Jack Maker reported they also participated in Alaska Shield 2016. They held a table top exercise in preparation for that. The Chiniak fire sparked a lot of interest in what the LEPC does in emergency response. They are currently in the recovery stage and are in the process of replacing the library and harvesting the burnt timber. Most of the LEPC's efforts have been focused on outreach. There was an open house at the city fire station. In addition there are local media campaigns. The Crab Fest emergency preparedness event is coming up. The Woman's Bay fire station expansion project is complete, which will function as the emergency shelter for that area. They will hold an open house there in May. When he gets home, he will work on the Wheel of Disaster and the Plinko Disaster games which will be more interactive outreach activities for the kids. They got permission to purchase a 43-inch flat screen TV to use at outreach events where they

will stream disaster videos. Tier II reports have been coming in. There have been a lot of turnover in Kodiak. They will be taking a serious look at their training plan to fill gaps in their RIMT.

Nome LEPC – Mr. Tom Vaden reported they were involved in a health fair where they distributed some swag with reflective vests and other items. They went on the radio and talked about preparedness. They held an active shooter exercise in October. Since then the police department has undergone some significant amount of training with how to deal with that. They developed an incident action plan for fall sea storms. With respect to TIER II reports, they have gotten more responses this year than in the past. They are looking to have an ICS for elected officials. The new mayor and city manager are more involved in the LEPC in training and exercise. They have a lot of exercises coming up dealing with the Arctic and Arctic resilience. They have been researching what was actually available, such as sheltering at the school, do they have cots and pillows, etc, where the answer was no. There is a difference between what is expected to be there and what is actually available in a number of areas. This is due to turnover in positions.

North Slope Borough LEPC – Mr. Hina Kiloni reported that due to the change in elected officials there has been and will be turnover of members. This is the last year they will receive TIER II reports in paper form as they transition to electronic. They have received all the TIER II reports and updated all agencies' required reporting. With respect to outreach, they have traveled to the villages to create and update the SCERPs they have. One is 100 percent complete and they hope to have two more done this year. They purchased promotional items for their SWAG focusing on hunting preparedness. They participated in Alaska Shield. They will be involved in youth summer camp where they will do a disaster theater. They are working with the University College of London's Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction to create social scientists focusing on community-based monitoring. The current issue is coastal erosion. They are collaborating with non-profit research groups to create ARMNET, Arctic Risk Management Network. It is a hub for researches and practitioners focused on Arctic issues. They are trying to recruit other northern communities to create a discussion regarding Arctic issues, focusing on coastal erosion, the water traffic that is occurring, and climate change.

Anchorage LEPC – Mr. Kevin Spillers reported they have been busy with planning and training with a focus on inter-agency. There was an inter-agency workshop focused on a major conflagration at the port. It was helpful in that they discovered some seams and gaps in capabilities in what it takes to deal with a major industrial type event. They did an after-action brief to the Government Hill Community Council and talked to them about if this was to occur, what it would mean to them and how an evacuation would be handled. They were involved with Alaska Shield. Due to the past winters, they have been concerned about the fire season. They did an inter-agency workshop with the Division of Forestry and others focused on fire events. Another hazard is public apathy, so they are always trying to do outreach and education. They have also been working on their public information center. They have developed a four-course curriculum and are training a cadre of public information officers from different departments.

Aleutian/Pribilof Islands LEPC – Mr. Zac Schasteen reported they also participated in Alaska Shield. They have been involved in outreach. They are looking to bring on some new industry members. TIER II reporting has been completed and received. On May 11 they will be doing an airport mass casualty drill which will incorporate the ports department along with the other

emergency responders. They just held a tsunami workshop.

