

Sept 19, 2013
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Zoe Monahan – City of Jerome, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Baldwin Camin** – LEPC, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Department, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Dept., **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Robert Storm** – ISP, **Rick Bernsen** – SIRCOMM, **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 July 2013 LEPC meeting were reviewed, changed and approved.

Old Business

Clint reports and gives us a Grant update - He says we have recently got the County Commissioners approval for both the 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant and 2013 Homeland Security Grant program. So we are making applications out for both of them. Under the Homeland Security Grant Program we have a total of only \$39,000 in grant funding which is roughly 1/3 of what we have had in the past. The latest thing as far as grant funding, we are going to be using in the year 2011 and 2012 is the continuation of our Radio Tower Project out on highway 93, slightly north of the airport and right on the northwestern edge of the Butte. It is a 180 foot tower, high enough to reach over to Butte and serve the eastern part of the county, as well as the entire county with radio communication capabilities, Ham Radios, Sheriff backup receivers and other programs. Mike Dahmer mentioned that the Amateur Radio Club will be performing a test on the site with a 120 foot tower.

Rick Bernsen updates us on the 2013 SIRCOMM (Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center) Everbridge. Several attended the training on C.A.N (Citizen Alert Notification) on Sept 4th and 5th. Rick thought it was a good training and worth attending. Rick also commented and thanked Jerome County Emergency Management on how well they handled the Jerome County Fair in getting the word out on SIRCOMM C.A.N. He said we really made a difference.

Zoe Monahan (City of Jerome) commented that they were transferring from Nixle to Everbridge for their Emergency and other important community news so they can get critical information quickly. Zoe also said that all members of their agency will need to sign up for the SIRCOMM C.A.N.

Clint reports that we concentrated fully on the SIRCOMM C.A.N during the week at the fair. We passed out brochures and explained they could sign up three ways: fill it out now, online or mail it in. We distributed well over 1000 brochures. Clint felt that our effectiveness went over fairly well. Even though we didn't have this on the agenda; Clint wanted to report they were going to be at the South Central Community Action Partnership Event at the city park in Twin Falls this weekend. There will be over 75 booths set up between 11am to 3pm with different information throughout the community. Our message will be primarily on Emergency Preparedness but will have brochures available on SIRCOMM C.A.N. to hand out.

Clint goes over the EOP Annexes – *Emergency Operation Plan* manuals were set out on the tables so we could easily review where we left off. Everyone turned to Annexes A or page 255 so everyone could get familiar with what annexes are in the manual so the LEPC group can give feedback. All we had time for was Annexes A to C. We will resume at a later date.

Clint introduced the '*Community Emergency Preparedness Workbook and Guidelines*' to the LEPC members for review and comments once again for those that were not in attendance in July. Comments were made by the group and changes will be made to fit the needs of the community. Clint said the goal for the manual is to get it printed as a handout to distribute freely to our schools, homes, venues and get it in the hands of the community. Right now we are working on putting it as a PDF file so it can be downloaded from our Jerome County website.

New Business

Reminder to all LEPC members in attendance; be thinking about the upcoming Election for LEPC Officers in October.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

ICS 300 - Twin Falls County (630 Addison Ave W) 10/29/2013-10/31/2013 at 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
ICS 400 - Gooding County Sheriff's Office (145 7th Ave E) 11/4/13-11/5/13 at 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Clint announced the presentation entitled "Business after Disaster: and what to Do Before" as on the agenda has been cancelled by the sponsor and as yet has not been rescheduled.

Several upcoming training opportunities; www.idahoprepares.com, and register online.

Many Independent Study courses are available at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/>

Agency Reports:

Tami Pearson – Reports the new positions for the Public Health Preparedness Staff: Tami Pearson – Program Manager officially started July 1st, Angie Durham – Planner, moved from full time to part time as of July 1st, and Dan Schaffer – Planner, just hired for full time to start Sept 30th.

Larry Goolsby – (per **Roger Hinton**) there will be a fund raiser/fun run similar to rim to rim. It will originate in Twin Falls County and go Jerome County on October 19th which will engage law enforcements and other agencies.

Mike Dahmer – Reports that yesterday was a full scale exercise at the Twin Falls Airport. Radio Officers participated and they set a Radio Amateur Team at St Luke's Jerome, St Luke's Twin and a lot of other places. They have a new member to the team moving to the area and Mike reports that it is good news and everything went very well.

Cathie Roemer – Reports that the new Jail Project is going along very nicely and things are being incorporated at a good pace.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

Thursday October 24th, 2013

1p.m. – 2 p.m.

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