

Dec 20, 2012
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Bryan Barney – BLM-Shoshone, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Linda Underwood** – JC Airport, **Trish Heath** – SLJMC, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Department, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D. Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **Eric Zechmann** – BLM Twin Falls District, **Tom Askew** – BLM Twin Falls, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant

Welcome

Jay Gardner called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and invited members to introduce themselves.

LEPC

Minutes for November 2012 LEPC meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us an update on Grants – He reports that we have submitted and received the grant requests for 2010 at a total of \$46,076.57. This is for a security system upgrades within the court house and also includes a video capture system; includes certain access doors to offices with a card control system for employees. It will probably be installed in the court house in January sometime.

We are working with Whisper Mountain under the All Hazard Mitigation Grant for an update and will discuss this at a later date.

New Business

Jay Gardner reports on his recent EMI training back in Emmetsburg to get certified on 100 to 800 courses. He says it was a good training; the trainers were fantastic and they went through 100, 200, 300, 400 on up and was well worth his while. Jay encourages anyone interested in the training to take advantage of it the next time it is available. He also comments that FEMA is really big in the area.

We have some conflict holding our regular LEPC meeting on the third Thursday in January. The LEPC group discussed the options and came up with a unanimous vote to hold the next meeting in February on the 21st, our regular third Thursday of the month.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

Jay Gardner encourages us to check out the training courses offered at <http://idahoprepares.com> and for the Fusion Liaison Officer candidates to apply at www.isp.idaho.gov/icic/

You can go to <http://training.fema.gov/EMIweb/is> and find any Independent Study courses you are interested in and sign up.

Clint announces for everyone's information that he got an email on the ICS 300 being held in Twin Falls on Feb 8th and 9th. He encourages everyone needing it to take advantage of the training.

Agency Reports:

Jay Gardner – Jay brought up the fact that no one ever really wants to do anything about updating plans. He has been trying to get the school interested in a school shooting exercise and to correlate that in their school plan for some time. Now all of a sudden they want to call a big meeting to see what we can do to subsidize the school plan in case of an incident happening in Jerome School. Jay said that they would need to come up with some money to get Whisper Mountain or someone to assist the schools in writing up a plan.

Eddie D. Patterson, the Salvation Army – Planning on going to each County's LEPC meetings. Starting up the first of the year with 25 to 50 trained individuals from Boise, Twin Falls and Jerome; individuals that can respond to any Emergency Disaster Service when called and be among assignments to be deployed where needed through out the United States.

Gary Davis, BHS – made the announcement that Autumn Roberts is no longer with us as our training and exercise Coordinator. Autumn accepted a job with Homeland Security in Planning. They have already hired someone in her place to start by the 7th of January.

Gary also reports that they published a closeout date for 2010. The 15th of April is the last day for GAN's and any Training needs are to be done by then. They are going to be filling out an application after the first of the year for the 2012 money. There are two issues with the 2012 money; one, it is half as much as 2011, and the other thing is it is only a 24 month grant vs. a 36 month grant. The other draw back is the grant started in October so you probably won't get any money until March, and then after that comes the 14th of September when the grant ends, and 90 days prior to that is the "cut-off", so that puts us to the end of June and only gives us 18 months to spend the money vs. the 36 months.

Diana Ochsner, Red Cross – Reports that Larry was deployed to the East Coast, got sick and Red Cross sent him home early. Roger Hinton flew in yesterday from the East Coast and Diana hasn't heard from him. They had a meeting on Tuesday, their Christmas Party meeting, and everyone back from deployment, which is everybody, talked about some of the experiences they

had, some good ones and some bad ones. Diana said she was sure Roger would be reporting on his experience. Some of the interesting things they saw when they got there was football fields filled full of cars stacked on top of each other. The field had about 3000 cars that had been pulled out of the water and that was only one of many fields with damaged vehicles. There were so many amazing and unbelievable sights to see after this disaster. Some of the heartwarming stories were people were so grateful for the water being handed out they gave out hugs in return. Handing out water, coffee, bread etc. etc. it was like giving people a million bucks. After being without food and water for so long they were extremely grateful and thousand flocked to the sight when the food trucks arrived. A lot of the workers were so busy they didn't even have time to eat themselves. The people that were deployed were very tired when they got home but very grateful. They did an exceptional job. Diana wasn't sure at this time if they would be going back.

Patricia Heath, SLMV- Reports that she and 9 others went to the Healthcare Leadership in Anniston, Alabama the first week in December. She says it was really nice to go there and be able to see the basic of a drill. There was a lot going on and really learned from the training and understands the different roles needed to play in an exercise. It was good to be able to incorporate us as the Magic Valley to be excited and a better understanding of what we can do in case of a disaster in our area. Trish also says they are moving forward to align their policies. They are currently putting color coding in the system and Jerome is now starting to align their system with them on the color coding and will now be easier to come together with a plan.

Tom Askew, BLM Twin Falls – Within the next month or so they will be putting together their hazmat training for the employees. They will also invite outsiders into the training for an 8 hour refresher. Also they just got approval from Idaho Leadership Team for the BLM cue to get their hazard material public response team up and running again. They have been short some people and now they can start looking into recruiting. Tom invited anyone that could help in the training he would greatly appreciate it.

Eric Zechmann, BLM Twin Falls District – Focusing on fire Treatment and in February they will be focusing on staffing. Jobs are being announced on USA Jobs. They are also getting ready for trainings coming up in the New Year.

Bryan Barney, BLM-Shoshone – The issues on fires; they are actually wrapping up some of their “Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation” (ES&R) of some of the burned areas and will have that done soon.

Linda Underwood, JC Airport – Update on a new E-invoice with FAA which will be giving you an invitation to be able to get your email and password to get into the site. Trees are trimmed and they are prepared for snow with 3 units set up with snow plows and blowers.

Clint Blackwood, Emergency Management – Still working with Whisper Mountain on our Mitigation Plan and we are hoping to work with our new Training and Exercise Coordinator for Emergency Operations Plan. We will probably have a tabletop exercise sometime in March to go over the plan.

We are still frustrated with not having a fully designated Emergency Operation Center. We are working with the Commissioners to identify with the issue. We still don't know what we are going to do about getting a physical facility, but as far as a new facility we are going to have to wait awhile longer. Clint says we still have the ISP, a potential Emergency Operation Center, but it is just a location, it isn't fully developed as far as having the equipment on board that we need. We have limited capabilities for small operations at SIRCOMM (Southern Idaho Regional Communications). Right now we have a combination of Clint's Office, the Commissioner Chambers and the Jury Room where we would physically have to hold our Emergency Activities.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

Thursday Feb 21, 2013

1p.m. – 2 p.m.

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