Fairbanks LEPC – Mr. Doug Fleming reported that a lot of planning and training was centered on getting ready for Alaska Shield. They did a TECC, tactical emergency casualty care, class. In February they held an EOC role in cyber security class. There was a class on personal protective equipment for biological events. There was also a class on debris management as well as a class on natural disaster awareness for leadership. There were several CERT classes with a total of 65 people trained. Public Health put on a two-day pod class for how to set up and establish pods for mass inoculations, etc. They participated in Alaska Shield where their main goals were to develop SOP for the EMS/law enforcement piece on how to prepare, enter, and the aftermath of going into a building as a tactical joint team. With the “casualties” they tested their surge on the scene, transport, and receipt to the hospital. With respect to the cyber elements, the city and North Pole actively testing with phishing emails and different links to click on. There is a new emergency manager for the borough, Vard Steffel. Upcoming items include a mass care and sheltering class put on by the Red Cross. In June, they plan to do some volunteer and donation management classes. In August, there will be some new software, solution training for borough EOC. The 103rd is scheduled to come up in August and put on an exercise called Van Winkle with the CBRNE event.

Valdez LEPC – Mr. George Keeney reported they did a table top exercise with Alaska Shield. The police department has been conducting ALICE training, not just to the schools, but also the different agencies in Valdez. They discussed cyber security with police department cyber security unit. The TIER II reports are coming in. There is a new harbor going in. There is a new superintendent and two new principals at the schools, as well as new teachers, whom they have been talking to about emergency response, and creating their own IMT group through the schools. There is an airport drill scheduled for May 22. The May Day fly-in is scheduled for May 6-8, which will be 2,000 plus people and their planes coming into Valdez. They also are planning ICS for elected officials as they have a new council.

Delta-Greely LEPC – Mr. Michael Paschall reported they have been involved in the pillow case project in conjunction with the Red Cross. They reviewed their mass dispensing abilities with Public Health to make sure they are staying up to date. They had the first wildland fire in the state this year a couple months back. They have had several small fires since. The major project with the LEPC currently is mass notification.

Denali LEPC – Mr. Chris Noel reported the LEPC has been working to renew their multi-hazard multi-jurisdiction mitigation plan. A new hazard that there had been little awareness about was a significant landslide outside of Healy. They now plan to include landslides in their plan. They have been working with the National Park Service at Denali and he has been attending LEPC meetings. They are looking at including some community wildfire protection plans as part of the all-hazard mitigation plan. A tactical emergency casualty course is coming up with participation by law enforcement people from the National Park Service, the troopers, and the area volunteer fire departments. They would like to follow this up with a table top exercise later in the summer or fall. The school district conducted a lock-down drill with participation by the troopers. He planned to take back the information from the training plan workshop and consolidate some of the volunteer fire department training. With respect to outreach, they have some little LED flashlight and little first aid kits that they distributed to a school group that came by the borough office. They have

worked with Arthur Nash, UAF, who presented a radon and rocket workshop for them. With respect to TIER II reporting, they are moving towards the online system and continue to work with DEC to possibly get some spill response materials to the volunteer fire departments. A lot of materials do not sit in the borough, but go over the road and move through the borough. As part of Alaska Shield he had the chance to watch and evaluate Mat-Su's exercise, which he appreciated doing.

Juneau LEPC – Ms. Michelle Brown reported they continue to hold regular meetings and have good attendance. She explained that on their LEPC they have on primary seat and one alternate seat which helps with attendance. In addition they have a broad group represented, including the Coast Guard, National Guard, ham radio, a local attorney, Salvation Army, and others. Currently the CERT is in the middle of doing biannual certification courses. The CERT members are highly encouraged to become volunteers. The LEPC has reached out for presentation requests, which has also increased the number of people coming to the meeting. Topics include identifying potential events that could cause a disaster, and what kind of vulnerabilities that would affect, as well as the overall response. They have discussed the 211 system and had the United Way come in and do a presentation on it. There have been issues with outburst flooding so they had a presentation on that and have been more gathering community resources so they know what to expect and can communicate that to the community. ALICE training has been well-received in the community. They recently did an annual exercise with the Coast Guard for waterside mass rescue operations. They did a regional exercise in Sitka where people were brought in from different communities and exercised together as a table top. They participate in the elders and caregivers conference for the Native community which helps to bridge that gap and gets that population involved with the community. A target is to get the Filipino community involved.

