

Jan 16, 2014
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Clint Blackwood – Jerome County EMA, **Arthur Brown** – PIO Jerome, **Baldwin Camin** – LEPC, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Linda Underwood** – JC Airport, **Trish Heath** – SLJMC, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Department, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Lt Dan Kennedy** – Jerome Co Sherriff, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D. Paterson** – The Salvation Army, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Dan Schaffer** – SCPH, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant, **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Department, **Gerald Brant** – Jerome Coroner

Welcome

Larry Goolsby, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and invited members to introduce themselves.

LEPC

Minutes for Dec 2013 LEPC meeting were reviewed, changed and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us a Grant Update: We are currently utilizing funds in the 2011 and 2012 grant. Obligations need to be made on our project by April 15th of 2014 with about \$85,000 available, mostly for the Radio Tower which has already been started. An environmental and historical preservation document needs to accompany an application. The plan is to put the radio tower on a piece of ground located on the Southwest part of the Jerome Butte just off of 93 near the Development Park. Any monies left over will be put to support our Emergency Operation Center and other radio equipment we need.

Clint shared some good news that the ‘*Community Emergency Preparedness Workbook and Guidelines*’ is now available for the public from our County Website <http://www.jeromecountyid.us/> and can be downloaded from the internet to give anyone wanting to know how to prepare your home before a disaster, and will give important contact information etc., etc. When you get into the website; Go to Departments, click on Emergency Management, and then at the very bottom click on **pamphlets** and it will open up for printing. Clint will be

writing an article for the Jerome City Newsletter emphasizing the availability of the *Workbook* for everyone to print.

New Business

EOP Review Clint along with Gerald Brant, Coroner, continued a review of the Emergency Operations Plan beginning with Annex F-Mass Fatalities. Several Emergency Operation Plan Manuals were available for everyone to follow along. Clint lead the LEPC group through the review and asked the members to participate and comment on issues, red flags and or questions that they may have. The group reviewed each of the sections, specifically noting the **I. Purpose** of Mass Fatality Plan; **II. Objectives ; III. Scope; IV. Roles and Responsibilities, V. Introduction, VI. Situation and Assumptions, VII. References, VIII. Concepts of Operations, IX. Human Remains Recovery;**(Precautions such as hand, foot, eye and face protection and Hygiene), and reviews the importance of Site Safety and Security- Maintaining integrity of the scene; **X. Human Remains Storage.** The group reviewed the purpose of this section: to identify the capabilities of Jerome County. Due to time constraints the group skipped to and quickly reviewed **Attachment 1: Health and Safety, Attachment 2: Mass Fatality Incident Communications, Attachment 3: Mass Fatality Incident Public Information.** A lot of questions and concerns were brought up on having the PIO available to cover this topic in the Jerome County region. The *Mass Fatality Incident Public Information* is a very important topic and the comment was made; we need to have more time to discuss this topic than we have time for today. **Attachment 4: Mass Fatality Incident Security.** There are specific elements that need to be put into place for Search and Recovery sites, all Security needs within the operational area become the overall responsibility of the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. **Attachment 5: Mass Fatality Plan Training, Exercise, Evaluation, and Maintenance.** Clint says this is the big item and was hoping to do, first initial offer the training and then to have a couple of incidents and practice the capability and go forward with it, evaluating it and understand what our needs are, and what improvements need to be made. **Attachment 6: Position Checklists - Job Action Sheet – Coroner's Service Branch Liaison.** We will not have time to go over forms at this time but will continue at a later date. Clint encourages the group to read through the manual as a lot of questions could possibly be answered.

Larry Goolsby commented that it is not as important to understand what is in the EOP manual as it is to have a copy and know where it is. Clint says; The 2012 EOP Manual has not been assigned out as yet. It is still in its final stage for being reviewed and seeking approval from the LEPC group and then the Commissioners. It has been suggested that a list be available at the February LEPC meeting of those having a copy of the EOP Manuel and those needing one.

At the December LEPC meeting Clint was requested to pursue Mass Fatality Training for the group, however the training was offered recently in the region, therefore it won't be offered again until 2015. Jerome County will be able to sponsor the course for the region then.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

Career Discovery 2014 hosted by Jerome High School will be held on March 7, 2014 from 8:15-11:35.

ICS 300 – Idaho Falls March 11-12

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:

Dan Schaffer –SCPHD is hosting a 2 day class April 8th and 9th on public information for an all hazardous incident in Twin Falls. Register at www.idahoprepares.com.

On February 19th they are also hosting a Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Wild land Fire Focus, 10:00 am for about 4 hours.

Trish Heath –St. Luke’s Magic Valley will be having a drill on their new DeCon Tent in Twin Falls and will report later how that goes. Trish invited anyone to feel free to come by during the drill to look at the tent. They just received two items called DeCon-in-a-Bag for St. Luke’s Jerome to be used for gross decon, and they will be writing up a policy relative to its use..

Larry Goolsby – Reports that the new American Red Cross SC District Disaster Program Specialist will be on the job full time on Feb 3rd.

Cathy Roemer – Jerome County has been working on some new Ordinances. They had a 1972 ordinance covering incidents longer than 18 hours. The event near the Hanson Bridge by Omega Pointe Productions was applied for, and received a permit under the old ordinance. The board has revised the ordinance that lowers the threshold to a six hour event. The new ordinance would cover the Beckley proposed event at the Perrine Bridge. He has not applied for a permit as yet. The Board continues to work on an ordinance to be more comprehensive and thorough to be the final ordinance for Mass Gatherings. Cathy says that a 500 person threshold for an organized ticketed or commercial event and up to 1000 persons for a private event.

Linda Underwood – Reports that with the diligence of Commissioner Cathy Roemer, they were awarded a grant to have a well put on the Hazelton airport that will serve the community and fire fighter agencies. She is very excited about the grant and they will be getting plans going in the next several months. Linda reports that they have a predesign only grant that is going to take place this summer to widen their taxiway completely. It is now at 30 feet and has to be 35 feet to stay within the FAA specifications. They will be working on that construction project next summer. The Jerome Airport Appreciation Day is on June 14 from 7am to noon.

Lt Dan Kennedy – Reports they are moving forward in a positive direction with the planning of the jump. They have had several meetings with folks involved and today they are meeting with security and getting a better sense of what they are expecting. The first jump will be on Labor Day, which is awesome timing as it is also the Twin Falls County Fair week. Also the Beckley

jump has been scheduled for September the 7th. Lt Kennedy said they attended a Security and Law Enforcement planning meeting with the folks in Twin Falls and have another one set up in a couple of weeks. Cathy Roemer also says to add to that she has scheduled a Feb 19th meeting at Anderson Camp at 7pm to answer land owners questions and concerns.

Thomas Hughes – They just got reviewed for their insurance rating, the Idaho Survey Rating Bureau. They also took part in the Nuance Law Enforcement in Twin Falls. On Christmas Eve they had a truck fire hazmat release that they contacted Clint about that was under control pretty quick.

Gary Davis – Robert Feeley, the Public Information Officer has been selected to be their Program Manager. They will be looking for a new PIO in Boise if anyone is interested.

Clint Blackwood – He reports that contacts from concerned citizens have been made about the orange barrels left along the highway. The barrels contained potential hazardous material. Clint contacted Fire Chief Hughes and he responded very quickly; took pictures and identified the product and reported back to Clint that it was outside of their jurisdiction. Clint then made contact with LeRoy Lewis, Jerome Highway District, who identified that it was a product used by a contractor as part of their project and agreed it needed to be removed along with another part of that same project.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

February 20, 2014

1pm – 2pm

Jerome City Council Chambers