

# Greater Ketchikan Local Emergency Planning Committee

## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 1200 hrs. by Chairman Steve Rydeen.

Attendance was gathered by sign in sheet.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Motion and second to approve. Passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Chief Hoage is waiting for updates to the Emergency Operations Plan from the committee chairs. He will reach out and contact them to determine where they are in the process.

### New Business

American Red Cross review by Andrew Bogar. The Red Cross has a one chapter/one region presence in SE Alaska. There has been a significant turnover in personnel and a downsizing of the organization. Currently there are approximately 120 volunteers which is up from 7 just 3 years ago. 5 of the volunteers are in Ketchikan.

They have a focus on preparedness and readiness. Funding comes from donations and there is no public money that supports the organization. The Red Cross is looking for additional volunteers and a stronger presence in Ketchikan.

### Roundtable

Alaska National Guard – the Armory is available for rent. The facility can be used for training or meetings.

Ketchikan International Airport – Thanks to the Ketchikan Police Department for their support in the recent expo. Civil Air Patrol meeting is Tuesday at 1830 hrs (at Fire Station I).

Public Health – The expo was good. In late October, there will be a POD at Ketchikan High School which will be open to the general public. Flu shots will be available.

AMHS – Update on tsunami workshop in Sitka.

South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department – Thanks to Tom Logan, USCG for his service. And thanks to KPD for supporting the expo.

Ketchikan Fire Department – The HazMat Team is in Sitka for a drill/training.

SEAPRO – Testing new equipment and preparing for GRS (Geographic Response Strategy) Testing/Evaluation.

KRBD – Available to help with PSA's.

VPSO – There has been an increase in visitors to Saxman. There are 2 new VPSO's in Kake. The VPSO in Hydaburg has moved to Thorne Bay.

Ketchikan Police Department – Josh Dossett is retiring and they are looking at further turnover this summer.

Alaska State Troopers – The student academy wraps up on Saturday.

USCG (Base) – ICS 300 level training will start on 24 July. The class will run 4 days. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, Tom Logan is transferring to Juneau.

Meeting adjourned at 1300