Petersburg LEPC – Ms. Sandra Dixson reported they have one open seat that seems to be hard to fill. They continue to work on the conversion of the disaster response plan to an emergency operation plan. She hopes by the end of summer it will be out for review. They are pursuing updating the siren alert and warning system and improving tsunami readiness in the community. She met with the school superintendent to discuss crowd control, community emergency notification and a secondary rally point for family members if the school were to go into a lock down. She has been collaborating with the police chief and the fire chief regarding active shooter scenario in the community. They train the police department dispatchers on the Code Red system and how to launch the notification to the community. Jared Woody attended an LEPC meeting in February and gave a TIER II demonstration for the online reporting. She stated that they have been trying to emphasize to LEPC members and assembly members the importance of taking the required ICS courses. She reports that they are a NIMS compliant community. The point of dispensing plan has been written and was tested in April. They discussed open and closed pods in the community. They had a booth to distribute preparedness information at a community breakfast. They participated in a drill where they activated the Code Red system and the siren. She has been working with the police department to install a new communications tower. She has been working with the hospital regarding a mass casualty exercise. She has been in contact with the Coast Guard to update and renew two mutual aid agreements. The schools have been receiving ALICE training.

Bristol Bay LEPC – Mr. Stephen Jones reported they have been meeting monthly. They held an election of officers. In the fall they had a shake out to bring up awareness of earthquake safety.

They did a fire exercise with the schools in March. The superintendent sent out a text to parents prior to the exercise, so the students also knew it was going to happen. The local economic development corporation sponsored a HAZWOPER course that anyone could take at the vocational education center. They had a workshop to get information in for the three communities' SCERPs.

Kenai Peninsula LEPC – Mr. Scott Walden reported they meet quarterly and the meetings are well attended. They used several LEPC members to help with planning and evaluation for the local participation in Alaska Shield '16. One point that came up was that most of those who have ALICE training are related to the school district. The exercise was an office building that contained the school district and the borough administration. The school district personnel pointed out that there is a difference in response between a school and an office setting, and it is important to work on this. The LEPC will be sending a note to the SERC asking them to remind the industry members of their seats and participation and how important that is to the LEPC. The LEPC will also send letters at the local level. There has been a lot of change-over there. One thing that is affecting the Peninsula area wide as well as the LEPC is the planning for the AK LNG. Whether it occurs or does not, there are still some huge impacts to a community and the LEPC will be right in the middle of things. One is planning and training for what happens if they do get 21 LPG ships in and out of there. Another is what will happen just with the work crews that will be stationed there to build a facility. There will also be training on how they adjust public notification for an extra 5 to 7,000 people that will be transient in the areas. And there are other concerns as well including the possible relocation of main thoroughfares and the relocation of emergency access routes. Over the next 10 to 15 years if this happens, they will need to pay a lot more attention to the areas across the Inlet which may be closer to where the ships are traveling. They have identified that they need to need to improve, bolster, and make their relationship with the Kodiak group a lot more firm. After the earthquakes occurred in January, they evaluated what was wrong in the community that needed help, the primary issue was a road that had been fractured, which was a DOT issue, as well as there were some fires and explosions in Kenai that the city managed. One of the things the LEPC discussed was they need to work with the media. There is really a no tsunami has generated message. They are trying to figure out better ways for people to understand where to look. They will be working with the Guard, the Red Cross, and other entities in the communities for shelter management training, etc. The Citizen Corps has held two more CERT courses, provided ICS and evacuation training to CERT members in several communities. They also participated in other trainings. They received a community resource manual from Women's Resource Center and have distributed it, and made the LEPC aware of it as well.

