

Jerome County LEPC Meeting

Dec 15, 2011
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Clint Blackwood – Jerome County EMA, **Baldwin Camin** – LEPC, **Bryan Barney** – BLM-Shoshone, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Department, **Jack Krill** - Jerome Fire Department, **Mike Hatfield** – Jerome Fire Department, **Eric Zechmann** – BLM Twin Falls District, **Doug Buell** – City of Jerome Waterworks, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Robert Storm** – ISP, **Doug McFall** – Jerome Sheriff, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant.

Welcome

Clint called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and invited members to introduce him/herself.

LEPC

Minutes for November 17, 2011 LEPC meeting were reviewed, changed and approved.

Old Business

Grant updates – We are currently functioning under the 2009-2010 SHSP grant. We have sent in an application for a Radio to be added to our communication vehicle which will cover the aircraft frequencies. It has been approved and we are in the process of completing the paperwork for that purchase.

Clint says we are working on a matrix in the office to look at all the Grants and the different proposals we have had on our worksheets so we can map out what projects we have worked on and based on what our justification are. We hope to get it on a format we are all able to use so we can prioritize our approach to our upcoming 2011 grant cycle.

Our School Shooting Design Tabletop will be presented during next month's LEPC meeting at 11:00 to 3:00 and lunch will be served.

New Business

Jack Krill reported on the transition of the Magic Valley Emergency Response Team (aka, Regional Response Team 5, RRT-5) responsibility to the City of Jerome to manage the program and be the primary party for response. A draft: Training Plan, Equipment Plan, Administration

Plan, Deployment Plan and an Exercise Plan have all been vested and accepted by the State Bureau of Homeland Security. The City of Jerome is still trying to enlist the aid of surrounding agencies to augment the staff needed to maintain the team. Some equipment shortfalls will hinder our full capability to respond as a state team, but the City is attempting to maintain this program on a trial basis for the next 90 to 180 days. Based on the financial support through various grants and cost recovery systems, the Jerome Fire Department will determine if this program has viability and sustainability under its current funding mechanisms. Degrees of regional support are a big factor in the success of the program and the Jerome Fire Department will continue to solicit for this need.

Clint complimented the fire department for stepping forward and making sure we have the capabilities available to us in the valley. Clint told Mike that if there was anything we can assist in, an additional grant funding is available.

Mike Dahmer - reports on a response in St. Louis which brought up a question; what happens when all the radio stuff goes away and you wind up with a communications pack? Mike passed around an instant command 217 plan sheet (100 pages long) which is Inventory of frequencies. He wanted us to notice the radio comes with labels and the Frequencies actually have a national standard marking. U call 40 (actual channel identifier) is the radio's label; we will have to deal with it when the communications is gone and the packs come in. An entire line of frequencies go all the way up to 800. Any radio that has CALL on the primary frequencies is what is needed in an emergency. The batteries he passed around are the new Technology in Radio batteries.

Training Opportunities/Exercise

The School Shooting Design tabletop Exercise is coming up next LEPC meeting, on the 19th of January, 11:00 to 3:00 at the Jerome High School. Clint met with Arlen Bodily, Superintendent of the Valley School System, (expressed an interest in the training), to see how many would be in attendance.

Clint says there is a G290 - Basic 'Public Information Officer' (PIO) Course to be held January 17 – January 18, 2012, at the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office Training Facility in Idaho Falls. Anyone interested can enroll for the course at www.idahoprepares.com.

A 3 day Wide Area Search course and tabletop put on by TEEEX on February 7th, 8th and 9th in Caldwell Idaho.

PIO course, IS-29, Awareness online course about 2 ½ hours long and also an ICS 300 class held in Twin Falls on February 8th 9th and 10th.

Clint encouraged the LEPC group to look up what trainings are available in the area and start by going online to www.training.fema.gov.

The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium is offering a free course - MGT 383 Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions. An 8 hour course designed to provide emergency

managers and first responders of rural communities the knowledge and skill to develop an EOP for their local jurisdictions or regions. For more information on the course go to www.ruraltraining.org or get ahold of Clint. Participants are strongly encouraged to have a working knowledge of the Incident Command System/National Incident Management System (ICS/NIMS) which is gained through completion of the FEMA IS 100, IS 200, IS 700, IS 701, and IS 800 courses.

Agency Reports:

Jay Gardner – Doing well on the 700 classes, and reports they have handed out all 15 Radios to their officers. The Jerome school had a small incident at the school this morning, an exercise that they surveyed and evaluated. It really opened the eyes of the Principle and Superintendent on school shootings and bomb threats.

Doug McFall – Just got back from the LA Sherriff's Association. Only thing of interest is; they talked about the Federal Government trying to get radio band spectrum that was put aside for broadband applications for emergency service and the association wrote a letter of opposition to it.

Cathy Roemer - Things are going well at the County. The only thing that might be of interest to the group is a proposal for a possible ordinance to require the markings of meteorological towers, net towers, apparently they are bringing them in at 196 feet and the FFA requires 200 feet before they need to be marked. Cathy and Doug also gave us a brief update on the New Jail that will be voted on come May 2012.

Mike Hatfield – Would like to work with the schools to incorporate safety inspections. Mike has come up with a list of things that need to be corrected or made safer in the schools. They all have lock down procedures but they do not have shelter and placement procedures. Looking at the possibility of setting up something where they relocate the children in emergency shelter place instead of outside in 20 degree weather and 40 mile an hour winds.

Doug Buell – Is working with a vender on a fire hydrant cut away, they normally cost 5 to 6 thousand dollars. The vender is going to store the hydrant at the facility which will help the fire rating but the fire hydrant but will be extended to other jurisdictions, the water and fire departments, and the cut away hydrant will be available for training.

Bryan Barney – They are in the middle of taking applications online for next years summer seasonal and have had an open house to let people come in and read the computers and put in their applications.

Tami Pearson – They are working on a Family Assistance Center (FAC) plan. It is a big process, but each meeting they will review, edit and rewrite as needed. She stressed that if we had a large incident or Mass fatality it would be available to people in the area that will need assistance. It is written and intended for that purpose. It will be a regional plan, that way anyone such as Clint can take it and then refer to it when needed, use it in their Mass Fatality plan and or use it as a template. It is being written so it can be used at the county level.

They have a state wide exercise in 2013; it will be a medical distribution plan. They have a regional ASPR exercise in March. Coming up is a full scale exercise for the hospital; they want to hold a severe weather event.

Gary Davis – Stressed the online PIO course and a good way to start out with, and a good way for people in agencies to start and then migrate into basic public information course and then highly recommend going back to Emmittsburg, Md, and take the advanced PIO course, it is a fantastic course and worth the time.

Gary says there is training on the 6th of March, Rail Car Incident Response training, in Gooding and you can register at www.idahoprepares.com.

Larry Goolsby – Also Stressed the importance in taking the PIO training. He has taken the training and is thankful he had the knowledge when the time came; he was ambushed while working for American Red Cross, in three different states with emergencies. The Training really came in handy and is well worth the time in taking it.

Roger Hinton, (not in attendance) District Director of American Red Cross, gave Larry a phone call just before the meeting and wanted to report they have responded to numerous house family fires in the last 45, 60 days. He's wanted to be sure the Red Cross is providing a quality and timely response and is inviting our comments on how we can improve.

Our next LEPC/Tabletop meeting will be January 19th, 2012, 11:00 to 3:00 at Jerome High School conference room.