

March 20, 2014
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Chris Taylor – American Red Cross, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Arthur Brown** – PIO Jerome, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County LEPC/EMA/ARC, **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D. Paterson** – The Salvation Army, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Eric Zechmann** – BLM Twin Falls District, **Tom Askew** – BLM Twin Falls, **David Lacelle** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant,

Welcome

Larry Goolsby, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and invited members to introduce themselves.

LEPC

Minutes for February 20, 2014 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us a Grant Update: Right now we are 3 weeks shy of closing out on SHSP grants for 2011-2012. We have summited our radio tower proposal along with the environmental and historical preservation documents, and are still waiting to hear back from them. We also have several requests that have been submitted so we can spend the dollars but as it stands right now we are in jeopardy of losing the funds, if we don't get them approved. The County Commissioners did approve the purchase of the Tower property and support building and are moving forward.

New Business

Clint reports that there is still some expected 2013 Tier II Chemical Inventory Reports not handed in and read the list off. Clint encourages those still needing to comply with Tier II to please submit to tier2@co.jerome.id.us (Emergency Management) as well as to tier2@ci.jerome.id.us (Fire Department) as required by March 1st. We are trying to follow-up with them to see if they are required to fill out a report. Larry Goolsby asked a question: what

are the consequences to these agencies out of compliance with reporting? Clint says as far as his office goes there is no consequences what so ever, but if EPA finds out about it and follows up on it there is \$10,000 fine. Clint has a bit of additional information, the 8 counties of the South Central Region are working in conjunction, with Gooding County at the lead, has a hazardous material flow study ongoing at this time. What that flow study is doing, monitoring all the corridors vehicles that are transporting hazardous chemicals, what they are and quantities, as much as can be done on a spot check bases.

Scott Records sent an email apologizing to Clint for not being here and would like to reschedule for next month LEPC meeting. Larry, Vice Chairmen, opened the LEPC group for discussion on any concerns or questions.

Art brown gave a short review on the Anderson Camp public meeting on the 19th. Art said there was a lot of concerns and questions from the people from the area: There will be 25,000 tickets sold beforehand; it will be a 4 day event with Country Music; multiple conflicting events; food vendors, Sanitations, Security, etc. etc.

Tom Askew comments during the LEPC meeting; their BLM Shoshone Field Office was currently in the process of doing the NEPA clearances and reviewing the request for permits to utilize the BLM properties adjacent to Hwy 50 for an ingress/egress point into the private property north and east of the Hansen Bridge. Tom says it appears, what has been proposed, is that the production company will only be using this property as a staging area for ticket collection and as a control point for their patrons to enter into the event area located on the private property to the east. Their proposal was to utilize enough of the BLM property to be able to accommodate 3 lanes of traffic and also to have another area south of the staging lanes for bus and mass transit loading zones. Tom also says, to his understanding, they also want to have some vendors in that area for food and beverages. Tom's concern was in looking at the minutes of the last LEPC meeting it stated that there would be an estimated 11,000 cars to pass through that area into the private land parking area.. Tom has concerns about traffic flow and also whether or not there would be adequate space for the parking of that many vehicles along with all of the other vendors and their "trailers, mobile homes, and vehicles" as well. With the estimated crowd of up to 25,000 people, again is there adequate space for them as well after we put all of those vehicles in the area? He also has concerns, as to the one egress/ingress point, whether or not that would be an adequate rapid evacuation route for that many people and vehicles in the event we have some sort of emergency, such as fire or other unruly crowd control. This would also become a bottle neck for any emergency response personnel such as EMS and Law Enforcement. Tom also says that as far as what has been requested by the production company, and can share at this time, is that they have proposed in fencing off the one parcel of BLM on the Northeast side of the bridge that they are planning on using for their egress/ingress point. That fencing as proposed will totally enclose the staging lanes, vendor area and mass transit loading zone on both the north and south side of the property. The other parcels west of the road are to his knowledge, going to be included in the Special Resource Use Permit. He does not know what any of the final stipulations will be in the permit at this time for restrictions on the use of that side of the road for the BLM properties. That will not be known until the permit has been finalized and ready for execution with the production company.

Art Brown gives us his input and advice on how we could handle the meeting when Scott Record comes with his update. Art suggest we need a monthly update about the status of his permit, where he is at with that, how he is coming along with it, for example the acquisitions of BLM, where the fencing is going to be, concerns of having enough room for parking and how he is going to address that so people, trucks, and ambulances can get in and out and circle around, etc. etc. Art brings the question to mind; does security have an updated plan in place and where it is at, and maybe we could have them come in and explain their plan, how many people they are going to have, how many medical people they plan on having at the facilities, etc. etc. These are the kind of things that are in his permit and needs to bring forward to the group so we have a better idea what is happening. Art has been assigned to his permit and has to validate what he has done.

Tom Hughes then asked if there was a master permit list to know if 'YES' they have been secured by all the organizations and what they are because that list keeps growing; property use, security, public health, traffic control and rescue, etc. etc. that have to be lined up to know what the overall picture is.

Chris Taylor asked if they have put in a permit for trash and issues after the fact. Art says they have a cash bond already in the bank so if they have to use it to hire someone to clean up after the event or have to apply the money to the situation. Art says the only permitted area they have is on the East side of highway 50, and nothing on the west side.

