

Jerome County LEPC Meeting

March 15, 2012
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Roger Hinton – American Red Cross, **Bryan Barney** – BLM-Shoshone, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Arthur Brown** – PIO Jerome, **Baldwin Camin** – LEPC, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Mike Hatfield** – Jerome Fire Department, **Doug McFall** – Jerome Sheriff, **Eddie D.Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Roger Morley** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Tom Snow** – USDA-Farm Service, **Eric Zechmann** – BLM Twin Falls District, **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 February 2012 LEPC meeting were reviewed, changed and approved.

Old Business

Grant Updates – Clint reports; at the end of 2009 SHSP grant, we've had some quotes submitted to us for a finger print and security system which we are currently reviewing and taking action on. Other than that we are still waiting and working on funds that need to be extended for the 2009 and deciding which direction they need to go. Clint says that some monies they are diminishing as we go along and some being more specific as to what we can spend monies on. One of the things that we did do is that the Commissioners have signed a Contract with Whisper Mountain, a Professional Services for the rewrite of Emergency Operations Plan, Continuity of Operations Plan, and the Continuity of Government Plan which is a requirement for the 2009 and 2010 Grant and also part of our 5 year plan we submitted some time ago. The meeting with Rick Fawcett with Whisper Mountain will be held this Tuesday March 20th.

Clint updates the LEPC group on the Jerome County Shooter Tabletop Exercise – After Action Report/Improvement Plan. He says he submit some information that did not get into the final analysis but we did receive the After Action Report/Improvement Plan. It pretty much includes the rest of the draft except the topic about the counseling. All notes have been turned over to a contractor as part of our EOP which is part of our improvement plan anyway. We also need to address; at what level do we use the districts help in counseling. Clint said he would be resending a copy of the After Action Report to all LEPC members today.

Art Brown reports on the progress he has made under the Public Information section of the After Action/Improvement Plan; he says he is still putting it all together. Each Agency has the responsibility in different ways and a whole lot of information needs to be put in alignment with operations and make sure everyone is on the same pace. Information can be distorted very easily. For some of the LEPC group Baldwin explains the findings and concerns that came up after the tabletop. Baldwin says it turned out to be kind of a Police Oriented Action and also ask; where does the Sheriffs Department fit in because they will be asked and where does the Fire Department fit in because they will be asked and so on and so on. That is where Art came in as our PIO and started asking questions such as; how do we get to the point in having information that is helpful so we don't misuse or mislead anyone.

Clint also says this re-emphasizes the necessity for everybody to be on board with the Incident Command System and understand what the system is, especially in this type of Scenario where things could happen very rapidly. There are multiply agencies that are going to be involved and coming together. There has to be a Cohesive Command Infrastructure and that is what the Incident Command System is designed to do. We all need to understand the function of the PIO and take the training when available like the IS-29 PIO Awareness Course that is offered to us online.

Clint updates us on Tier II Reports: We still have at the end of the month to get the reports in. We need to make contact with each agency to see if new management is aware of the reports and or they still feel they have a reporting requirement.

New Business

Clint and Eric attended and report on the AWR-147 – Rail Car Incident Response Course held March 6th at the Gooding County Extension Office. Clint says as far as the information given, it was very valuable and one of the best instructed class he has been to for quit sometime. Clint says the thing that is important is to mostly to be aware of the commodities that are potentially being carried on all cars and second to identify the types of railroads car there are. Clint says he learned a lot and was very valuable information. Both Clint and Eric agree it was a wonderful exercise.

Glenna and Clint report on St Luke's Jerome Hospital Functional Exercise/Drill held Thursday March 8th. Glenna says she was glad to have the opportunity to evaluate the exercise/drill. She didn't know what to expect but learned from the experience. Clint says there was a lot of good things we seen and things that we as evaluators got together and talked about strong and week points and then reported back to them at the hotwash held the following Monday. Two of the things we could see they needed to work on is the radio communication and better inform the Incident Commander of what is going on at all times. Clint and Glenna agreed it was an excellent drill and the 2 hours were very well spent.

Clint says the Community Program with the National Weather Service is up for renewal, so we are reviewing that application and updating the information.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

*Storm Spotter Training which has been identified for the combined 4 county offering on May 10th at 7 pm in Twin Falls at the Court House, but Clint says he is going to have specific Storm Spotter Training just for Jerome County.

*TEEX – Burley Hazmat Ops (AWR-160 (www.teexwmdcampus.com) held June 1st to June 3rd in Burley Id, Burley Fire Department (1235 Miller St) – Training Room, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Instructor: Texas A&M TEEXs Instructor.

*Idaho ICS Academy on the BSU Campus, Boise, Idaho – June 11th -15th, cost is \$300 and dorms \$38/day, 8am-5pm. Position Specific Training for All-Hazards Incident Management Teams (AHIMT). Deadline for enrollment and payment is Monday, June 8th, 2012. This will be the last time they hold this. You may contact BSU at 208-447-1023

*ICS 400 Course is being held in Hailey, Blaine County Public Safety Facility (1650 Aviation Dr.) - Training Room May 8th and 9th, 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Kimberly, Rock Creek/Kimberly Fire Dept. (1559 Main St N) – Training Room June 18th -19th, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

*IS-29 PIO Awareness Course available online and is about 2 ½ hours long.

*IS-909 Community Preparedness – Clint says the whole community concept is important and need to look at preparedness at all levels, all agencies and functions.

Agency Reports:

Eddie Patterson - Working on future classes and getting ahold of all the LEPC agencies of Jerome County. American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Baptist Church will be feeding 1500 to 2000 meals to the schools of Idaho Falls and Pocatello during their ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing & Human Services Exercise.

Gary Davis – Reports TEEX training in Burley, 400 class in Hailey and Kimberley and the last ICS Academy training at the BSU Campus in Boise.

Tami Pearson – Is working on a Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Plan and a Family MASS Center. February 1st the Fatality Management Planning Team (FMPT) met and focused on the FAC Plan to edit and make changes on Annex J – Appendix J-1. The Family Assistance Center Plan was presented.

Tom Snow – Had the Pleasure of meeting the Secretary of Agriculture in Jerome County and had a glimpse of where their budget was and where things are leading them in the next 4 or 5 years. They have gone thru a big personnel turn over for Managers, Counties and staff, and will need to focus on IC100 and IS200 Training for them.

Mike Dahmer – Looking for additional officers to learn how to use the HF radio equipment for the Idaho Net Call, held every Wednesday at 11 am when the network comes on.

Mike Hatfield – The ICS 300 course now has a health care provider scenario so that the course is applicable to hospital staff. He says we have passed the 180 day time frame for evaluating the practicality of Jerome City Fire Department administering the Regional Hazardous Materials program. Lack of participation by surrounding agencies at the technician level is placing the City of Jerome in a difficult situation of maintaining the minimum number of participants for a Regional Team. This fact will have a bearing on the decision Jerome City Council will have to make regarding maintenance of the Regional program.

Doug McFall - Commissioner Roger Morley has been working hard on the jail bond issue and asks for our support to get the word out and try to get people out to vote that are in favor of it. Doug says to keep in mind that Clint's Emergency Management is still a very important part of the plan with a training room and will include Provision for Public Information and Distribution.

Clint Blackwood – Says we are under a Special Use Permit with Idaho Dept. of Lands through 2012 to keep our radio tower at the Jerome Butte site until we can move to another location.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

Thursday April 19, 2012

1p.m. – 2 p.m.