

Feb. 21, 2013
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Roger Hinton – American Red Cross, **Bryan Barney** – BLM-Shoshone, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Baldwin Camin** – LEPC, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Linda Underwood** – JC Airport, **Trish Heath** – SLJMC, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Eric Zechmann** – BLM Twin Falls District, **Jack Krill** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D. Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Roger Morley** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant

Welcome

Baldwin Camin called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and invited members to introduce themselves.

LEPC

Minutes for December 2012 LEPC meeting were reviewed, changed and approved. (Note: January LEPC meeting was canceled)

Old Business

Clint gives an update on Grants – He reports that we are currently under the 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant. We have completed our grant year and have submitted a reimbursement from BHS. We haven't received our 2013 grant application as of yet, just waiting for it. As far as the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) we still have the 2010, 2011, and 2012 that are open. Most of the funding for the 2010 have already been submitted and spent, 2011 is due by August 2013. One of the things all of the counties (Lincoln, Gooding, Twin Falls and Jerome) are looking at working with SIRCOMM on emergency and notification to the population through landline, or cell tower locations. If it is through cell tower, a subscription would be needed. Looking for a vendor that could provide the service and this will come under grant funding. If we have specific needs especially under inoperable communications that have not been fulfilled recently for agencies in Jerome County, please contact Clint.

New Business

Clint reports on Tier II requirements due in March. The main reason for the Tier II reports is to receive the chemical profile of reporting agencies within Jerome County borders that have

extremely hazardous chemicals identified by the EPA, and report the quantities to the Local Emergency Planning Committee, which is Clint's Office, the Jerome City Fire Department within their boundaries, Jerome Rural Fire Department and East End Fire Department within their boundaries.

Clint also reported that in January there was a chemical release at Jerome Cheese, this occurred on a Saturday, early afternoon around 1:26 pm. When they were notified it was an Ammonia release within the facility of 328 lbs. It was all managed in house; they were able to contain it. They made all the appropriate reports necessary including to the EPA.

Clint shares with us the name of our new Regional Trainer and Exercise Coordinator, Dan McNitt. Clint had the opportunity to meet him and says he seems to be a very likeable and knowledgeable individual but has a full schedule. When Clint met with him they talked about the Emergency Operation Plan Exercise that we want to move forward with. They actually set a date for an Exercise Planning Committee on March 26th at 10:00am in Clint's Office. Clint will be inviting some of the LEPC group to participate. There is a possibility we will use April LEPC time slot for the tabletop exercise and expand it out for a two hour to accommodate what is needed to accomplish the exercise.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

Improvised Explosive Device Counterterrorism Workshop in Boise, March 15th 9:00am to 5:00pm.

EOP Exercise Planning Committee, with Dan McNitt on March 26, 10:00 to 11:00 in Clint's Office.

BHS (G300) Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents in Idaho Falls, March 26th – 27th from 8:00am to 6:00pm.

BHS (G300) Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents in Hailey Idaho, April 2nd – 4th from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

BHS (G400) Advanced ICS in Idaho Falls (Chubbuck) April 16th – 18th from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

BHS (G400) Advanced ICS in Hailey Idaho (Blaine County) May 7th – 8th from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Law Enforcement Tactical Training in Blackfoot, (Bingham County) Bingham County Courthouse (501 N Maple) – Conference Room May 6th – May 10th from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Course E910 – Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC), Earthquake: Preparedness and Response, July 22-25, 2013 in Emmitsburg, MD.

Check out the training courses offered at <http://www.idahoprepares.com> and for the Fusion Liaison Officer candidates to apply at www.isp.idaho.gov/icic/

You can go to <http://training.fema.gov/EMIweb/is> and find any Independent Study courses you are interested in and sign up.

Agency Reports:

Linda Underwood, JC Airport – Reports that things are going very well at the Airport, everything is clean and dry. Linda says they are having trouble with the Emergency Generator; it has been down for a couple of months, but they had an ignition control module go out. They had a gentleman from Energy Management from Salt Lake come to diagnose it and replaced the ignition control module. However, when he was trying to start it, he kept back firing it and it is believed he took out the intake manifold. So currently they have an Intake Manifold and a new Ignition Control Module on order. They also did a compression check on the engine and every cylinder is between 150 and 175 lbs. compression which means it meets the specification.

Cathy Roemer, County Commissioner – Reports they are working on areas of City ‘Impact’ in Eden, Hazelton, and City of Jerome. This has taken a lot of time, study and negotiation.

