

**Jefferson County Office of
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Jefferson County Commission's Office of Homeland Security operates Citizen Corps, Project Impact, CERT, the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program and has Committees on Risk Assessment and Mitigation Planning, People with Special Needs, Animals in Disaster, Counter Terrorism Planning, Public Awareness and Education, and Partnership Development. Our committees are open to all who are interested and willing to serve on them, with the exception of the Counter Terrorism Committee, which is limited to Law Enforcement, Healthcare Providers, and the Emergency Responder Community. Any interested Business, Group, Government Agency, Faith-based, Civic Organization or Individual can become a JCOHS Partner. Membership is Free.

**Offices of Homeland Security and Emergency
Management Restructured, effective August 2, 2007**

The Jefferson County Commission has restructured the offices of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. By official action of the County Commission on August 2, 2007, the two offices have been combined and will now be known as, "Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management." Barbara Miller was named director of the organization. A Program Manager/Planner, who will also serve as the deputy director, will be hired at \$32,000 and an administrative assistant/volunteer coordinator/public information officer position is being posted at \$24,000. Both of the positions will be filled in early September. Resumes are being accepted for both positions through August 27. Resumes should be sent to: Barbara Miller, Director, Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, P.O. Box 250, Charles Town, WV 25414. Job descriptions for both positions are available in the Jefferson County Commission Office at 124 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, WV 25414.

Cross Border Exercise August 15th

The first annual Cross Border Exercise (CBX) is a joint endeavor between the Northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. The exercise will focus on decision making in response to a large scale incident involving both states. The exercise will be structured to simulate the command and control organization that will be needed to manage a regional incident. The planning and design team of the exercise has requested that individuals that would serve in the respective Emergency Operations Centers to participate. RSVPs to CBX2007signup@aol.com no

later than August 1, 2007. Questions should be addressed to Aaron.kesecker@vdh.virginia.gov or 540-722-3480.

WVU Hospitals East Drill on August 18

WVU Hospitals East will be conducting a drill simulating a 40-bed alternate care site caring for hospital overflow patients during an influenza pandemic. The site will be set up at Martinsburg High School on Saturday, August 18. Volunteers will be needed in all areas; "patients", clinical staff, clerical staff, etc. The "site" will be operating all day, but volunteers can commit to any part of the day that they are available. If you are interested in participating in this important test of our community's Pandemic preparedness, please contact Diana Gavia, MD, MPH, Health Officer, Berkeley County Health Department. 263-5131 or dianagavia@wvdhhr.org

Deputy Andy Receives His Vest

(Reprinted from The Spirit of Jefferson Newspaper, July 19, 2007)

The Briggs Animal Adoption Center presented K-9 Deputy Andy and his partner, Deputy Kilmer, of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, with a ballistic vest. The donated vest will help protect Andy from those who would wish to harm him while on duty with law enforcement. The newest member of the department, Andy, is a 3-year old German Shepherd trained in search and rescue, narcotics detection and aggression. The BAAC will also provide Deputy Andy with food, use of its grooming facility and veterinary care for his lifetime. Jim Taylor of the Briggs Animal Adoption Center presented the vest to Deputy Kilmer and his K-9 partner, Andy.

The Real West Virginia Foundation/Senator Rockefeller Organized Trade Mission for Biometrics Industry/Homeland Security

U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller and the Real West Virginia Foundation organized a specifically designed trade mission for security and biometrics industry executives to explore business partnerships, research synergies and investment opportunities in West Virginia on July 22-24. The mission included 2 1/2 days of business meetings, tours of security firms, and the opportunities to meet with prominent members of the government and private sector. West Virginia's proximity to Washington, D.C. and defense related firms, low cost of doing business, as well as assets including the National Biometric Security Project, the Department of Defense Biometrics Fusion Center, and the top-notch research and biometric programs at West Virginia University make the state an optional location for security-related industries. World-class companies like SPARC, Azimuth, Inc., Noblis, Alliant Techsystems (ATK), Lockheed Martin, ManTech Security Technologies, STS International and SAIC all have a presence in West Virginia.

Ready to Work the Jefferson County Fair?

Volunteers Needed to Work the Booth

Each year, our volunteers work in our booth at the Jefferson County Fair to give out information about how to prepare for disasters. We have an enormous opportunity to reach our constituency through our fair booth each year and we give out more literature during this week that maybe any other time during the year. Below is the list of times that are still available to work in the booth. If you haven't yet signed up, please email to bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org what slot you would like to fill. No experience is necessary! For additional information about the Jefferson County Fair or for directions to the fairgrounds, go to www.jeffersoncountyfairwv.org

Sunday, August 19

12:30-5:00 p.m.	1. Beverly Gastgeb	2.
5:00-10:00 p.m.	1.	2.

