

**Minutes of the Denali Borough Local Emergency Planning  
Committee (LEPC) Meeting  
Denali Borough Office  
Healy  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Love at 6:03 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Steve Love, Chairman – Clay Walker, Mayor –Denny Capps, Denali National Park – Baxter Mercer, Tri-Valley 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:**

The coordinator summarized Emergency Management activities since the March meeting. A Borough wide fire department “All Chiefs” meeting was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The focus of this meeting was shared opportunities for training, mutual response topics, and challenges departments are currently facing. Turnout was great and it would be nice to hold this event every spring. DNR Forestry came down for their annual spring meeting. They handed out an updated tactical frequency booklet and discussed Red-Card training and forecasts for the fire season.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We will continue to work towards developing a canyon evacuation annex to our All-Hazards plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Denny Capps, Geologist at Denali National Park presented on the geologic history of the Nenana River canyon. This informative presentation covered historic Lake Moody, and the transition from a glaciated river canyon to its current status. He discussed surface movement issues mapped by LIDAR and how those movements might impact occupied areas of the canyon. Steve Love, former District Roadmaster for Alaska Railroad shared observations from 40 plus years of maintaining the section of track between Broad Pass and Clear station, which corroborated the LIDAR identified movements.

Denny also covered Jökulhlaups, or glacial outburst floods. A notable event occurred on the Yanert glacier in December 2014 and deposited river ice well above the high water mark.

- b. Matanuska-Susitna Borough emergency management staff visited the Denali Borough and Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department on 06/01/2015. The topics of discussion were Mass-care and Communication issues. Red Cross and Holland America Princess's transportation division were also represented. Borough responders are able to program Palmer Dispatch into their radios to facilitate communication with responders south of the Denali borough.
- c. There was a brief discussion of the 2015 State Homeland Security Program grant application, specifically for the 2016 Alaska Shield Exercise. The Denali Borough requested funding to participate as Evaluators in a Matanuska-Susitna exercise. This would give Denali responders valuable experience and the opportunity to observe neighboring protocols.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.