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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.

Thank You!

Chick-Fil-A, Martinsburg for donating delicious brownies for the CERT Picnic!
Wal-Mart, Martins and **Weis** for donating great chicken and sodas for the CERT Picnic!
Jefferson Memorial Park for waiving the fee to use the pavilion for the CERT Picnic!
AskNeal.Com (Neal Nilsen) for providing music at the CERT Picnic!
David Holmes, Shirley Evans and Terri Mehling for coordinating the picnic food!!
A great time was had by all who attended!

Volunteer Opportunities

Needed: Volunteers to read to children in grades Pre-school through 3rd grade during Fire Safety Month. Takes about 1 hour to do the program, which includes reading and/or showing a video and handing out fire hats, coloring books, crayons, etc. to teach children the importance of fire safety. This year's Books include: *Firefighters A to Z* by Chris L. DeMarest; *At the Fire House* by Anne Rockwell; *Stop, Drop and Roll* by Margery Cuyler; *Clifford the Fire House Dog* by Norman Bridwell and *The Story of Sparky the Fire Dog* from the National Fire Protection Association. Volunteers will need to pick up materials the day before their scheduled visit, drive to and from the school, and return materials to the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security. Schedules are being arranged with local schools and pre-schools.

Wanted: Drivers and People to Ride with the Driver to help deliver the Basic Disaster Kits to the Meals on Wheels Clients on Friday, October 13, 2006. We need 5 drivers (using your own vehicle and gas) and an assistant to take the box into the clients' homes with the Meals on Wheels worker. We will meet at the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security Office at 124 E. Washington Street in Charles Town at 9:45 on the

day of delivery, load the 5 vehicles with kits, go to the Presbyterian Church in Charles Town to meet the Meals on Wheels Drivers and proceed from there. Each route takes about 1.5-2 hours.

If you can volunteer for any of these tasks, please call 728-3329 or email to bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org

Quarterly Partnership Meeting at The Anvil on November 1st

Program: David Hoge, Chairman, WV VOAD

The Quarterly Partnership Meeting of the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security/Citizen Corps/CERT will be held at The Anvil in Harpers Ferry at noon on November 1, 2006. The speaker will be David Hoge, Chairman of WV VOAD (West Virginia Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster). Additionally, there will be information about the various committees' activities and other items of interest to the full Partnership. Reservations can be made by calling 728-3329 or by emailing to bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org prior to October 20th. Your payment for lunch will be collected at the event.

Chamber Sponsoring Public Service Recognition Banquet October 17th; Tickets \$10 each

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 6th Annual Public Service Recognition Banquet to be held on Tuesday, October 17 at Charles Town Races & Slots. This banquet will honor our County's finest—the emergency medical services providers, fire fighters, and policemen who are available in emergency situations and put their own lives on the line to keep our community safe. With the co-sponsorship of Charles Town Races & Slots, tickets will be on sale at \$10 per person. Tickets are available from the Chamber of Commerce Office at 29 Keys Ferry Road, Charles Town. The telephone number is 725-2055.

Disaster Mobilization Center Training to be held in Morgantown October 17 & 18

The WV Commission for National and Community Service will hold a Disaster Mobilization Training on October 17 & 18 in Morgantown at Waterfront Place. The training is being taught by staff from Volunteer Fairfax. The two-day training includes a ½ day session on Volunteer Management Training. Also included is training on Disaster Mobilization Center Training, Regional Plan and Mutual Aid Agreements, Lessons Learned, Continuity of Operations Planning, Agency Planning and Coordination, and Regional Breakout Sessions, Public Messages, Risk Management, Spontaneous Volunteers and their Roles, and a Mobilization Exercise. The cost to attend the training

is \$65. For more information, contact Moya Doneghy at the WV Commission for National and Community Service at 304-558-0111 or email to mdoneghy@mail.state.wv.us

This training was also held in Charleston on September 27-28.