Monday, August 20

3:00-7:00 p.m.	1. J.V. Walter, III	2. Rob Edwards
	3. Judi Rice	4. Beverly Gastgeb

7:00-10:00 p.m.	1. J.V. Walter, III	2.
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Tuesday, August 21

3:00-7:00 p.m.	1. Lucas Pierce	2. Kelly Parsons
7:00-10:00 p.m.	1.	2.

Wednesday, August 22

(SENIOR CITIZENS DAY 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

11:00-4:00	1. Debbi Palmer	2. Katherine Dunbar
4:00-7:00 p.m.	1. Jill Randlett	2. Nancy Marmorella
7:00-10:00 p.m.	1. Kristi Gruber	2.

Thursday, August 23

3:00-7:00 p.m.	1. Janet Jeffries	2. JoAnn Nicholson
7:00-10:00 p.m.	1. Shirley Evans	2. Doug Evans

Friday, August 24

3:00-7:00 p.m.	1. Janet Jeffries	2. Jill Randlett
7:00-10:00 p.m.	1.	2.

Saturday, August 25

10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	1.	2.
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	1. Rob Edwards	2.
4:30-7:30 p.m.	1.	2.
7:30-10:00 p.m.	1.	2.

State Unveils New Mobile Operations Center

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – Governor Joe Manchin III unveiled the State’s new Mobile Operations Center on Friday, July 27, 2007 at 10 a.m. on the north side of the Capitol. During that time, a test of interoperable communications involving all areas of the state was conducted by the West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Mobile Operations Center is a highly technological advanced vehicle that can provide support communications during disasters around the state. Radio, satellite and video communications are housed in the vehicle and it can also be used as an operations center during incidents if needed. The MOC is available to any State or county agency during a disaster by requesting the resource from the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety demonstrated interoperable communications equipment that could be potentially deployed around the state. The equipment will allow first responders the ability to communicate with each other as well as State and Federal agencies during disasters and other emergencies. Agencies from all corners of the State participated in the interoperable communications test, including Federal, State and local agencies.

Also, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., homeland security rescue and response related equipment was be available for public viewing. Numerous resources from law enforcement, fire departments, West Virginia National Guard, State Police, Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Protection were on display to show citizens the variety of equipment available to respond to any catastrophic event that may occur in the State.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Sponsors Fourth Annual National Preparedness Month

Washington-The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will sponsor the fourth annual National Preparedness Month this September and encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. This year’s effort has a growing coalition of more than 625 national, regional, state, and local organizations pledging support. “It is vital that Americans take steps to prepare for emergencies at home, work or school,” said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. “Personal preparedness is paramount to effectively reacting to the effects of a disaster. By preparing yourself, your family, and your businesses, you allow first responders to prioritize efforts and aid.” For the first time, the month will focus on different areas of emergency preparedness: September 1-8 is Back to School-Ready Kids; September 9-15 is Business Preparedness (Ready Business) September 16-22 is Multicultural preparedness (Listo) and September 23-30 is Home and family preparedness, including pets, older Americans and individuals with disabilities and special needs (Ready America).

Homeland Security Committee members, Sens. Joe Lieberman and Susan Collins, and Reps. Bennie Thompson and Peter King, have agreed to serve as honorary Congressional

co-chairs of National Preparedness Month 2007 and lead the effort to increase public awareness on the importance of emergency preparedness on Capitol Hill. The Ready campaign and the department's Citizen Corps program work closely together to promote activities across the nation that will encourage individuals to have an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different threats that may affect them, as well as take steps to get trained and engaged in community preparedness and response efforts. National Preparedness Month coalition members have agreed to distribute emergency preparedness information and sponsor activities across the country that will promote emergency preparedness. Membership is open to all public and private sector organizations. Groups can register to become National Preparedness Month coalition members by visiting www.ready.gov and clicking on the National Preparedness Month banner.

