

# **State of Alaska FY2010 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.

**Major Activities to Advance Strategies**

- Establish and sustain collaborative partnerships
- Grants Assessment and Pass-Through to LEPCs
- Technical assistance
- Plans/preparedness and outreach assistance
- Training and exercise assistance

**FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results**

**FY2010 Component Budget: \$300,000**

**Personnel:**

Full time	0
Part time	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

**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. Local Emergency Planning Committees in Alaska receive funding for tasks directly related to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act 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). Local Emergency Planning Committee allocations for extreme hazardous substance, hazardous materials, and all-hazards community planning are appropriated through general funds.
- Local Emergency Planning Committee members are volunteers who live within a specific Local Emergency Planning District (LEPD). Federal legislation states that, as a minimum, each Local Emergency Planning Committee 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 Committee within an existing District, develop a local emergency response plan, respond to, and prepare for all-hazards events.
- A continuing challenge is to find alternative ways for the Local Emergency Planning Committees to accomplish the all-hazard planning and outreach they are engaged in across the State.
- With all volunteer organizations, it is always a challenge to find the correct mechanism that encourages individual participation in order for the committees to accomplish their all-hazard planning and outreach programs across the State. Many committees are turning to partnerships to enhance their combined planning, training and exercises, including those with other voluntary organizations such as the Alaska Citizen Corps Council and Alaska Volunteering Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD).
- The newly established Tri-Annual Statewide Preparedness Conferences, held in conjunction with the tri-annual State Emergency Response Commission/Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings, will provide structured, collaborative, multi-agency outreach, training and exercises for both committee and non-committee communities. These events begin in September 2008, with the theme *Before, During and After Disasters*; followed by January 2009, *Building Resilient Communities and Organizations*, and May 2009,

*Best Practices and Lessons Learned.* Conferences will be co-sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Services, with possible additional sponsorship from other entities to be established as the meetings develop.

- The conferences will strengthen local committee members, as well as non-committee individuals with emergency management responsibilities, capacity to develop and support emergency management related activities. They will also increase networking, collaboration, and cross-fertilization across the state and provide an additional venue for the commission to receive and give input to and from the committees. Furthermore, the January conference will provide specific tools and strategies for communities to develop, sustain, or complete projects while providing state agency partnerships to support these efforts. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will take the lead role in supporting these joint projects, with the May conference providing a venue to analyze and document successes and areas for strengthening.
- The breadth of community preparedness and participation across Alaska highlights the unique needs and creative approaches of Alaska's diverse communities. System-wide, the commission enabled committees to be Citizen Corps, resulting in committees such as Fairbanks, to become Citizen Corps Councils for the Borough.

### **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010**

- No changes in results delivered are expected in this fiscal year.

### **Major Component Accomplishments in 2008**

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

#### **Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities:**

With national priorities in mind, and in coordination with other State agencies, the division, State Emergency Response Commission and Local Emergency Planning Committees developed baseline goals that each committee has agreed to achieve upon receipt of their grant award. All active committees completed their baseline goals for the current reporting period. Each also reported additional significant accomplishments for the year, with 167 products or activities, for an average of over eight significant goals. Their accomplishments include: direct support during actual events; planning for events both small and large; exercises with real outcomes as large as mass inoculations for over six thousand individuals; enhanced infrastructure capacity, developing volunteer Community Emergency Response Teams, Neighborhood Watch, and other cadres and efforts; outreach varying from booths at Health Fairs and State Fairs to ongoing radio broadcasts; and so on.

#### **Evacuation Capabilities:**

Several Local Emergency Planning Committees supported planning for evacuation and shelter-in-place scenarios. The 2007 Southeast Alaska Evacuation Workshop resulted in base plans for the foundation of Ketchikan and Juneau to be formally recognized as the super-hub within Southeast Alaska, increasing regional citizen evacuation and shelter-in-place capabilities. The Anchorage planning committee 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. The Aleutians Pribilofs planning committee published a full-page color evacuation map for Unalaska Island. Jurisdictions with seasonal influx of tourists, such as Denali, continued planning efforts targeting tourist-related issues.

#### **Mass Care Capability:**

Copper River planning committee inventoried facilities in the Copper Valley area with the goal of planning shelter for four thousand in the event of a major disaster. In addition to the three identified school gymnasiums, the planning committee compiled a list of local churches and other facilities with cooking and shower facilities, signing Memorandums of Understanding with six large churches for disaster related use of their facilities. The Juneau planning committee purchased six "Western Shelters" and placed them in Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan. Units are fully self-contained with twenty-five KBA power generation for alternate care sites or command posts. The Juneau planning committee also obtained a Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 person disaster shelter container for use throughout Southeast Alaska for Incident Command System (ICS), triage, staging, Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) and Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) use. The Southern Southeast planning committee stocked a Conex steel container that holds sheltering capacity for 40 beds as well as

ten medical beds.

The Anchorage planning committee recently created and publicized a disaster registry for vulnerable populations. Over three hundred individuals are registered to date. Planning committee's including Petersburg/Wrangell, focused on mass care by conducting or attending special needs workshops. Southern Southeast planning committee completed rewrite of shelter operations plan for the Craig School District and held a full-scale exercise to test the plan as a key component of their overall shelter and evacuation planning.

#### **Community Preparedness and Participation Capability:**

Several Local Emergency Planning Committees focused on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training as a means to increase community preparedness at the volunteer level. In Copper River, for example, a planning committee presentation on volunteerism led to 21 student volunteers. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough has trained hundreds of volunteers, including one for ham radio operators. They recently completed their annual Train-the-Trainer class, expanding capacity as far away as Fairbanks. They, in turn, rely on trained JROTC volunteers to serve as victims with the experience to provide valuable feedback to responders. Team training has been incorporated into the Copper River School District curriculum for high school juniors and seniors.

#### **Outreach Activities:**

At the elementary grade levels, Kenai Peninsula planning committee distributed the Hanna Watkins' preparedness books to kindergarten and first grade classes. In excess of three thousand books were distributed through the Borough. An additional ten thousand have been distributed statewide by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Copper River planning committee conducted a Disaster Awareness Day for grades one through six; goals included teaching children to call 911.

The Kenai Peninsula 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. The Aleutians Pribilofs planning committee published a 26 week ad series on preparedness in the regional newspaper and outreach at booths for a women's conference in Unalaska and at local health fairs. Kodiak Island planning committee staffed an information booth at Kodiak Crab Festival. Matanuska Susitna planning committee participated in the "Whistle Stop Outreach Program" and staffed public awareness booths at a number of health fairs emphasizing "Fire Wise" and training programs. Petersburg/Wrangell planning committee distributed seven-day survival calendars and ran radio spots and ads for twenty four weeks. Juneau planning committee developed avalanche booklets for the fire departments, while Petersburg/Wrangell planning committee distributed pamphlets on pandemic influenza and the City of Petersburg approved their pilot "Map Your Neighborhood" project.

### **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*

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
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	299.0	300.0	300.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>299.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	299.0	300.0	300.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>299.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2009 Management Plan</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>
<b>FY2010 Governor</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>