A Disaster Volunteer Mobilization Center's purpose is to refer unaffiliated spontaneous volunteers during disaster response and recovery to agencies that need volunteers. Organizations that may need volunteers during a disaster would make a Memorandum of Understanding with the mobilization center in the pre-disaster time frame and would notify the center of what kinds of volunteers that they need when the event actually happens. The Volunteer Disaster Mobilization Center would ask what kinds of skills and training that the potential volunteers have and match their skills with the needs of the agencies and make referrals. Each agency then would be responsible for their own credentialing, additional needed training, background checks (when necessary), and to require ID and assessments before placing volunteers within their own volunteer workforce. This training teaches how to set up such a center within your own unique community. Attendees will be expected to facilitate Disaster Volunteer Mobilization Training once a year or as needed in their geographic region.

Volunteer Fairfax, located in Fairfax, VA has been in operation since 1975 and has extensive experience in strengthening communities through volunteerism. Their funding comes from the Fairfax County Government, fees charged for service programs, grants, general contributions and in-kind services.

When heavy rains and flooding along the Cameron Run severely affected one Alexandria neighborhood in Huntington, VA in June, residents experienced flooding up to the ceilings of their basements, lost power, possessions, and experienced personal devastation from the water damage. As with many natural disasters, volunteers proved to be the driving force in helping residents put their lives back in order and begin the process of recovery. Volunteer Fairfax recruited 200 volunteers to help with a special clean-up day in the Huntington area on June 30. Working in coordination with many Fairfax government agencies, the volunteer center not only recruited help for the clean-up day, but also coordinated "how" the volunteer process would work through the neighborhood with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Officers. For more information about Volunteer Fairfax, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org

Fire Conditions Sign Being Installed on Mission Road

Celebration Planned for October 14th

Mountain Watch, the Neighborhood Watch Program, with a little help from others, has been able to get a Fire Conditions Sign donated to be installed on Mission Road near the Blue Ridge Fire Company.

Mountain Watch, inclusive of WV/VA Firewise Program, Blue Ridge Fire Company and Shannondale.org.

The dedication will be held at the Community Center, Fire House, Church Parking Lot at Mission Road and Route 9. The ceremony will begin at noon.

Smokey Bear will be in attendance. There will be presentations and information on the Firewise Program, a burger/dog fundraiser for the fire station; bake sale fund raiser for the fire station, raffles, a 50/50 to benefit St. Andrews and Shannondale.org and silent rummage sale sponsored by St. Andrews, and possibly a silent auction.

For more information, contact Barbara Benjaman of Mountain Watch at bsbejm@aol.com or Carla Nilsen at cnilsen@frontiernet.net

Jefferson County to Receive \$205,000 for FY-2005 Homeland Security Grant

The Jefferson County Commission has received notification that they will receive \$205,000 for the FY-2005 Homeland Security Grant. The funds are for radios for law enforcement officers and for the development of a continuity of operations plan for the County. Sheriff Ed Boober is the project manager for the grant.

To see how all of the State's Homeland Security Grant was disbursed, visit the WV Department of Military Affairs & Public Safety Website at <http://www.wvdmmaps.gov/homesec.htm>

October 8-14th is Fire Prevention Week "Watch What You Heat" is 2006 Theme

The leading cause of risk in Jefferson County continues to be fires. The leading cause of home fires in the nation is cooking (which leads to the most fires and the most injuries.) The theme of Fire Prevention Week 2006 is "Watch What You Heat" preventing cooking fires. Cooking equipment is involved in more than 100,000 reported home fires each year, and most of those involve the kitchen stovetop. Most cooking fires occur because of unattended cooking.

Safety tips: Pay attention to your cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food. If you must leave the room-even for a short period of time, turn off the stove. When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you. If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the stove. When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves. Allow food cooked in a microwave oven to cool for a minute or more before you remove it from

the oven and use an oven mitt. Open microwaved food slowly. Hot steam escaping from the container can cause painful burns. Let food cool before eating.

Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security Public Awareness, Education and Safety Committee volunteers will be visiting local schools that have requested programs to deliver fire safety messages to children in grades Pre-K through 3.

Fire Prevention Month Coloring Contest

The Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security is sponsoring a coloring contest for all Jefferson County students in grades K-2. Children may be from public or private schools or home schooled. The purpose of the activity is to raise the awareness level of students and their parents about Fire Safety.