Sitka LEPC – Mr. Dave Miller reported they did an active shooter drill recently. They learned they need to advertise a little more when they're going to use flash bangs. He stated that all the State departments working together and doing training is the way to use funds better. He stated that the landslide they had about eight months ago taught them that no matter how much you have planned, you can always do more. Lessons learned included don't be afraid to ask for help, but even more important is to learn who everybody is that you have in your plans so you know who you are talking to.

Southern Southeast LEPC – Mr. Brian Templin reported they also participated in Alaska Shield. They held an active shooter exercise at the Craig High School. The school district also used some mass text systems to notify parents and to community with their staff. He plans to go back and wrap

all those agencies into a larger discussion for training and exercises that will result from participation in Alaska Shield. The communities have been active on several planning issues. The school district has been working on a rewrite of their crisis management plan. Several LEPC members were asked to be a part of the school's crisis planning committee. The tribe is working on their tribal hazard mitigation plan. The LEPC has been part of not only their own emergency planning committee, but members have been asked to participate in other planning endeavors and other committees around the island working on planning. They have exercised the island wide point of dispensing plan. They have been working on the planning effort for the island wide preparedness fair scheduled for mid September. He added that Southeast would still like to see the quake cabin.

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 103rd Civil Support Team – Capt. Kelly and MSGT Nina V. Kolyvanova. Capt. Kelly talked about what their mission is, what are their capabilities, and how do the communities get their services. He informed them that their services are free. Their job is that they are support for civil authorities. They are the interface with the military. They respond to weapons of mass destruction or any type of CBRNE event with in the State of Alaska. Their focus is to identify what is out there, assess the situation, advise and assist. They are all full-time National Guardsmen. They are all certified hazardous materials technicians. They have an eight-person down range survey team. They have an analytical laboratory. They have a unified command suite with satellite capability, primarily restricted to the road system unless they can get air frames from the Air National Guard. They are self-supporting for medical and decontamination. They generally do not provide mass decon or medical care. Communities can get them through the State EOC. MSGT Kolyvanova added that they can send a smaller subset of people and equipment depending on what was needed. They can also advise on trainings. In response to Co-Chair Templin, MSGT Kolyvanova stated that the timeframe for response depends on how long it will take for the community to get to the state EOC. The EOC contacts the team and then within 90 minutes they can have the advanced party out the door.
- B. 7.1 Iniskin Earthquake – Mr. Buzz Scher, Chair, Alaska Seismic Hazard Safety Commission, reported on the January 24th, 2016 earthquake and discussed earthquakes in general as well as why seismically we have earthquakes in Southcentral. The take away was that damage from an earthquake depended not only on magnitude, but also distance from the epicenter. The depth that it occurs and the geological composition are also important. He also gave some background on the commission.
- C. Logistics – Mr. Stuart Greydanus, Deputy Director, Port of Anchorage, discussed the importance of the port as a hub for the supply line of goods for the rest of the state and how they get to the port and then are distributed from the port. He also discussed the port infrastructure. It is also a critical piece of national defense infrastructure. One of the things the port practices is what they would do in a seismic event. In 2014, they participated in a

joint logistics over-the-shore exercise where a seismic event took out half the dock, half of the cargo capability, and half of the petroleum. They worked closely with basically the entire state of Alaska and the military to simulate bringing in 300 containers onto the port. They also set up fuel bladders where they simulated pumping fuel from the water to the shore. Lessons learned from the exercise include that it was a very, very slow operation. If anything happens to the port, you will not get cargo in in a fast fashion. He also discussed the modernization project. Due to the condition of some port components, they have to do something. The dock is rotten, particularly at the mud line. He stated that even a partial closure of the dock would be devastating to both the people and the economy of Alaska. Co-Chair Miller stated that not only is this port of concern, so too are those that could be affected by the Cascadia fault line off the coast of British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. Mr. O'Hare stated that the State has been involved in a couple of assessment plans with the federal Department of Homeland Security on the transportation mechanism for Alaska. They have gotten the first draft back. There is more work to be done. He wanted to assure people that they are working on the problems as these scenarios are put in place.

