

State of Alaska FY2009 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

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 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. LEPCs in Alaska received funding for tasks directly related to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA, or CRTK), or Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III (42 United States Code (USC) 11001–11050) and the Alaska Disaster Act (Alaska Statute 26.23). LEPC allocations for extreme hazardous substance, hazardous materials, and all-hazards community planning are appropriated through General Funds.

LEPC members are volunteers who live within a specific Local Emergency Planning District (LEPD). Federal legislation states that, as a minimum, each LEPC shall include representatives from the following groups: elected officials, law enforcement, civil defense, firefighting, first aid, health, local environmental, hospital, transportation personnel, broadcast and print media, community groups, and owners/operators of facilities subject to regulation by the LEPC within an existing LEPD develop a local emergency response plan, respond to, and prepare for all-hazards events.

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 FY2009

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 element 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 2007

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

Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities:

Aleutians Pribilofs LEPC

- Published a full-page color evacuation map for Unalaska Island.
- Attended pandemic flu seminar put on by the Department of Public Health which prompted the health clinic to plan for a mass prophylactic clinic in October 2006
- Shot clinics held
- LEPC purchased the "It's A Disaster" book (which is customized by regions) and is distributing them throughout the region.
- Published a 26 week ad series on preparedness in the regional newspaper.

Anchorage LEPC

- Purchased two software programs, the first is "Roam It" and the second is "First Watch." The functions of these programs are to interface with the fire department's computer aided dispatch system as well as with the records management system.
- The Municipal Department of Health and Human Services conducted a mass vaccination exercise which vaccinated over 1,000 individuals.
- Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) purchased a container which can house supplies for 1,000 people who are in a shelter with the potential of sheltering 21,000 people. The container holds blankets, sleeping pads, sanitation stations, water, medical supplies, earthquake kits, and other rescue kits.
- Anchorage LEPC approved revisions to the Emergency Operations Plan which included a mass fatality annex and a damage annex. Also, major changes to the bylaws were approved.
- Completed the Tri-Borough Mutual Aid Agreement with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB). This agreement details how the communities will assist each other in the event of a disaster. The first usage of the agreement occurred during the MSB flooding in August 2006.
- Developed "Big Box Store Partnerships" with Wal-Mart, Costco, Sam's Club, Carr's/Safeway and Home Depot to provide priority disaster supplies to first responders and congregate care centers (city shelters) in the first 72 hours after a disaster occurs. The Municipality of Anchorage has agreements with 20 privately owned facilities to operate as congregate care facilities.
- Conducted a Tactical Interoperable Communications Exercise September 20, 2006.
- Created a disaster registry for vulnerable populations (currently more than 300 individuals are registered in the Anchorage area).
- Emergency Watch Neighborhood Preparedness Program has trained over 100 neighborhood leaders. Four of the leaders conducted exercises in September 2006.
- Facilitated an agreement with Elmendorf Air Force Base to use the base as an access route should the Port of Anchorage need to be evacuated.
- Elmendorf has been designated as an alternate landing site for space shuttles. Anchorage is working with the AFB to mitigate concerns over the risk and to work out preparedness procedures.
- Conducted mass dispensing exercises to test the capability of handling large numbers of people requiring medications etc.

Bristol Bay LEPC

- Updated the Emergency Operations Plan.
- Recruited new LEPC Members.

Copper River LEPC

- Participated in a mass inoculation clinic held in the Matanuska Valley for flu prevention.
- Attended training conducted by the MSB LEPC on working with individuals with disabilities or who had special needs.
- CERT training included in school district's curriculum for 11th and 12th graders.
- Conducted a Disaster Awareness Day for grades one through six to teach children how to call 911.
- LEPC sponsored an inventory day to bring together the fire departments to highlight the need for new radios/antennas and for training.
- Copper River received approval for a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio. The request was expedited because of lost communications during the October 2006 flooding.
- Made a presentation to high school students to stress the need for volunteerism. Subsequently, twenty-one students volunteered for CERT training.
- Inventoried facilities in the Copper Valley area to house 4,000 people in the event of a major disaster (three school gymnasiums found). Compiled a list of local churches and other facilities with cooking and shower capabilities. Signed Memorandums of Understanding with six large churches.
- Participated in a fire drill at the Princess Hotel with the City of Valdez and Valdez LEPC.

Delta Greely LEPC

- Conducted a wildland fire table-top exercise.
- Updated their emergency operations plan.
- Participated in Alaska Shield/Northern Edge as observers in 2007.
- Participated with Ft. Delta Greely in their mass casualty operation.
- Trained staff in Incident Command System - ICS 300 and 400 in October 2006.
- LEPC display at the Deltana Fair in July 2006
- Gave presentation to the Chamber of Commerce on emergency preparedness for businesses in September 2006.