Kindergarten Students will color a “Stay Low to the Floor” Coloring Sheet.

First Grade Students will color a “Sparky Thank You” Coloring Sheet.

Second Grade Students will color a “Stop, Drop and Roll” Coloring Sheet

For all entries:

- 1) Entry forms will be sent to the Principal of each school. The school principal will be responsible to decide if their school will participate or not, and to give copies to each kindergarten, first, and second teacher to copy for their individual classrooms.

Entry forms may also be picked up from the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security, which is located in the basement of the Jefferson County Commission Office Building at 124 E. Washington Street (Corner of E. Washington and N. Samuel Streets), Charles Town. Each person/classroom may pick up only one copy. You may make as many copies as you wish. If you cannot make it in during normal business hours (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.), call to make special arrangements to come in later. The phone number is 728-3329.

- 2) No entry forms can be mailed.
- 3) You must put your name, the name of your school, your grade, and your teacher’s last name on the back of the coloring sheet or poster. (Please do not put any names or identification marks on the front of the artwork.)
- 4) Your parent must sign the parental consent form.
- 5) Any entries that do not have the above information on the back of the sheet will not be judged.
- 6) The judges choices will be final.
- 7) One winner in each grade level, county-wide, will receive a National Fire Prevention Week T-Shirt and a Certificate from the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security for their accomplishment.
- 8) In addition to the t-shirt and certificate, the winning entrant will also win a coloring book and crayons for each member of their classroom.

- 9) Pictures of the winners and their winning entry will be taken and possibly published. The winning entries will be displayed at Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security's Booth at the Jefferson County Fair in August, 2007.
- 10) No entries will be returned.
- 11) Entries will be accepted any time after September 15, but must be in the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security, 124 E. Washington Street, P.O. Box 250, Charles Town, WV 25414 no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 12. No late entries will be judged. Entries can be mailed in or dropped off, but MUST be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 12.

Questions should be directed to Barbara Miller, Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security Coordinator at bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org or 728-3329.

100 Kits in 100 Days Project EXCEEDS Goal!

The Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security's Emergency Planning for People with Special Needs Committee set a goal of receiving 100 donated Basic Disaster Supply Kits in 100 days back in July. The goal was to get enough kits to deliver to the Meals on Wheels Clients to store with their Blizzard Boxes so that they would have the supplies they will need to get them through a few days in case of a disaster or emergency. This project was first suggested by Al and Irene Cates. What wonderful human beings they are! They are great examples of "If you dream it, you can do it!" This project is truly a gift of love to those who may not be able to help themselves. Each of the kits contain a portable radio with batteries installed and an extra set, so that clients can stay up to date on the latest disaster information. They have a flashlight with batteries, a manual can opener, 2 rolls of toilet paper, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and deodorant, a writing tablet and pen, an emergency blanket, a small first aid kit, a whistle, an N-95 mask, a Getting Ready Book, complete with emergency phone numbers for the County, a Disaster Preparedness for People with Special Needs Book, a Disaster Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors Book, instructions for putting on a N-95 mask, and a fill-in-the-blank Family Disaster Plan. All of the items are put into a handy plastic container, ready to be put on the shelf until the day comes when it may be needed for a disaster or an emergency. The delivery date for the Disaster Boxes is Friday, October 13th throughout the County. Special thanks to Toni Milbourne and our partners at *The Spirit of Jefferson* for helping the committee to get the word out about this very special project!

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just but a drop in the ocean...but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.".....Mother Teresa

Those who have donated so far to the 100 Kits in 100 Days:

Thank You!

GREENVEST, LC
PALMER & ASSOCIATES
DALB, INC

HARPERS FERRY CENTER-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
MOMS CLUB OF HARPERS FERRY
STITCHING WITH MARY QUILTING CLUB
NARFE (National Area Retired Federal Employees)
AARP
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST MEN (Charles Town)
PATRICIA A. HENKES
JUDI RICE
STEVE & BARB MILLER

If you still have kits to deliver, please bring them to the Office of Homeland Security at 124 E. Washington Street. Any boxes that exceed the goal will be used for other agencies that serve elderly or special needs clients in Jefferson County.

