

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

Attendance

Chris Taylor – American Red Cross, **Bryan Barney** – BLM Shoshone, **Baldwin Camin** – LEPC/JPP, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County LEPC/EMA/ARC, **John Hathaway** – IDHW, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant,

Welcome

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

LEPC

Minutes for Sept 18, 2014 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us grant updates and reports – We received paperwork signed by the commissioners to accept the 2014 HSGP and the EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) which help to support the office and activities. The HSGP grant is a different format this year and when we applied for it there were some items that had been discontinued and the radio tower is still moving forward.

Larry Goolsby asked for a report on what was happening with the Canyon Rim Jump and we all had come to the conclusion that it either isn't going to happen or they will let us know if and when they have a date set.

New Business

Clint reports on the SCCAP (South Central Community Agency Partnership) event in the park held September 20th in Twin Falls. Tamie Pearson participated and reports that it was a beautiful day for the affair and thought it went over very well.

Several of the LEPC members participated and reports on the CERT course that began last Monday the 15th of September and continued on the following Monday, Thursday and Saturday. First the instructors were complemented on their great commitment and knowledge. Great participation from age 12 to two married couples and a few in between. Larry says that Tom Hughes has got to be recognized as being creative and very cooperative for the level of training the CERT course needed. He opened the doors to the Fire Station, gave them use of all the facilities and made them feel at home by welcoming every individual who participated in the

CERT course. It has brought to our attention that it would be very fitting to send Tom Hughes a letter of recognition and a thank you for his generous contribution to the CERT training.

Clint discussed the Special Invitation: Stop Movement (TTX) tabletop exercise to address a potentially crippling animal health emergency that could affect the livelihood of our communities. Clint makes a comment; if we would have an outbreak of a foreign animal disease (FAD), he thinks this would be the worst case Scenario that we would ever be responding to in Jerome County and the devastation that would manifest because of it would be huge. It will be held November 19th, 10:00 – 2:00 at the Idaho State Police District 4, 218 W Yakima in Jerome. Clint passed a signup sheet around and encouraged all LEPC participants to signup and be actively engaged in the exercise. Also Clint asked the LEPC group if they would like to incorporate our LEPC meeting for November with the tabletop exercise on the 19th. The majority agreed that our LEPC meeting could wait for our December date and the TTX tabletop exercise should replace our regular LEPC meeting for November. Lunch will be served.

Potentially Infected FAD Animals has brought up much discussion among the LEPC group; bottom line, there is so much to do to prepare for and to get ready in case of an outbreak.

Up Coming Events

Stop Movement (TTX) tabletop exercise November 19th, 10:00 – 2:00 at Idaho State Police District 4, 218 W Yakima

in Jerome.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

ICS 200 classroom setting Friday November 7th at South Central Public Health.

ICS 300 course in Kimberly January 5th, 2015

Upcoming Virtual Table Top Exercises (VTTX). Each of these will be held at the South Central Health District Office conference room. The VTTX schedule for the coming year is as follows: (These will be posted on the www.idahoprepares.com website for easy enrollment.)

December 10, '14 – Mass Care

July 8, '15 – Long-term Power Outage

September 9, '15 – Short Term Recovery

Training opportunities through the Independent study training that may be helpful for the first responders. Go to www.ruraltraining.org/training/online/. There are a few of the many DHS-certified courses available by the RDPC (Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium). If you would like to learn more about the RDPC (which is a web access independent study) visit www.ruraltraining.org, email info@ruraltraining.org, or the help desk is also available at (877) 855-7372. One course is “*The Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals*”; again it is a self-paced-web accessed online course. There are also a number of courses being offered under EMI (Emergency Management Institute) and are virtual tabletop exercises (VTTX), sponsored by South Central Public Health District. Several upcoming training opportunities, go to www.idahoprepares.com, and register online.

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

Agency Reports:

Gary Davis – There is an instructor Development Workshop in Pocatello from the 18th thru the 20th of November and then again in Garden City on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of December. Also, if you ever want to know how ICS and the EOC is supposed to interface, there is an ICS Interface course to be given in Boise on the 1st of December.

