

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Local Emergency Planning Committee Component Budget Summary

Component: Local Emergency Planning Committee

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide funding and technical assistance to Local Emergency Planning Committees established by the State Emergency Response Commission.

Core Services

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management provides funding and technical assistance to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) who are responsible for working with their local jurisdictions on planning, training and exercising for all hazard events and oil and hazardous substance releases and managing community right to know activities regarding oil and hazardous materials within their jurisdictions.

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- Establish & Sustain Collaborative Partnerships
- Grants Assessment & pass through to LEPCs
- Technical Assistance
- Plans/Preparedness and Outreach Assistance
- Training & Exercise Assistance

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$300,000

Personnel:

Full time	0
Part time	0
Total	0

Key Component Challenges

Maintenance of ongoing Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) activities is critical to the emergency management and homeland security priorities of the State. Major funding for the Local Emergency Planning Committees has been primarily based upon 3% of the balance of the Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Response Fund. The challenge is to find alternative ways for the LEPCs to accomplish the all hazard planning and outreach they are engaged in across the State.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

With all volunteer organizations, it is always a challenge to find the correct mechanism that encourages individual participation in order for the LEPCs to accomplish their all-hazard planning and outreach programs across the State. Though the differences of working in rural and urban settings proved challenging, project managers remain committed to using any elements of any program to prepare their communities in the event of a disaster. Many are turning to partnerships with other voluntary organizations; The Alaska Citizen Corps Council and Alaska Volunteering Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD) are two such agencies. These agencies are banding together and are looking for ways to enhance their combined planning, training, and exercise enterprises in the upcoming year. The desired result is preparing Alaskans from the first responder to the individual in the neighborhood providing immediate aid in the time of crisis.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

Grant Management to Communities - This year \$300,000 in Local Emergency Planning Committee grants was awarded to provide oil spill and hazardous response planning in 20 LEPCs.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities:

Aleutians Pribilofs LEPC

- Created and distributed preparedness brochures for Atka and St. Paul and are working on distributing the brochures to the remaining communities in their Local Emergency Planning District.
- The Aleutian Pribilofs ran 24 weeks of preparedness advertisements in the local newspaper. The advertisements included information on how to put together a 7 day disaster supply kit. They also distributed a disaster safety guide that included information on winter storm information, earthquakes, tsunamis, and ash fall events.
- Participated in a mass prophylaxis drill with the Iliuliuk Health Clinic. An actual flu vaccine was used and they vaccinated approximately 2,000 people.
- Participated in the Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 statewide exercise by holding a full scale radiological exercise at Dutch Harbor.
- Coordinated with the Alaska National Guard's 103rd Civil Support Team to conduct a training session for fire fighters and emergency medical personnel.
- Completed a re-write of their emergency operations plan.

Anchorage LEPC

- The Anchorage LEPC participated in the Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 exercise. They coordinated over 200 volunteer "victims" for the full scale portion of the exercise held at Kincaid Park. They also worked with the Municipality's Department of Health and Human Services to hold a mass prophylaxis exercise as part of Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005. Approximately 750 volunteers participated in this exercise held at the Egan Center.
- Anchorage changed city regulations to now make it a requirement to provide information on end users of hazardous materials.
- Anchorage's Municipal Emergency Operations Plan was finalized and signed.
- Worked on a sheltering program to augment the Anchorage School District plan. The current plan creates 21 shelters for 30-40,000 people which are not sufficient for Anchorage.
- Anchorage certified nearly 60 businesses through a program designed to make sure that local businesses can take care of themselves and their employees during a disaster.
- Assisted in the emergency planning for the 2006 National Veterans Wheelchair Games.
- Launched a major public information campaign to encourage personal preparedness.
- Worked on a law enforcement plan for the upcoming International Whaling Commission meeting.

Bristol Bay LEPC

- Collaborated on the purchase of radios for their fire, medical, and police departments through a Homeland Security grant.
- Bristol Bay updated old emergency operations documents.

Copper River LEPC

- Copper River has produced radio advertisements in hopes of raising awareness and participation in the LEPC.
- Implemented a CERT program for the senior citizen population to make them more self-sustainable in an emergency. They also worked to get the CERT program offered at the high school level.
- Participated in a Disaster Awareness Day for the local elementary schools. The day included information on personal preparedness and demonstrations by first responders.
- Copper River had two Native communities join this year. The LEPC worked with them on small community emergency planning and community organization planning.