Jack Krill, Jerome City Fire Dept. – On behalf of the City Jack has been asked to pass the word on that there is no parking allowed in the Smokin' Cowboy Restaurant parking lot during our meetings.

Jack congratulated the Jerome County Sheriff staff for doing a great job on the evacuation of the prisoners during our recent smoke scare. Jack says in the basement of the Jerome Jail there are 6 residential plate heating units like you buy for your home; the motor blew up in one of them and it took awhile before they found it.

Jack reports that the Regional Response Hazmat team hasn't regrouped yet; waiting on the appointment of a Deputy Chief to let them know. If JFD personnel are going to participate, they don't want to take it to a leadership level, just a small part or piece of the group in the area.

Jack also reports; they are going to redo the whole fueling station at Honkers with a compressed natural gas (CNG) filling station. One of the officers is in Salt Lake getting some special training on how to work with and around CNG in case of a disaster. It will start up operation sometime in March.

They have two candidates for the Deputy Chief position coming up in March.

Bryan Barney, BLM-Shoshone – They have notification out recently that they finished their aerial seeding for the winter. They are planning and setting a date in April to do their annual safety training for the employees.

Eric Zechmann, BLM Twin Falls District – Reports they are wrapping up the season and still hiring for their seasonal field people.

Roger Morley, County Commissioner – Reports that the Commissioners have been meeting regularly and intently on laws and regulations and various methods of operations to bring Jerome into the 21st Century because of our infrastructure and the promise that our county has. Roger says they have been working on redoing Chapter 13, the CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operation) chapter, and the comprehensive plan. Planning and Zoning is well aware of what needs to be done and does a good job.

Roger says we are still going ahead with the park and still on the agenda; out by the Canyon Rim, (Canyon Rim Park). George Paragiotou has been named as the director of the committee. Roger asked the LEPC group if anyone was interested and if so to please contact him. They are going to require a lot of expertise; four wheeling, horseback riding, rock climbing, and much more. The Park committee has been established; just need people interested in the planning and creating.

So many individuals have still expressed the importance of a new County Jail; Roger says the jail bond will be on the ballot once again for the public to vote on in May 2013.

Roger says they are changing their relationship with the cities by meeting with them on a regular basis for any complications they might have and by helping them out with any issues that come up.

Gary Davis, BHS – reports training available for the months of March, April and May as given above.

Patricia Heath, SLMV - Reports that 4 individuals are going to hazmat training in Anniston, Alabama in May and 6 total going to a Healthcare Leadership training.

Trish is currently working on code policies, currently switching over 4 of them. Color code for different situations in the hospitals and Jerome is switching over to Magic Valley Colors; code Amber-missing infant or child, Code Yellow-Bomb, Code Gray- Aggressive person, Code Silver-aggressive person with a weapon. She is making sure that they aren't conflicting with the Jerome and Twin Falls Fire and Law enforcements. Training will take place the first part of March and will then switch over. Later they will work on other codes such as evacuation plan and code orange, which is hazardous material and viewing others. Jerome has not in the past performed a hazard mobility analysis, so they are working on getting Jerome to participate in that analysis.

Eddie D. Patterson, the Salvation Army – Still going to each County's LEPC meetings throughout Southern Idaho, from Boise to Idaho Falls to Sun Valley. They have their first training session committee in Boise on the 20th. They are improving and reconditioning some of

the (feeding) units for any disaster in the area; one in Boise, one in Idaho Falls and two in Twin Falls

Larry Goolsby, Jerome County EMA/ARC – Larry had the opportunity in attending training in Pocatello with Clint and Jay on the 7th of February called ‘Mass Fatality for Rural Communities’. He says it was frighteningly good and says that if the class was offered here again he would hope everyone would have the same level of interest he had which was that of a sobering experience on what can happen in our area. Larry thought it was one of the best trainings he has been to in a long time.

Clint Blackwood, Jerome County EMA – Homeland Security is providing all 44 counties, and 3 tribes and the local area field officers with Juniper Mesa devices purchased from Electronic Data Systems, which is a local vender here in Jerome. It is a small, very rugged tablet type GPS encrypted Windows based device that we will specifically be using for mitigation planning and damage assessment in an actual event. Says it can be a very useful device and is grateful to have it in our possession.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

Thursday Mar 21, 2013

1p.m. – 2 p.m.

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