Tami Pearson – Tami says she will supply us with links that we can monitor the Ebola sense several of our LEPC members expressed interest in the current status of the Ebola Outbreak and the ramifications for potential local effects so. The SitRep from IDHW in Boise is where the information is coming from and as the information comes in she will gather it up along with what CDC is doing and forward it to us. She says one of the biggest issues is they don't have the right equipment or the training on how to take off their attire. This link is to their main website devoted to Ebola. Lots of information as well as current updates:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>

Chris Taylor - They are continuing their support in South Central Idaho and hopefully they will know soon what the restructuring is going to be with the merger with Idaho and Montana together. Hopefully we will know more by the 31st of October and maybe a lot of questions will be answered. Tamie, Clint as well as himself went to G318 Local Mitigation planning in Boise and says it was a very good class. Chris also went to a preparedness fair in Ucon, Idaho which is a small town outside of Idaho Falls at an LDS Church and was one of the most extensive, well thought out preparedness fairs he has ever been too. After a question was asked of him on who the County Emergency Manager was for Bonneville County, he decided to do some research. He found out that Bonneville County really doesn't have access to the information he thought they would have for their emergency management. No email address, no photographs, just 2 telephone numbers. This is something he will address when given the chance.

John Hathaway – Reports that your 'Health Idaho' is the insurance exchange for the State of Idaho and they identify subsidized insurance plans. When it first started out the state was using the Federal Exchange, that is when you called Your Health Idaho it would kick you over to the federal exchange. We have now moved or are in the process of moving to a strictly state of Idaho Exchange. If you google 'Your Health Idaho' it will come up as the Idaho Exchange and if you qualify with your income you can shop for subsidized insurance policies there. The tie to Health and Welfare is that the Feds have said that there can only be one agency that can interface with the IRS records so Your Health Idaho will contract you with Health and Welfare to do the eligibility interface with the IRS and we already interface with the Department of Labor. We use these two sources to verify income reported on Tax returns and for earning reported by employers to the Department of Labor.

Bryan Barney – closed season for fires meaning burn permits are required during May 10th to October 20th. So next Monday that closed season expires. So with that, their fire restrictions about fireworks on BLM lands are tied to the closed season. Been quiet since July.

Mike Dahmer Within FEMA Region 10, concerning the Lutheran Disaster Emergency Response team that Mike is on, he says the demographics are scary beyond belief. There are 238 Lutheran churches in the region and the average age is 67 with 68,000 members.

Diana Ochsner – The Air force was very impressed with Lt. Diana Ochsner and her team. She reported about the CERT program and they have asked her to become an instructor so she can train the Cadets and some of the officers. They are just waiting for the class to open up then another Lieutenant and Diana will attend.

Cathy Roemer – reports and gives an update on the jail; the thing that concerns her the most; is recently they have a couple of requests for change orders before they can sign the contract, which one has been denied and the other is pending. She says that the big issue is; for them to be able to build it for what they said they were going to build it for; because they are stretched budget wise. Also there has been some changes for the ambulance district; and she will wait for another time to go into this when she has more details and could be more prepared at our next LEPC meeting. She says as a group we may find it very interesting.

Clint Blackwood - reports and comments on a seminar in Boise yesterday that he, Baldwin Camin and Jay Gardner participated in; It was sponsored by the US Secret Service and Idaho Department of Education. Talking about making schools safer, about different events, how to follow through and what actions needs to be done pro-actively through the schools and around the Community and the involvement of 9 different organizations. Clint says it was a very interesting course and over all a very beneficial program.

Larry Goolsby - The distribution of 2225 Preparedness Guidelines Workbook has been placed into several Jerome County venues for distribution, so that project is complete.

Please Plan to attend the Stop Movement TTX
November 19th, 10:00 – 2:00 at Idaho State Police District 4, 218 W Yakima

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting
Dec 18, 2014
1pm – 2pm
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