Delta Greely LEPC

- Delta Greely is conducting an extensive re-write of the Delta Greely School District's Crisis Response Plan.
- Participated in a Fort Greely/Delta Junction mass casualty exercise held at the Fort Greely Garrison in March. They also participated in the Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 statewide exercise.
- Updated their first responder's radio systems with new equipment purchased through a grant. They additionally participated in a communications meeting and programmed the radios to be in tune with the fire department's radios.

- Participated in a table top exercise and drill relating to a bus accident. During the planning process, they worked in conjunction with the Red Cross to develop Disaster Action Teams that are made up of 12 people who have been trained in shelter operations and management.
- Participated in a local review of their emergency operations plan.
- Worked toward setting up a CERT program for the community and worked with the Red Cross to have family services classes conducted throughout the year.
- Delta Greely re-organized their LEPC by writing new by-laws. They additionally released a Request for Proposal for an emergency operations plan.
- Delta Greely built a new building for their fire department. They will re-furbish the old building and put in an emergency operations center.

Denali LEPC

- Denali hired the new LEPC Coordinator in March and he started in his new position on April 1.
- Participated in a joint local, State, Federal disaster drill. School children were used as mock victims. They also participated in a table top exercise in February.
- Denali took an active role on a committee to reactivate the crisis response plan and conduct drills.
- Assisted in developing a pandemic influenza response plan that handles all of the seasonal workers in the area.

Fairbanks LEPC

- Participated in the Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 exercise. Participants included the Fairbanks International Airport, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, the Red Cross, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough.
- Participated in an emergency preparedness mass dispensing clinic exercise where they administered flu shots to participants.
- Fairbanks started Tier II submittals. They went into facilities and helped them set up CAMEO to collect all of the necessary Tier II information. The information is now available to all local fire and emergency medical agencies.
- Assisted in developing and finalizing a pandemic influenza emergency response plan.

Juneau LEPC

- Revised their emergency operations plan. Revisions included assigning emergency operations center positions based on ICS job descriptions. The plan was exercised during the Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 exercise. The exercise identified some deficiencies in the EOC as well as other areas where the EOP could be refined.
- Juneau reorganized their LEPC to try and make it more effective. Juneau will be breaking the LEPC into committees to take on certain tasks. The Public Education and Outreach Committee have been tasked with developing a public outreach program on the grass roots of the LEPCs. The Fire Department continues to work on the fire plan for downtown Juneau and hope to get a sprinkler ordinance passed. Juneau is also working with the harbor on buffer zone protection plans. The Fire Department has also taken the lead on Tier II.
- Worked with the Red Cross to develop a public outreach program and distributed fliers on earthquake, flood, fire, and personal preparedness as well as what equipment is needed in homes. They mailed these fliers out on a rotating basis in the water utility bills every month.
- Worked on revamping their entire emergency communications system after major deficiencies were detected during an evaluation of the system.
Worked on a Continuity of Government Plan and worked with State and local health experts on a mass care plan.

Kenai Peninsula LEPC

- Produced numerous Public Service Announcements focusing on Community Emergency Response Team training and disaster kits and plans to coincide with National Preparedness Month in September.
- Kenai also assisted in printing and distributing three disaster preparedness books for children which were written and illustrated by a local high school student.
- Kenai inventoried all of their disaster caches and cleaned them up. Three additional caches were added, bringing the total to seven caches throughout the borough.
- Kenai broke into sub-committees to complete an update of their emergency response plan. All of the Borough's plans were integrated internally and with the State plan as well.
- Assisted in developing an exercise and training plan focusing on natural hazards.
- Completed three different evacuation plans for three different wildfire incidents.
- Kenai was awarded funding to conduct Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in remote, fly-in communities within the Borough.
- Completed fairly extensive emergency planning for the Arctic Winter Games. Over 2,000 athletes, parents, coaches, and spectators attended the events.

- Participated in a Safety Day in Soldotna in May.

Ketchikan LEPC

- Ketchikan hired a contractor to update their emergency operations plan.
- Assisted in funding, and participated in, Incident Command System training courses in March.
- Ketchikan focused on the Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 exercise with a table top session and a couple of full scale training exercises.
- Worked to update the real geographic information system map data for their CAMEO system.
- Coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard on a joint local/State/Federal terrorism exercise.