- D. UA Assistance to LEPCs – Mr. Arthur Nash and Ms. Deshanna York, UAF. Mr. Nash discussed the Cooperative Extension and what they had to assist LEPCs. They have a vast network of people who play middleman between the university researches and Jim and Jane Home Depot do-it-yourselfers. Extension professors' job is to get pertinent practical stuff out to people who are not necessarily going to take a class, a credit, or get a degree. They can go to communities and hold classes. They are nimble and have good resources. They have a grant to train rural residents in preparation, i.e. what is in a preparedness kit, and then to address preparing for health conditions and what they need to have packed for that, and then clean-up. Another thing they wanted to do was at the Palmer State Fair hand out a checklist as Alaskans came by their booth, as well as at health fairs, workshops, etc. They also wanted to work with the LEPCs, to provide them (a) their networking ability, (b) their ability to learn from the LEPCs what the real needs are as far as education, and (c) basically not rewrite what has already been written of state, federal and local material, but to disseminate it. He wanted to offer to LEPCs training in-the-cloud social media communications for before, during, or after an event. Another piece is every that state has a land grant university has an extension office, and if something is needed he can go to their site, talk to their people, get their You Tube videos, etc. They have a network called the Extension Disaster Education Network. The information is research-based and has been proofed by professors and people in the field. It can be used for presenting courses, etc. He stated that they wanted to some type of supportive element for the LEPCs. Ms. York stated that with respect to food security, they can get involved on a local level with classes and working with people on food security at the individual level. They also engage with agencies and others on a larger scale. Cooperative Extension Service exists in all 50 states and it is a strong network to be able to assist with a variety of things that are research-base on specific topics.
- E. LEPC Classification, Standards & Funding – Co-Chairs Brian Templin and Dave Miller.

Abner Hoage, Ketchikan LEPC, MOVED that the LEPCA recommend adoption of the proposed six-tier share-based funding system procedure outlined in the handout using table B for state fiscal year

17 and 18, and then transitioning to table C for state fiscal year 19 forward. Jack Maker, Kodiak LEPC, seconded the motion.

Under discussion, in response to Mr. Paschall, Mr. Hoage stated that what he remembered from the discussion Monday was that it started off at a quarter point, but when they talked about adding the sixth level, they did not want to bring it in as a one. That is when it changed from the points.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Ms. Lisa Russon, Alert Sense, Inc., explained that the company is an emergency mass notification company. She is there representing the company and trying to understand the emergency management and planning needs of the State of Alaska. She would like the opportunity to talk to communities that do not currently have the ability to notify their public in the event of an emergency, as well as those communities that are looking for alternatives to what they currently have.

Mr. Bryan Fisher, Chief of Operations, DHS&EM, stated that the Wireless Emergency Alert System, WEA, the FCC regulated FEMA enabled system to notify the public of an emergency when the EIS system, radio and TV go off. It goes to consumer smart phone devices. The FCC released two notices of proposed rulemaking in January, one concerning wireless emergency alert specifically, and second was the largest, most all encompassing request for comments on EIS in general since it was created in 1995. DHS&EM and the Alaska Broadcasters Association and the cable systems have been working on filing comments on behalf of Alaska. One of the questions FCC is posing is whether they should allow them at the state and local level to test the system to make sure that the wireless carriers in the communities, their residents and visitors, actually could get a wireless emergency alert message on their particular devices. The comments will be distributed through the regular points of contact for the LEPCA once the Broadcast Association's attorney goes through them.

VIII. MEMBERS CLOSING COMMENTS - OPEN FORUM

Mr. Keeney, Valdez LEPC, thanked DHS&ES staff for their help that week.

Co-Chair Templin thanked the Division for their Alaska Shield support and for the direction of the conference to get people more prepared. He thanked the membership for coming in a day early and spending Monday discussing the LEPC classification, standards, and funding.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.