EMT Recertification Class

RESA VIII announces a 33-hour EMT Recertification Class to begin on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at the Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Department. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. The instructor will be Judy Pittinger. For more information, contact RESA VIII at 304-267-3595 or go to the website at <http://resa8.k12.wv.us/pbsvc>

EMT Recertification Class

RESA VIII announces a 33-hour EMT Recertification Class to begin on Wednesday, September 5. Classes will meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the Martinsburg City Fire Department. The instructor will be Mary Lou Largent. For more information, contact RESA VIII at 304-267-3595 or go to the website at <http://resa8.k12.wv.us/pbsvc>

EMT-B Program

RESA VIII announces the EMT-B 120 Hour Program. Starting date is August 13, 2007 from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at James Rumsey. The instructor will be Laurie Barron. For further information, contact RESA VIII at 304-267-3595 or go to the website at <http://resa8.k12.wv.us>

G-400 ICS NIMS Course Available October 4 & 5

Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and RESA is happy to announce that the G400 Incident Command System NIMS Course will be taught at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Training Facility near Harpers Ferry on October 4 and 5, 2007. Mike Athey of the Shepherdstown Fire Company and a RESA instructor will be teaching the class.

To register, contact bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org. You must have completed IS-100, IS-200 and IS-300 to participate in this course.

Care for Care Givers

The Care for Care Givers program will be geared to help a variety of agencies and individuals deal with the effects of delivering care through their work as first responders, disaster response case workers, behavioral and mental health workers, clergy and chaplains, as well as others who deal with the stresses associated with the individuals they assist. Please register as soon as possible, as space is limited. If you have any questions please call Cheryl Ingraham, Program Director of the WV Council of Churches at 304-344-3141.

Public Safety Training Consultants (PSTC) 9-1-1 Classes Coming to Jefferson County

The Jefferson County Communications Department is hosting PTSC 9-1-1 Classes in Kearneysville. See schedule below. For reservations, just call Kevin Willett at Public Safety Training Consultants at 800-348-8911 x105 or email to Kevin@pstc911.com. PSTC is located in Redwood City, CA.

August 27, 2007 Suicide Intervention for 9-1-1 Professionals <u>NEW CLASS!!</u>	Kearneysville, WV Hosted by Jefferson County 9-1-1	\$115 Register online or call 800-348-8911.
August 28, 2007 <u>Customer Service the 9-1-1 Way!</u>	Kearneysville, WV Hosted by Jefferson County 9-1-1	\$115 Register online or call 800-348-8911.
August 29, 2007 <u>Building Your 9-1-1 Liability Shield</u>	Kearneysville, WV Hosted by Jefferson County 9-1-1	\$115 Register online or call 800-348-8911.

Coming Events

August, 2007

01 Quarterly Partnership Meeting at Noon at The Anvil, Harpers Ferry

02 Bloodmobile at Charles Town Wal-Mart. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

04 CPR for the Professional Rescuer. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

06 Infant/Child CPR. 6-9 p.m. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

11 Adult/Child CPR 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015

14 Bloodmobile at Charles Town Races & Slots 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

14 Jefferson County Fire & Rescue Association membership meeting at 7:30 at Blue Ridge Fire Company. It is of the utmost importance that all delegates and alternates attend.

15 Disaster Class Logistics Overview, 6 -9 p.m. For additional information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

15 6-9 p.m. First Aid Class. 6-9 p.m. For additional information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

15 Cross Border Table Top Exercise in Martinsburg.

16 Disaster Class-Logistics Simulation 6-9 p.m. For additional information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

16 Board of Directors Meeting of the Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club at 7:30 in the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

17-18 Set Up for the Fair

19-25 Jefferson County Fair. JCOHS will have a booth!

20 Bloodmobile at NCTC, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

20 6-9 p.m. Adult CPR. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

22 Bloodmobile at The Clarion Hotel. 9 a.m. – 2.p.m. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

24 Bloodmobile at Leetown Methodist Church, 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

24 WVDHHR All Hazards Disaster Committee Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office.

27 Bloodmobile at Jefferson Memorial Hospital. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

27 Bloodmobile at Shepherdstown Fire Hall 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Red Cross at 725-5015.

28 Steering Committee Meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management Office. Coffee and Donuts will be provided!

September, 2007—National Preparedness Month

3 Labor Day HOLIDAY. Office is closed.

19 Special Needs Training, ALL DAY EVENT, CBP, beginning at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

24-26 State Local Emergency Planning Council Conference, Charleston, WV

October, 2007-Fire Prevention Month

4 & 5 G-400 NIMS Training. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily. To be held at the U.S. Customs & Border Protection Training Facility in Harpers Ferry. To register, email to bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org

October 7-13 Fire Protection Week. This year's theme is "Practice your Escape Plan". Join The Great American Fire Drill! See future newsletters for more information.

* Other Activities may be added. Watch your email for updates!!

** Classes may need to be rescheduled in times of inclement weather or Emergency Operations Center activation. If you have questions about JCOHS&EM activities, call 728-3329.

** If you have activities that you would like to have added to the Calendar of Events, please get the information to the JCOHS & EM Office prior to the 15th of each month.