NOAAWATCH-New All Hazards Monitor

NOAAWatch, a Website from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is a Website offering information about on-going environmental events and explains NOAA's role in prediction, monitoring, and recovery. It integrates NOAA data, products, observations, satellite images, and more to provide public access to current information on a number of environmental threats, such as oil spills, hurricanes, tsunamis, and space weather, all on one site. Permanent features include the present weather outlook and warnings, satellite image of the day, and educational pages. NOAAWatch went live in June. Visit the site at www.noaawatch.gov/

Jefferson County LEPC Members Attended State Conference

The 2006 LEPC/SERC (Local Emergency Planning Committee/State Emergency Response Commission) Conference was held at the Charleston Marriott on September 25-27, 2006. Representatives from our local LEPC included: Darrell Penwell, OEM Director, Barb Miller, Homeland Security Coordinator, Pamela Holstein-Wallace, Threat Preparedness Coordinator, Berkeley County; Ed Smith, Independent Fire Company and Jefferson County Ambulance Authority, and Sarah Johnson, Jefferson Memorial Hospital. The 12th Annual Conference included information about Mine & Industrial Rapid Response System, WV Interoperable Radio Program, Special Needs Populations, HazCollect, Short Term Forecasting, IFLOWS & FLARE, National Incident Management System, Citizen Corps, Authority Granted by State Code, Continuity of Operations Planning and Continuity of Government, Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), School Safety and Emergency Management, and Pandemic Flu. In addition, there was a Director's Meeting for Emergency Managers, the State Emergency Response Commission Meeting and a ½ day disaster exercise was held.

2006 West Virginia Conference on Infectious Diseases

The CAMC Institute and the WV Department of Health & Human Resources and Division of Surveillance and Disease Control in the Bureau for Public Health is sponsoring the 2006 WV Conference on Infectious Diseases on October 18 & 19 at the Charleston Marriott, Charleston, WV.

The purpose of this 1 ½ day program provides course content that will enable the physician, nurse or health care professional to recognize and discuss the diagnostic, treatment and management strategies necessary to successfully provide patient care and promote community health. This continuing education activity will advocate best practices for care delivery and community safety. By attending this program, participants should be able to:

- List important infectious diseases and their relevance to clinical medicine and public health in the United States
- Understand the interrelationships among the infectious disease continuum
- Debate the socioeconomic and socio-cultural dynamics of communicable diseases
- Debate future communicable disease trends and issues
- Understand the medical, socioeconomic and behavioral prevention efforts for infectious diseases

Who should attend? Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, social workers, residents/interns, medical nursing, and allied health students and other interested health care professionals. No prerequisites are required.

The conference fee is \$125 for the full conference, \$75 to attend Day 1 only; \$50 to attend Day 2 only. There is no charge for residents/medical students.

For more information, email community.liasons@camc.org

Thank You!

Thanks to *Deb Palmer*, *Patsy Morgan* and *Shirley Evans* for assisting with the Disaster Supply Kits for People with Special Needs on September 18th!

Thank You!

A very special thanks to all who worked in the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security's booth at the Jefferson County Fair in August: Nancy Dopson, Mike Shrewsberry, Lucas Pierce, Robert Spatola, Joe Walter, Gene Rice, Sallie Edwards-Pickett, John Sherwood, Charlotte Tachoir, Judy Birdlebough, Teresa Hendricks, Bill Polk, Jeff Levesque, Diane Viands, Sandy McDonald, Steve Miller, Donald Jones, Janet Jeffries, David Holmes, Jess Ebersole, Shirley and Doug Evans, Katherine Dunbar, Fran

Hershman, Debra Palmer, Jill Randlett, Phyllis Forsyth, Lynne Wiseman, Carol Bennett, and Mike Kanchl. Also thanks to Dennis Jenkins and Bryan Perkins for assisting with delivery and set up and to Bill Polk and Steve Miller for tear down and delivery.

