

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

Attendance

Clint Blackwood – Jerome County EMA, **Baldwin Camin** – LEPC, **Zoe Monahan** – City of Jerome, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Trish Heath** – SLJMC, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Doug McFall** – Jerome Sheriff, **Lt Dan Kennedy** – Jerome Co Sherriff, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D. Paterson** – The Salvation Army, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Eric Zechmann** – BLM Twin Falls District, **Tom Askew** – BLM Twin Falls, **Albert Crawshaw** – Hazardous Waste Science Officer, **Drew Jones** – DEA, **Dan Schaffer** – SCPH, **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 Oct 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 SHGP grant funding, both are short duration, we do have obligations that need to be made in our project by April 15th of 2014. We just need to finalize and move forward rapidly to get things closed out, but making progress. Commissioners have signed off on and gave us the approval to move forward with the 2013 EMPG (Emergency Management Program Grant) and the SHGP (State Homeland Grant Program).

One other item Clint wanted to discuss is that the Radio Communications Tower on the South East flat of Jerome/Butte has been abandoned and the disconnection has been made and the ground has been cleared. Come Spring we will proceed with plans to put a new tower in a new location on the North East part of the Jerome Butte.

Clint discussed the '*Community Emergency Preparedness Workbook and Guidelines*'; Clint ask the LEPC group if anyone had questions or comments before we publish it on the County Website for downloading and making it available to the public. The use of the workbook is it

will give a lot of information to the public on how to prepare your home before disaster, important contact information etc., etc.

New Business

Lt Dan Kennedy and Sheriff Doug McFall was invited to give the LEPC group some understanding of what the Evil Knievel re-enactment jump will look like. Discussed were issues, and concerns in order that the health, safety and welfare of all persons in the county, residents and visitors alike, may be protected. There have been proposals of separate jumps or events, with projected attendance of varying degrees from 10-20 K and 50 K in Sept of 2014. Several potential Snake River Canyon jumpers handed in applications requesting for qualifications to Jump the Canyon to differing governmental jurisdictions.

Cathy Roemer, Jerome County Commissioner, gave her comments: She stated that Scott Record, CEO and Scott Truax from Omega Point Productions, LLC have submitted their application to the Jerome County to jump the North side, just east of the Hansen bridge to the South Side. Because of this they received many phone calls and the Deputy Prosecutors had to look for an ordinance that governed anything of this kind. Cathy says they find that Jerome did have a Mass gathering what they called the '*Large Assembly Ordinance*' and was dated in 1972. They began to go through it and Omega Point Productions handed in an application based on the old ordinance, and in that ordinance contained language commissioners had to respond to within 20 days. That application from Omega Point Productions has been granted by the board of County Commissioners. Cathy added that they had hoped to get an updated ordinance in place but they found that the old ordinance is really quite effective. One of the things that were missing was a requirement for the applicant to have an insurance policy. The Commissioners did write out several conditions that were signed off on Monday with a 2 million dollar insurance policy they need to carry and have a one dollar bond assurance for every person anticipated to be at the event. They gave the County \$25,000 assurance bond which tells them they are expecting 25,000 people. Cathy says it is a 3 to 4 day event and in order to make a profit it needs to be that long. They have yet to see a lease on the South side property and for a landing site they have secured the property on the North side. Cathy says that one thing about our ordinance is it does not kick in until you have an event that is going to be 18 hours or longer. The Beckley event jumping from the Twin Falls site to the North side is not an 18 hour event. Our current ordinance does not govern Mr. Beckley at this point. However, they did get a complete outline of what is going to take place on the North side when they land. Cathy also says that they are continuing to work on an update of the ordinance and of course the 18 hour issue will be addressed with an addition of a few other restrictions. Any questions please feel free to contact Lt Kennedy or Sheriff Doug McFall and or the County Commissioners at any time.