Kodiak Island LEPC

- Kodiak, along with other local, State, and Federal agency representatives, participated in a functional, multi-incident exercise in September following a multi-agency Incident Command System refresher course. The exercise tested their revised emergency operations plan.
- Co-sponsored an annual "Survival Guide" with the Kodiak Daily Mirror newspaper. The hand out was distributed through the newspaper.
- Completed a Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Distributed the Kodiak Emergency Preparedness Guide throughout the community on a regular basis to educate the large influx of non-residents. The guide predominantly covers earthquakes and tsunamis.
- Implemented NIMS and participated in training and exercises for all sections in the community.
- Worked with the U.S. Coast Guard on a major exercise in March, the same time Disney was in the area shooting scenes for a new movie.
- Participated in an elected official's exercise that was attended by the Mayor and the entire City Council. The exercise provided the attendees a better understanding on how they would participate during an emergency and what their legal liabilities and responsibilities were.

Matanuska Susitna LEPC

- Participated in the Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 exercise.
- Mat Su had 100 students from three Mat Su Borough high schools attend CERT training and participate in an exercise to put their learned skills to the test in January.
- Mat Su worked with the Alaska Division of Public Health, the American Red Cross, and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in hosting a Strategic National Stockpile exercise in January.
- Mat Su had a booth with LEPC and emergency preparedness materials at the Wasilla Health Fair held in March and the Alaska State Fair in August.
- Participated in a workshop on the Strategic National Stockpile and reviewed the revised State Pandemic Plan.
- Held a briefing with the Alaska Railroad on keeping track of hazardous materials on the railway.

Nome LEPC

- Completed a review of their emergency operations plan.
- Nome is currently working on addressing the emergency preparedness of 15 nearby villages. Nome has tried working with other agencies to create emergency plans for these villages, but have not had great success.
- Participated in a table top hazardous materials exercise with assistance from the Alaska National Guard's 103rd Civil Support Team. The table top exercise was followed by a full scale exercise the next month that tested the Emergency Response Group's incident command structure for the first time in a hazardous materials setting.
- Nome concentrated on preparing for pandemic influenza. After a joint State agency workshop on avian and pandemic flu, Nome put together a more specific pandemic disaster plan focusing on the fact that a pandemic will last for weeks or months. They additionally held a mass prophylaxis drill to test the plan and administer annual flu shots.

North Slope LEPC

- North Slope, in conjunction with DHS&EM, provided basic National Incident Management System training to members of the North Slope Borough Fire Department, Police Department, Health Department, Public Works Department, Samuel Simmons Memorial Hospital staff, and various other local agencies.
- Participated in a table top exercise as part of the larger Alaska Shield/Northern Edge 2005 statewide exercise.
- Participated in a re-write of their emergency management plan. A Borough-wide plan is in place but they wanted a scaled-down and stand alone emergency and evacuation plan unique for each village.
- Continued to work with State and Federal agencies and insurance carriers on the Kaktovik winter storm disaster.
- Upgraded their emergency operations center for landline communications and updated their interdepartmental radio communications.

- Wrote plans to coincide with the Inupiat Circumpolar Conference.

Northern Southeast LEPC

- Participated in a multi-agency response drill in July.
- Participated in a biological weapon of mass destruction exercise in April to test the newly revised All Hazard Plan for Skagway. 40 participants from various local, State, and Federal agencies participated.
- Completed an emergency preparedness brochure that explains what to do in case of earthquake, tsunami, or flood in Skagway. It also includes information on how to put together a disaster plan and a disaster supply kit.
- Worked on the all hazards mitigation plan and revised their communications section of the plan.
- Worked with Guardian Flight Services to improve medical evacuation possibilities in the area.

Northwest Arctic Borough LEPC

- The region experienced a 5.2 magnitude earthquake, rattling homes in Deering. This event was an eye-opener for the LEPC as the region is not thought of as earthquake-prone. The LEPC added earthquakes as a hazard for their region.
- Completed their Emergency Operations Plan and submitted it for State review.
- Addressed the fall sea storm threat for communities in their region. This comes after last season's storm hit Kivalina hard with erosion damage and a sea surge that came over the beach and flooded the streets in the community. The LEPC worked with various entities in Kivalina to develop and adopt an evacuation plan. The school building was proposed as an evacuation site due to it being the strongest structure on the island with the highest elevation. The LEPC also pursued funding to build an evacuation road off of the island. The LEPC held an evacuation drill to test the new plan.
- Participated in a table top mass prophylaxis exercise in December with a special emphasis on birds for hunters in the region.
- Took steps to prepare for avian and pandemic influenza. In March, they held a full scale pandemic exercise where they provided PPT vaccines for 590 children. In May, the LEPC held a workshop focusing on avian and pandemic flu. They distributed disaster kits to each village's community clinic and they have portable decontamination tents on hand and ready to distribute to the clinics.
- Provided hazardous materials awareness and operational training to local leaders and first responders in the region.

