Greater Ketchikan Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1158 hrs by Chair Steve Rydeen.

Attendance was gathered by sign in sheet.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes from the January 10th meeting were reviewed. Motion and second to approve. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Rewrite of the Emergency Operations Plan - Abner Hoage

Concept is to build a foundation with the EOP, not plan for absolutely every possible emergency. This will be a revision to EOP and add a section for Tsunamis. We will break the document into 4 sections. Drafts of the first updated sections are dur in April. USCG Sector Juneau has offered to attend the April meeting and participate in updates to relevant sections.

POD TTX

The POD TTX will take place on 3/13 from 1130 - 1330 hrs. There will be a planning meeting at 1000 hrs. on 2/16 at Fire Station 1.

New Business

Emergency Notification(s) in Ketchikan – Abner Hoage

Chief Hoage provided an overview of the various emergency notification systems used in Ketchikan. We are working on a PSA to explain how the various notification systems work.

Tier II Reporting – Abner Hoage

Chief Hoage provided an overview of how Tier II Reporting works. This is one of the main functions of the LEPC. Current process is for reports to be filed electronically. The Ketchikan Fire Department is the primary recipient of Tier II reports. The Fire Marshall will provide an update on the reports at the April Meeting.

Non Local Response – Jerry Kiffer

Ketchikan Volunteer Rescue Squad (KVRS) provides comms if local communications are compromised during an emergency. In a Tsunami warning, KVRS provides info to other communities. During the January earthquake (in the Gulf of Alaska) and subsequent Tsunami warnings – KVRS had trouble getting official information from State and Federal partners due to a reported power outage during the event at NWS National Tsunami Warning Center. KVRS can provide Ham Radio comms during an emergency. This info needs to go into the EOP.

Roundtable

Red Cross – Shelter training in Craig March 7 – 9

US Navy - Provides security for high value navl assets

Alaska State Troopers – Putting on a 7 week academy for kids so they better understand what the Troopers do.

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Forest Service – has a new District Ranger School Board – discussing "Lice" policies at their meeting on February 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 1310