

LEPC Meeting

07/28/2023 at 1 PM

Location: Library Conference Room

Meeting Attendees: Peter Gurney, Ben Knowles, Ruth Marquez, Tyler Justus, Paul Jarrett, Greg Peters, Ian Shoup, Lynn Crane, Lauren Adams, Brenda Baker, Rachel Alinsunurin, Ferdie Lopez (attended via Zoom)

Positions:

LEPC Chair / Coordinator: Peter Gurney

LEPC Project Manager/Information Coordinator: To be determined

Secretary: Ruth Marquez

LEPC Members: Peter Gurney--DPS, Ruth Marquez--DPS, Ian Shoup—Westward / Northern Victor, Ferdinand Lopez—Unisea, Ron Kjorsvik--Unisea, Greg Peters—Alyeska / Westward / Unalaska FD, Zac Schasteen—CMA, Rachel Alinsunurin—Fish & Game / Animal Rescue, Lauren Adams—KUCB, Curran Chapman—Unalaska Police, Tyler Justus—USCG MSD, Christopher Lawhorn—USCG MSD, Paul Jarrett—USCG MSD, Ed Hammond—Matson, Lynn Crane—USAFV, Kerry Mahoney—Unalaska School Board, Brenda Baker—Northport / 10 years FEMA experience, Andrew Baber—Clinic, Cory Nelson—Alaska Chadux, Jennifer Van Deventer—City hall / Lions Club, Steve Van Deventer—DPW / Lions Club.

Meeting Notes: Thank you to all who were able to attend the LEPC Meeting on 07/28/2023. We had a productive meeting and were able to brainstorm some ideas for action items. See below for projects / work areas that we discussed.

Action Items:

- Volunteers for Heart of the Aleutians festival. Heart of the Aleutians festival will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 12 PM to 6 PM along East Broadway Avenue in the area of the school and PCR. I have tentatively reserved a table and we have numerous items to provide as handouts to the public. Let me know if you if you are interested in volunteering for any portion of the event.
- Tier II Compliance--need one to two members who would like to assist in ensuring tier II compliance amongst local companies. Will need to utilize E-Plan filing to meet State requirements for Tier II reporting in regards to hazardous materials on local industry sites. Link to create E-plan account is as follows:
<https://tier2.erplan.net/onlinefiling/filingLogin.htm>
- House numbering: One item we discussed in the meeting was a house numbering project. Many of the houses in town do not have numbers on them which is a violation of Unalaska City Ordinance 15.12. We would like to develop a program to help get numbers on more houses. If interested in this project, please let me know.

- School outreach--Brenda Baker has volunteered to oversee LEPC outreach at the Unalaska Schools. Specifically, Brenda would like to be in charge of developing go kits for the kids at the school and working with the school on their Emergency Plan. Brenda has a degree in Emergency Management and 10 years of experience working with FEMA and has experience in this specific area. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting with this project!
- Social Media committee: I run the Facebook page for Unalaska Public Safety and will be creating a Facebook page for LEPC. I would like to have 2 or 3 people interested in assisting with Social Media for LEPC. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tic Toc, etc. We would set up guidelines for managing the page and work to get important information out to the Community.
- Funding: Looking for anybody who has interest in helping to secure funding for LEPC initiatives. Currently, the City of Unalaska will be covering our budget as the State and Federal government are no longer providing grant money to LEPC's. As a result of this, our budget is not as expansive as it would be in an ideal world. There is one grant that I'm told we would qualify for as an LEPC and that is the State Homeland Security Program Grant. They will be sending out applications for this grant in December. Here is a link to the Grant: [DHS&EM | State Homeland Security Grant Program \(SHSP\) \(alaska.gov\)](https://www.alaska.gov/dhs/em/SHSP)
- Public Service Announcements—KUCB: It was suggested in the meeting that we should have an LEPC representative interviewed on KUCB to help spread the word that we are starting LEPC back up and some areas that we will be looking to address. I think this would be a good idea and I will set up a time to do this. In addition to this, it would be great to create some Public Service Announcement's (PSA's) on important LEPC topics. We could come up with different informational PSA's for different hazards that the community faces. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting me with this project or joining me for interview with KUCB staff.

Recap: Above are numerous areas that we can address as we get LEPC started back up. I understand that not everyone has the time to take on tasks such as these but I wanted to give everyone a chance to see different areas that you can make a difference.

Next meeting: In our last meeting, it was decided that while we work on starting LEPC back up, we should have one meeting a month to help build momentum. With that in mind, we will have our next meeting on the last week of August. I will send a meeting invite with an agenda a few weeks in advance.