Petersburg/Wrangell LEPC

- Participated in a full scale exercise involving the fire department, emergency medical services, the hospital, the airport, and volunteer victims.
- Participated in a table top exercise focused on bioterrorism. As a result, they worked on revising quarantine issues in their disaster response plan.
- Worked on pandemic influenza plans, seven day preparedness plans, and emergency operations planning for NIMS integration.
- Funded a plan for harbor security/fire/search and rescue by small boat.

Sitka LEPC

- Participated in an exercise with the State involving health and mass casualty issues.
- Worked to find funding to replace their aging community alert system.
- Collaborated on the purchase of an emergency response boat through Homeland Security grant funding.
- Purchased the equipment for a new Alaska Land Mobile Radio dispatch center.

Southern Southeast LEPC

- Published an article in the Island News pertaining to emergency preparedness. It included information on how to put together emergency "go kits" and what type of work the LEPC accomplishes.
- Completed emergency response plans for 3 of their 12 communities in the district. Once approved by the State, they will use these plans to continue the planning process for the remaining communities.
- Completed a mass prophylaxis clinic annex for their emergency operations plan. The annex covers issues with vaccinating a large population scattered throughout several locations on Prince of Wales Island where there are very few public health officials.
- The LEPC was assisted by the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in conducting a vulnerability assessment of the City of Craig. The LEPC has taken the final report from DHS&EM and will implement ways in the planning and project process to fix the identified vulnerabilities.
- Looked into early warning systems that would be a good match for each of their communities and are installing low power AM transmitters for strictly communicating emergency evacuation warnings.

- Formalized memorandums of agreement and memorandums of understanding between their communities and departments in order to make sure initial response and containment of various incidences can be adequate in the communities that do not have a governmental structure in place.

Valdez LEPC

- Placed an advertisement in the Star newspaper reminding agencies of their requirements to file SARA Tier II reports. They also sent reminder letters and handbooks to these agencies.
- Created a new tsunami readiness community program which will create evacuation maps and put up tsunami evacuation route signs.
- Gave a presentation to the City Council defining the roles and responsibilities of the LEPC versus the local fire department. The City Council expressed an interest in increased disaster preparedness.
- Participated in a mass prophylaxis exercise in October. The exercise gave flu shots to over 4500 people in less than 12 hours.
- Implemented the Neighborhood Emergency Service Team (NEST) program and it has been very successful.
- Worked with the local hospital in regard to their decontamination system and trained hospital personnel in the proper use of the system. They additionally completed a strategic plan for the hospital, conducted a mass inoculation drill, and held a mass feeding exercise.
- Worked on completing a local hazard mitigation plan and completed a tsunami mitigation plan.
- Participated in a tsunami/earthquake conference and a terrorist drill with local schools to try and improve emergency response processes.
- Participated in two disaster preparedness fairs to distribute personal preparedness information.
- Updated the senior center's preparedness and planning measures for emergencies.
- Co-sponsored CISM training with the U.S. Coast Guard. Forty-five people from Prince William Sound and the Copper River Basin attended the class.
- Worked with Tier II industries to ensure they are completing and turning in their required reports.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- AS 26.23.071 Alaska State Emergency Response Commission
- AS 26.23.073 Emergency planning districts and committees
- AS 46.08 Oil and Hazardous Substance Releases
- AS 43.55.201 Conservation surcharge on oil - surcharge levied
- AS 43.55.300 Additional conservation surcharge on oil - surcharge levied

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**Local Emergency Planning Committee
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	289.1	300.0	300.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	289.1	300.0	300.0
Funding Sources:			
1052 Oil/Hazardous Response Fund	289.1	300.0	300.0
Funding Totals	289.1	300.0	300.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Oil Hazardous Response Fund	51370	289.1	300.0	0.0
Restricted Total		289.1	300.0	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		289.1	300.0	0.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	300.0	300.0
FY2008 Governor	0.0	0.0	300.0	300.0