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City Appoints Emergency Programs Manager

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City Manager Kim Kiefer has appointed Tom Mattice as Juneau's next Emergency Programs Manager. Tom was originally hired in November 2008 by the City and Borough of Juneau for the position of Avalanche Forecaster. With the resignation of the previous Emergency Manager in February 2009, the City Manager determined it would serve Juneau well combining the two positions. Tom's previous positions, and experience in Washington and Montana, are a great foundation for this position.

Mattice says that "he is excited to be in Juneau and he is looking forward to supporting a safer and brighter community." "Juneau's largest natural disaster threat would be avalanche, and Tom's education and training in this area makes him uniquely qualified for the combined position," Kiefer said.

The CBJ Emergency Programs Manager/Avalanche Forecaster position provides avalanche monitoring and forecasting, community avalanche education, avalanche research, and also develops and implements appropriate training exercises. In addition, this position plans and coordinates the emergency preparedness programs for the CBJ. Duties include serving as the CBJ's liaison during emergency preparedness issues; designing and implementing training operations drills; developing and maintaining an up-to-date City Emergency Operations Plan, including specialized emergency response plans (avalanche, cruise ship, communications, continuity of operations plans); implements federal guidelines to ensure CBJ remains in compliance with all National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements, and administers grants for federal and state reimbursement claims during emergency operations. During an actual disaster, the Emergency Programs Manager serves as the onsite operational coordinator.

For additional information about emergency management and the City's emergency plans, visit <http://www.juneau.org/emergency/>.

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