Clint comments that trainings such as that conducted in Birmingham Alabama can help LEPC groups in preparing for large scale events. Tabletop exercises can prepare those involved for with contingency plans for as they explore potential problems so that we know how to be involved and know what is going on in situations such as this and have a good handle on things from the beginning, potential things that could happen that aren't planned to happen. As we progress into this event there will most likely be quite a lot of activity.

Cathy says that she has major concerns and has heard also from Sheriff McFalls Department, Jack Johnson; that even though the Omega Point Production event is going to be a ticketed event in a designated area; what would we do with all the “outside” people. Doug McFalls says the big issue with so many on the outside (north side) is Mass Casualty or a Terrorist attack. It is also a concern to take care of our normal Jerome County job activities and the event issues at the same time. Maybe come February 2014, we will have more specific information so we can move forward with training and preparations to start planning for the event.

Clint requested from the LEPC group any interest in a Mass Fatality training course to let him know. Clint says he would be interested in sponsoring the course locally. By the raise of hands the group indicated a desire for the training to be offered locally.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

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:

Cathy Roemer - gives an update on the Jail; they have selected a committee to resubmit proposals.

Gary Davis - Puts a pitch in for the training you get back at Emmetsburg and Aniston. A lot of good training and the price is right. Gary encourages all LEPC members to go online, find the training and take advantage of it.

Larry Goolsby – Reports that the Disaster Program Specialist for American Red Cross will be called by January 6th 2014 after interviews for the District Manager of South Central Idaho.

Eric Zechmann – Recruiting for Seasonal Firefighters and anyone interested could apply online.

Doug McFall – Gives update on the Repeater Site at the Butte Land site. Says it is almost ready for them to move forward; they still have paperwork issues and finish up with the title company but we have a little time for the snow to melt off and hopefully be ready in the spring.

Trish Heath – St Luke’s will be involved in the Evil Knievel Canyon Jump discussion meetings. Trish will be there as well as their Security Manager. Magic Valley received a Grant and purchased a three lane DeCon Tent. Trish said they have about 30 people trained on how to use the Decontamination Tent and its process and will be actually testing the DeCon tent in January. St. Luke’s Jerome will no longer have a DeCon tent and associated supplies for conducting primary victim decontamination. The decision not to offer this service was based on the fact that Jerome does not have the manpower 24/7 to operate an appropriate primary

decontamination process. If a patient comes to Jerome requiring decontamination, Jerome will be purchasing a product called DeCon-in-a-Bag. This will allow Jerome staff to conduct a gross decontamination of the victim and allow for transport to St. Luke's Magic Valley for primary decontamination and treatment. If a large event occurred in Jerome the victims would be directed to SLMV or SLMV would bring their Decontamination Team to Jerome, based on evaluation of need. They are working on putting in place a process so Jerome County will be covered and the ability to handle their capabilities if needed.

Tami Pearson – They have a regional Tabletop exercise they will be involved in, in April with Health District's 5, 6 (Pocatello), and 7 (Idaho Falls). Tami says they haven't ever really practiced having a big event in an area where health districts and hospitals have to reach out across a regional boundary. We will have an earthquake scenario in Pocatello and will take down the districts enough that the hospitals and districts will have to get it figured out and how to deal with all casualties. As it stands each Health District will be able to invite 8 people per county.

Eddie D. Paterson – Ed has helped teach the Emergency Disaster Classes in Coos Bay, Oregon and obtained 60 new volunteers. After the first of year they are planning on having the same Emergency Disaster training in the Twin Falls area. They have been very busy with emergencies for 2012, Trinity Fire & 3 mock disasters and table top exercises combined. Emergencies for 2013 above Mountain Home area in Post, Anderson Dam, in Hailey for Beaver Creek Fire, plus 3 mock disasters and have been very active with table top exercises around the County. Ed also says they have been improving their equipment in Boise, Idaho Falls and Twin Falls.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

January 16, 2014

1pm – 2pm

Jerome City Council Chambers