Resources

FEMA Preparedness and Training

<http://training.fema.gov>

FEMA Reference Library

<http://www.fema.gov/library/index.jsp>

Disaster Resources for Business Continuity

<http://www.disaster-resource.com/>

Jefferson County LEPC

<http://www.mytownvoice.com/JeffersonCountyLEPC.htm>

Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security/CERT

www.jeffersoncountywv.org/CERT

Jefferson County Chapter, American Red Cross

<http://www.jeffersonarc.org/>

US Department of Homeland Security

www.dhs.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.fema.gov

Institute of Business & Home Safety

www.ibhs.org

U.S. Government Avian and Pandemic Flu Information

www.pandemicflu.gov/

Coming Events & Meetings

October—Fire Prevention Month

3 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 9:00 a.m. in the Hunter House Meeting Room.

3 CERT-Disaster Medical Ops II at Jefferson Memorial Hospital's Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

5 CERT Disaster Mental Health, Animals in Disaster, and People with Special Needs at Jefferson Memorial Hospital's Meeting Room 7-9:30 p.m.

6 Red Cross Bloodmobile at National Park Service from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Red Cross at 725-5015.

8-14 NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

9 Columbus Day Holiday-Office is Closed

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

11 Noah's Ark Child Development Center Fire Prevention Week Program. 10:00 a.m.

10 Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the U.S. Customs & Border Patrol Training Facility, Harpers Ferry.

10 CERT Crime Prevention & Terrorism Awareness, Public Services Facility at Bardane, Red Cross Meeting Room. 7-9:30 p.m.

11 Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Play & Learn Preschool Fire Prevention Week Program. 9:30 a.m.

11 Public Awareness Committee Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Red Cross Meeting Room at Bardane.

12 Children First Child Development Center Fire Prevention Week Program 10:00 a.m.

12 Last Day to Turn in Coloring Sheets for the Coloring Contest!

13 Delivery Day for Basic Disaster Kits to Meals on Wheels Clients

16 Animals in Disaster Committee Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Briggs Animal Adoption Center, Rt. 9, Charles Town.

17 Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Play & Learn Preschool Fire Prevention Week Program. 9:30 a.m.

17 Chamber of Commerce's Public Service Recognition Dinner at Charles Town Races and Slots. Tickets are available only in advance from the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, 29 Keys Ferry Road, Charles Town. Price \$10 per person. For more information, contact the Chamber at 725-2055

18 LEPC Meeting at 7:30 a.m. at Mountain View Diner, Charles Town.

18 CERT Light Search & Rescue, Public Services Facility at Bardane, Red Cross Meeting Room. 7-9:30 p.m.

18 Noon-Red Cross Board Meeting at the Jefferson County Chapter, American Red Cross Office, Bardane. For more information, call 725-5015.

20 Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Leetown United Methodist Church, Leetown. 2 p.m.-7 p.m.

25-26 Emergency Response to Terrorist Incidents at Blackwater Falls State Park, Davis, WV. For more information, contact Herb Lattimore at WV Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 558-5380.

26 CERT Volunteerism, Test, Final Exercise and Graduation, Public Services Facility at Bardane, Red Cross Meeting Room. 7-9:30 p.m.

27 The Country Day School Fire Prevention Week Program, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

28 National Make a Difference Day

29 FALL BACK! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!

30 Red Cross Bloodmobile at Shepherdstown Fire Company, Shepherdstown from 2-7 p.m. For more information, contact the Red Cross at 725-5015.

31 Red Cross Bloodmobile at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Center National Conservation Training Center from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Red Cross at 725-5015.

November, 2006

1 Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security Quarterly Partnership Meeting. Noon at The Anvil in Harpers Ferry. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling 728-3329 or email to bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org prior to October 20th. You will pay for your lunch at the event.

7 Election Day-Office is Closed

23 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office is Closed

28 Winter Storm Stormspotter Class at 6:30 p.m. at the Shepherdstown Fire Company, Martinsburg Pike, Shepherdstown, WV Reservations for this class can be made by calling 728-3329 or email bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org

* 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 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 Office prior to the 15th of each month.