Denali LEPC

- Worked with the borough on a Continuity of Operations Plan.
- Printed updated all-hazards plan.
- Worked with borough fire and forestry personnel to insure areas with new population growth are covered. Worked on a borough-wide Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA).
- Health committee established to address health issues and the influx of tourists during the tourist season.
- Generator purchased to provide emergency power to law enforcement, fire department and the clinic offices in Healy.
- Developed evacuation plan for the City of Anderson as a result of the Parks Highway fire.

Fairbanks LEPC

- Conducted a mass vaccination clinic October 2006 at two sites where over 5,000 shots were given.
- Revitalized their critical incident stress teams.
- Collected and entered all Tier II information into the Computer Aided Management Emergency Operation (CAMEO) system.
- Participated in the Arctic Shield/Northern Edge Exercise in 2007.
- City of Fairbanks/Fairbanks North Star Borough passed a resolution to have the Fairbanks LEPC be a Citizen Corps.
- Conducted a mass casualty exercise in August 2006.

Juneau LEPC

- Obtained FEMA 500 person disaster shelter container for use throughout Southeast.
- Completed agreement for the Emergency Alert System with the National Weather Service, GCI, ACS, the City, the power company, and two radio stations.
- Conducted the annual airport drill.
- Mapped hazardous material locations in Juneau.
- Purchased ALMR capable radios and cameras for the harbor department.
- Conducted a Small Business Disaster Planning Workshop in October 2006.
- Conducted a Point of Distribution (POD) exercise in November 2006.
- Worked on continuation of the Metropolitan Medical Response System Grant Program (MMRS) program.

- Prepared emergency shelter for Incident Command System (ICS), triage, staging, Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) and Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) use.
- Awarded three contracts: E911 Borough-wide system, Installation of new Project 25 repeaters for Juneau, and purchase of sheltering units for Southeast Alaska. The shelters will be used for command posts and alternate care sites.
- Distributed disaster kits to schools each equipped with a 100 person trauma kit.
- Held first meeting with Southeast Alaska Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD).
- Conducted tri-annual full-scale airport exercise.
- Responded to cruise ship grounding involving 281 individuals needing to be evacuated. Completed evacuations without injury and relocated passengers to Seattle, Washington by 8 pm the same day.
- Responded to a tour bus accident involving 17 passengers. Tracked passengers throughout incident.

Kenai Peninsula LEPC

- Participated in Alaska Shield/Northern Edge Exercise in 2007.
- Conducted Mass Dispensing Exercise in Nov 2006. Approximately 3,000 doses delivered.
- Updated the Emergency Operations Plans for the cities of Homer, Kenai, Soldotna and Seward.
- Distributed the Hanna Watkins' preparedness books to kindergarten and first grade classes. In excess of 3,000 books were distributed throughout the Borough.
- Citizen Corps promoted distribution of home survival kits and worked with Spenard Builders Supply, Home Depot, Trustworthy Hardware, and service organizations such as the Salvation Army, Elks and the Red Cross.

Ketchikan LEPC

- Updated the emergency operations plan in October 2006.
- Participated in a full-scale exercise to highlight communications gaps.
- Provided ICS Training to individuals assigned to their EOC.
- Worked with company wanting to manufacture explosives to determine ideal location.

Kodiak Island LEPC

- Updated hazardous materials mitigation plans.
- Updated marine fire fighting plans.
- Updated sub-area contingency plans.
- Updated geographic response plans.
- Updated emergency response plans.
- Seismic upgrades made to critical infrastructure.
- Performed ICS training.
- Worked on State SAT phone project.
- Pursued upgrades to the tsunami siren system.
- Updated All-Hazards Guide brochure and translated it into minority population languages.
- Participated in the Pandemic Influenza Exercise in January 2007 which focused on school districts.
- Set up an informational booth at Kodiak Crab Festival.

Matanuska Susitna LEPC

- Participated in the "Whistle Stop Outreach Program."
- Conducted flooding exercise in Talkeetna.
- Responded to borough-wide flooding in August 2006 resulting in both a State and Federal disaster declaration. CERT teams assisted borough and city officials along with the National Guard, State DOT and the Alaska Railroad.
- Conducted CERT training for the ham radio community October 9 – 28, 2006.
- Conducted basic technician level ham classes November 4 and 11, 2006.
- Conducted a table-top exercise March 2007 involving the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) outbreak in Barrow.
- Manned public awareness booths at a number of health fairs where "Fire Wise" and CERT Programs were emphasized.

