**Copper River LEPC**

**Regular Committee Meeting**

**August 2, 2018**

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| BOARD PRESENT | ABSENT/EXCUSED BOARD |
| Willard Hand, LEPC Chair (NV of KK) | Jason Hoke, Treasurer (AHTNA) |
| David Abbott, Vice-Chair (CREMS) | Tana Mae Pete, Secretary (NV of Gulkana) |
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|  | Information Officer – Vacant |

**Others in Attendance:**

Jason Severs, GVFD, GRFR

Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator & CRMC

Bob Sloma, CRMC

Brad Honerlaw, NPS

Lari Maize, CRMC

Hilary Hartman, CRMC

Valerie Lenhartzen, BLM

Robyn George, Gulkana Village IGAP

Sarah Sherwood, Gulkana Village IGAP

**Call to Order**

Willard Hand, LEPC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 am at Copper Valley Telecom, Glennallen, Alaska.

**Review of Agenda**

Willard Hand, LEPC Chair, made a motion to have the agenda remain open and Bob Sloma, CRMC, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Jason Severs, GVFD and GRFR, to approve May 3, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Robyn George, Gulkana Village IGAP. Motion passed.

**Public Comment**

Jason Severs, GVFD, GRFR, informed the LEPC that he is working with Bill Morrow with the American Red Cross to bring the Earthquake Simulator to the Copper River Area during the month of September. September is earthquake awareness month. Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator, will e-mail Jason information needed to request the simulator. October is Fire Prevention month. Jason Severs is attempting to coordinate with the Paler Fire Department to bring their Smoke House out to the Copper River area. His vision is to offer this simulation in two different locations focus mainly on youth education.

**Reports – Sub Committees**

**Reports – Coordinator**

**Action Items**

ICS 300 Class Recap – Willard Hand, LEPC Chair & NV of KK, reports that the ICS 300 class took place in June with four attendees. The class offered a time to coordinate with those present and identified the gaps that are in our communities disaster management and response. Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator, will be updating the Copper River LEPC websites with ICS 300 forms and will make folders with ICS forms for our first responders.

Alaska Fire Standards Council Public Seat - The Alaska Boards and Commissions office is still actively looking for a rural public member for the Fire Standards Council. Jason Severs and Willard Hand encouraged members present at today’s meeting to consider applying for this public seat. The council meets twice a year, one must not be actively involved in EMS or fire rescue. The council sets training requirements and qualifications for all of the Fire Departments in the state. Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator, will send information out to those who expressed interest.

First Responder Appreciation Event – Willard Hand, LEPC Chair and NV of KK, would like to host a First Responder Appreciation Event for the responders in the Copper River area. It was suggested to host the event in October and tying into one of the Fire Prevention events. Another suggestion was to reach out to the Princess Lodge to see if we could have an event at their facility. W. Hand will follow up with the suggestions and will ask the LEPC for help when needed.

Suggested Goals for the LEPC in FY 2019 – Looking into the Copper River LEPC FY 2019 goals we would like to focus on training. Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator, will reach out to Trooper Heignbaugh to teach the Responder Ready Class in November. Hillary Hartman, CRMC, will reach out to Bill Morrow with the American Red Cross to become a Red Cross Community Volunteer. Jason Severs is participating in the American Red Cross training for clergy. The LEPC would like to promote more public awareness using the DHS & EM campaign ‘Ready Together’

**Set Future Meeting Date, Time and Location**

The next monthly Copper River LEPC meeting will be held on September 6, 2018 at 10am at Copper Valley Telecom.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Bob Sloma, CRNA, to adjourn the meeting at 10:43am. Motion seconded by David Abbott, CREMS & LEPC Vice-Chair. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

**Copper River LEPC**

**Regular Committee Meeting**

**September 6, 2018**

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| BOARD PRESENT | ABSENT/EXCUSED BOARD |
| Willard Hand, LEPC Chair (NV of KK) | Jason Hoke, Treasurer (AHTNA) |
| David Abbott, Vice-Chair (CREMS) | Tana Mae Pete, Secretary (NV of Gulkana) |
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|  | Information Officer – Vacant |

**Others in Attendance:**

Jason Severs, GVFD, GRFR

Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator & CRMC

Travis Million, CVEA

Brandie Radigan, NC of Gakona

Sarah Sherwood, Gulkana IGAP

Sharla Huckabey, CRNA

Valerie Lenhartzen, BLM

**Call to Order**

Willard Hand, LEPC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 am at Copper Valley Telecom, Glennallen, Alaska.

**Review of Agenda**

Jason Severs, GVFD, GRFR, made a motion to have the agenda remain open and Brandie Radigan, NV of Gakona, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Brandie Radigan, NV of Gakona, to approve August 2, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by David Abbott, LEPC Vice-Chair & CREMS. Motion passed.

**Public Comment**

Jason Severs, GVFD, GRFR, updated the committee of activities for Fire Prevention Month in October. The Gakona, Glenn Rich and Kenny Lake Volunteer Fire Departments will be hosting a family even to promote fire prevention during the month of October. They will offer a chance for individuals to use a fire extinguisher, give out smoke detectors and prizes and food to those who attend. The LEPC agreed to offer put together give away items that promote disaster preparedness using items with their logo on it.

**Reports – Sub Committees**

**Reports – Coordinator**

**Action Items**

Responder Ready Class – The CR LEPC is looking to sponsor a Responder Ready Class in November 2018. It was suggested the class be offered in the evenings and spouses of responders be invited. It was discussed that the week of November 7th is the EMS symposium and the week of Thanksgiving and after might be bad weeks to offer the class. L. Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator, will touch base with Trooper Heighnbaugh to set up a date and time for the class.

Start of a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Gakona – Brandie Radigan, NV of Gakona was asking advice from the CR LEPC members how to start a mitigation plan for the area and village of Gakona. It was discussed writing a joint plan with the area and village of Gulkana. Jason Severs, GVFD, GRFR, agreed to help in the plan writing if needed. Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator, passed along her DHS & EM contacts and offered to use LEPC meeting times to help with writing the plan if ever needed.

Review Glennallen SCERP – LEPC members reviewed key charts in the Glennallen SCERP. Updates will be sent to DHS & EM after the October meeting.

Health Fair – LEPC members wondered if there is a Health Fair this spring. No one present at today’s meeting could comment on this matter but agreed if there is a Health Fair the LEPC should participate again. Libby Bengtson, LEPC Coordinator, will report to the committee when she knows more information.

**Set Future Meeting Date, Time and Location**

The next monthly Copper River LEPC meeting will be held on October 4, 2018 at 10am at Copper Valley Telecom.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by David Abbott, LEPC Vice-Chair & CREMS, to adjourn the meeting at 10:57am. Motion seconded by Brandie Radigan, NV of Gakona. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.