

**Minutes of the Denali Borough Local Emergency Planning
Committee (LEPC) Meeting
Denali Borough Office
Healy
September 2nd, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER:

The committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Love at 6:13 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Steve Love, Chairman – Clay Walker, Mayor – Bill Morrow, American Red Cross – Rob Graham, Tri-Valley Fire Department - Sam Kimmel, Tri-Valley Fire Department – Marge Nord, Cantwell Fire Department - Chris Noel, LEPC Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Steve moved to approve the agenda, Clay seconded. Approved

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Steve moved to approve the minutes. Clay seconded. Approved

REPORTS:

There were no reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

We will continue to work towards developing a canyon evacuation annex to our All-Hazards plan. Little progress has been made and it may take a more concerted effort to engage the tour and hotel operators whose guests would be directly affected by any evacuation efforts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. There was a discussion of a Borough wide mass notification system to alert residents in the event of a wide spread emergency. During the Kobe fire, emergency management personnel had no way of telephonically alerting residents about the need to prepare to evacuate. The LEPC Coordinator will prepare a summary of services with corresponding costs and present them at the next meeting. There was unanimous support for this type of notification system and the suggestions was made that when requesting residents enroll their cell phones in a service, it might help to include self-addressed stamped envelopes.
- b. A few main points arose from a summary of the Rex Complex fire response. At an earlier meeting with residents, many shared with the Coordinator a desire for more timely information from fire

personnel. It was discussed how a shutdown of the highway corridor could have excluded Red Cross Volunteers from driving to shelter locations in the Borough. It would be helpful to have Borough resident's on-call to staff a shelter in the Denali Borough. There may be a few willing volunteers due to the minimal time commitment.

- c. Panguingue Homeowners Association has an upcoming meeting where they will learn more about the Firewise Program. It will take place at the Panguingue fire hall on September 23rd, at 7 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held December 2nd, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.