Nome LEPC

- Updated emergency operations plan.
- Met with mining companies to discuss on-site hazardous materials and tier II reporting.
- Conducted table-top exercise in Feb 2007 on a city-wide loss of electricity scenario.
- In April 2007, the 103rd Civil Support Team conducted a training exercise for the City along with a decontamination exercise in the field and at the local hospital.

North Slope LEPC

- Received approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Borough and one village from FEMA.
- Conducted a four-day Pandemic Influenza Workshop September 2006.
- Completed a radio communications study.
- Updated their emergency operation plans.
- Purchased computer dedicated to tier II reporting.
- Dealt with an outbreak of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) on the North Slope that included pediatric patients being medevacted to Anchorage. Flyers and public service announcements were distributed to keep community up-to-date.

Northern Southeast LEPC

- Port Security meeting held September 2006.
- Purchased Pack Cat 32-ft Munson boat to assist harbormaster with small oil spills.
- Purchased mass casualty and decontamination supplies.
- Responded to a train derailment.
- Developed mutual aid agreement for radio frequencies to communicate more effectively.
- Skagway purchased a tsunami warning radio.

Northwest Arctic Borough LEPC

- Updated their emergency operations plan.
- Conducted Pandemic Flu seminar November 2006 with the State.
- Completed E911 System for the City of Kotzebue.
- Kivalina damaged due to fall storms. Temporary repairs made using HESCO containers to control shoreline erosion.
- Updating Hazard Mitigation Plan for Borough.
- City of Kotzebue Hazard Mitigation Plan is at FEMA for approval.
- Kivalina Hazard Mitigation Plan is at pre-approval stage.
- Updating emergency operations plan for the borough.

Petersburg/Wrangell LEPC

- Distributed seven-day survival calendars and ran radio spots and ads for 24 weeks.
- Formed subcommittee to look into the possibility of medication shortages and the care of elderly and disabled population.
- Distributed pamphlets on pandemic influenza.
- Worked on mitigation planning.
- City officials from Petersburg/Wrangell participated in ICS 100, 200, and 700 training in October 2006.
- Petersburg LEPC worked with childcare facilities to assemble preparedness kits and update their emergency plans. State Department of Health and Social Services met with licensed child care facilities regarding emergency disaster planning regulations.
- Participated in the Wrangell Health Fair and Early Childhood Fair in April 2007.
- Worked toward updating Wrangell disaster response plans.
- City of Petersburg approved pilot "Map Your Neighborhood" project.
- Petersburg U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was commissioned in June 2007 and conducted boating awareness classes.

Sitka LEPC

- Conducted a pandemic flu seminar.
- Conducted ICS training for police and public works departments.
- Met with the State and the University regarding the tsunami inundation mapping program.

Southern Southeast LEPC

- Provided ICS training.
- Conducted table-top exercise in November 2006.
- Pandemic flu education conducted on Prince of Wales Island in February 2007.
- Conducted an "Active-Shooter" exercise at high school involving first responders from Craig, Klawock, the Forest Service, Alaska State Troopers (AST), and school district personnel as well as individuals used as observers, evaluators, victims, and shooters.
- Stocked a conex with a 40 bed sheltering and 10 bed medical capability.

Valdez LEPC

- Worked toward updating the emergency operations plans.
- Tier II reports were completed.
- LEPC attended Advanced Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) training.
- Conducted disaster drill at Valdez airport August 2006.
- Purchased laptop computer.
- Responded to area-wide flooding in October 2006 damaging homes and infrastructure. Residents evacuated into Red Cross shelters. Flooding declared both a state/federal disaster.
- Participated in Alaska Shield/Northern Edge '07 Exercise including industry and mass casualty portion held in Fairbanks.
- Conducted a radiation drill with customs/border protection, Coast Guard, City of Valdez, the fire and police departments, and the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. The scenario was a suspected radiation issue with a vessel coming into port.
- Participated in the AMSTAMP exercise which is an annual Coast Guard/Prince William Sound area maritime security exercise.
- Conducted an airport casualty drill.
- Participated in a fire drill with the Copper River LEPC at the Princess Hotel.
- Assisted the school district and hospital with updates to their disaster plans.

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

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 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	10.7	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	18.3	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	267.9	300.0	300.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	296.9	300.0	300.0
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	300.0	300.0
1052 Oil/Hazardous Response Fund	296.9	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	296.9	300.0	300.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	300.0	0.0	0.0	300.0
FY2009 Governor	300.0	0.0	0.0	300.0