



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Grant Management

MEMORANDUM

DAVID R. CAREY
BOROUGH MAYOR

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Assembly

THRU: David R. Carey, Borough Mayor *DR Carey*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*
Eric Mohrmann, Emergency Management Coordinator *Eric J Mohrmann*

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *B Ahlberg*

DATE: October 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2011-19-52, accepting and appropriating \$15,847.00 from the Alaska Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to Support Local Training Activities

The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management recently notified the borough of a grant award in the amount of \$15,847. This was sought by the borough to partially fund participation in the Alaska Shield 2012 Exercise which will include an extreme cold weather scenario with associated effects. Specifically, the exercise is designed to examine local, state, tribal, private, non-governmental, and federal response plans and emergency operations center operations to a prolonged extreme cold weather event. The exercise is guided by the following overarching objectives: Validating Interoperable Communication, Information Sharing and Dissemination, Emergency Public Information & Warning, and Emergency Operations Center Management. The tentative window for the exercise is set for February 7-18, 2012.

The Alaska Shield 2012 Exercise will involve numerous communities and jurisdictions in multiple regions, a host of state and federal agencies, tribes, private sector partners and others. Organizing an exercise of this scale requires close coordination. As much as possible, exercise design will be done at the local level.

The local exercise planning committee consists of borough staff, school district, Central Peninsula Hospital, Central Emergency Services, Red Cross, Enstar Natural Gas, Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center and others. The planning committee has developed a mock scenario wherein a water slug will enter the main natural gas transmission line serving the domestic distribution grid for Soldotna and Sterling. The result will be the loss of gas pressure to the distribution grid. The exercise will emphasize the simulation of cold weather temperature challenges for four days, which will affect 3000 households and stimulate the need for alternative sheltering. Emergency sheltering will be set up at a local elementary school with 100 volunteers to experience temporary sheltering, food supplies and overnight billeting.

The exercise will use the Kenai Peninsula Incident Management Team command and coordination functions along with the operation of a joint public information center, which will test the abilities of the Emergency Operations Center and the Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center. Lastly, the exercise will test the abilities of the Central Peninsula Hospital and Heritage Place Nursing Home to operate critical facilities on alternative heating sources.

Eric Mohrmann, Emergency Management Coordinator shall be the project manager for the grant funds. The performance period ends March 31, 2012.

Attachment: award letter

FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
ACCT #	FUNDS VERIFIED
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By: <u>CRW</u>	Date: <u>10/19/11</u>