

1 **Minutes of the Denali Borough Local Emergency Planning**
2 **Committee (LEPC) Meeting**
3 **Denali Borough Office**
4 **Healy**
5 **September 6th, 2017**
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8 **CALL TO ORDER:**

9 The committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Love at 6:40 pm.
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11 **ROLL CALL:**

12 Steve Love, LEPC Chairman – Marge Nord, Cantwell Fire Department/Denali LEPC - Sam Kimmel, Tri-Valley Fire
13 Department/Denali LEPC – Clay Walker, Denali LEPC – Rob Graham, Tri-Valley Fire Department/Denali LEPC –
14 Chris Noel, LEPC Coordinator
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16 **Others Present:**

17 Brian Williams, Clear AFS FD– Dave Conklin, Clear AFS FD
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19 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

20 Steve moved to approve the agenda, seconded. Approved
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22 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

23 The minutes were amended and approved.
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25 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

26 There were no comments.
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28 **REPORTS:**

29 The Coordinator mentioned that the Borough Wide Mutual Aid Agreement was still available for agency
30 signatures. There was some discussion regarding other mutual aid agreements. Clear is willing and able and
31 welcomes the opportunity to participate in other Agreements directly with local volunteer fire departments.
32 Mayor Walker gave a report on the recent Alaska Municipal League conference held in Haines, where one topic
33 of discussion was the First Net System. The Governor must opt in to participate in AT&T's build out of the
34 system. First Net is a nationwide initiative that will offer pre-emption on Broadband and LTE cell services for first
35 responders, among other features. There was additional discussion about other Applications designed to help
36 fire departments organize their response. One example Anderson uses is "Who is Responding." Tri-Valley is
37 implementing "Fire Text Response," and text tones are still unreliable.
38 There was discussion of current programmed radio channels, and some cleanup and consolidation could happen,
39 as many channels are not currently used. Clear would like written permission to have access to any changes.
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41 **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 42 a. Revision of the All - Hazards Plan, Update: There was discussion about continuing to focus on the
43 resources section. This could also include cleaning up Motorola radio channels. Clear would like access

1 to any changes, and will need written permission to use the channels. The committee members will try
2 to organize into a small group to draft the Resource section changes. The draft changes can be brought
3 back to the LEPC for ratification. Checklists and Sections should meet the overall goals of the plan and
4 the plan should be kept as a general guidance document and Operational checklist can be more specific.
5 The group was informed that Fairbanks Northstar Borough's Tactical EMS protocols were used as the
6 basis for the draft Tactical EMS response section. Should the plan be sent to State and Federal partners
7 for feedback? It was decided that though it may not be necessary, feedback and guidance could prove
8 helpful.

- 9 b. Borough Wide Address System: The Borough Assembly introduced Ordinance 17-13 at the August
10 meeting. There is reluctance to include a ballot question without details on how the system would be
11 set-up, managed, and paid for. Points of discussion included "what is the sell to voters?" and ensuring
12 that the benefit from addressing is clear.

13 **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 14 a. Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Multi-Jurisdiction, Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan covering the Denali
15 Borough and City is ready to be revised and updated. The plan has been included as part of a larger
16 Hazard Mitigation grant program for possible funding. If awarded, the revision would be completed by a
17 contractor hired by the State. The LEPC can expect to participate in the revision process over the next 8-
18 10 months.

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20 **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 21 a. The Coordinator or designee will present a report at the October Assembly Meeting.
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23 **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

24 The next meeting will be held December 6th, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Denali Borough office.
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26 **ADJOURNMENT:**

27 The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.