Tom Askew brought up other concerns, part of what Art Brown was discussing as to whether or not the production company had adequate crowd control and security personnel for the venue. It sounded as though the production company was only concerned with what would be going on at the entrance gate and inside the private property venue and the outside would be left up to more or less BLM, the County, or other entities. Tom said it concerned him due to there being parcels of BLM on the West side of the road on both sides of the Hansen Bridge as those areas with its limited parking and such would become havens for individuals that did not want to pay to enter into the private venue, but wanted to be casual observers of the event and other activities taking place. There are safety concerns for this side of the canyon as well for those unfamiliar with the canyon and how dangerous the edges of that can be. Tom says this could also be an additional taxation on the safety of the highway and another two bottle neck points on both ends of the bridge. The event to the East of the Hansen Bridge is the main event that BLM has direct involvement with and is BLMs biggest concern for now. The Ed Beggley jump is of less concern due to there will be little to no BLM lands involved (to date) in that event. BLM will only receive peripheral spill over from the event onto public lands.

Art says that he thinks it is appropriate for our group to receive a monthly report, if it is written or he comes in person, something presented to this LEPC group so we can see what is going on that we have to take care of. Art has made various phone calls to Scott on this issue and he hasn't had any problem with him giving out information where it is needed and being responsible in getting information out to people with concerns.

Anyone with concerns and or questions feel free to call Scott Record at 208 320 8786, his office is on 266 Blue Lakes Boulevard North, his email address is scottrecord@omegapointproductions.com and website is www.omegapointproductions.com.

Training Opportunities/Exercises

April 1-2 – ICS 300 in Boise

April 3-4 - ICS 400 in Boise Idaho City Hall, West 333 N Mark Stall Pl, Training Room at 8:00am to 5:00pm.

April 16-17 - BHS (G400) Advanced ICS Wed and Thur. in Idaho Falls – Bonneville County Sheriff's Dept. – Training Facility, 577 D Street from 8 am to 4 pm

April 23rd - BHS#5 Spring Thing 2014 TTX – Pocatello Idaho – ISU-Idaho State University – Pond Student Union Bldg., 1065 S Cesar Chavez, Bldg. 14 at 9am to 3pm.

April 28th - BHS Fusion Liaison Officer (FLO) Basic (apply at www.isp.idaho.gov/icic/) in Boise Idaho, Police Department, 333 N Mark Stall Pl – Training Facility from 8 am

April 29-30 - Fusion Liaison Officer Intermediate in Boise Idaho Police Department, 333 N Mark Stall Pl – Training Facility from 8am to 5pm.

May 12th - BHS (USCG) Inland Search and Rescue Planning Course, Boise Idaho Public Safety Building Annex, 7180 Barrister Dry – Meeting Room, 8am to 5pm.

May 14-15 - BHS (MGT-315) Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment (16 hrs) in Rigby Idaho Transportation Dept., 206 N Yellowstone – Training Area.

May 21st - V-0023 – Pandemic Flu Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX)-South Central Public Health District – SCPHD _ Twin Falls Office, 1020 Washington St N – Combined Classroom – 10am to 2pm

June 18th - Airliner Crash Scenario, SCPHD facility in Twin Falls.

July 23rd - Stadium Arena Scenario, SCPHD facility in Twin Falls.

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 based online course. There are also a number of courses being offered under EMI (Emergency Management Institute) and are virtual tabletop exercises, 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:

Eddie D. Paterson reports they are having a major disaster exercise at the Salvation Army, 348 4th Ave. N in Twin Falls, April 4th and 5th. Registration is from 8 to 9 on the 4th and if you decide to come call them so they can put you down and also help with the food situation. If anyone is coming at a distance calling will also allow them to get you into a hotel if needed. It won't cost anything and Ed encourages any Volunteers to be at the Salvation Army during these times. It is going to be covering Emergency, Incident Command System, Spiritual Care Class (counseling on disaster times.) Ed says what they are trying to do is increase committee and volunteers in different towns they cover, all the way to Idaho Falls to Boise and up to Sun Valley. They want to get as many as they can to come to this training from those areas. Ed's cell phone # is 208-420-0190 and the Salvation Army is 208-733-8720.

Tami Pearson reports that we have exercises coming up on the Pandemic Flu scenario, the Aircraft scenario and the Stadium Arena scenario. These are all tabletop exercises FEMA has put together and anyone can go in and register at the LMS (www.idahoprepares.com) site.

Diana Ochsner reports they have quite a bit of redesign going on in the Red Cross and it is going to increase Response Capabilities and decrease response time in the South Central Idaho. It is exciting to have the process in finding people to fill the position and it will get them on everything from single family fires incidents to the larger one such as the one in Jerome. They plan to have teams in place in the different areas so the Responders will have less travel time.

Art Brown reports on the evacuation at the court house last Monday. Dealing with a lot of winds that day, they lost power and had to evacuate everyone from the building. Fire Department came to help evacuate and come to find out they had overlooked someone in the basement. The evacuation did not go too well; room for improvement.

Clint Blackwood also reports on the incident over the power outage. He says when the power goes out the generator does not supply the PBX system, which is the phone system, also the internet is down, and if we have any kind of emergency we have no way to contact people as Emergency Management. Art says the real issue with that, and is a real concern, if the power does go out you have to go door to door and knock to let people know. So if we have a major fire somewhere in the building, we have no way of letting everyone know because they may be someone in the basement and no way of notifying them. The basement has major issues, we have jail people, workers, and a lot of the public.

Thomas Hughes says that it was a good thing nothing seriously happened and we can learn from our mistakes. He says we know exactly what we need to fix and can move forward with it. Something for them to think about in the future is to have a master key to every business in the County. With the power outage and road closers and other things going on kept them busy. On Christmas Eve they had to deal with power outage at Dairy Gold and they couldn't get in touch with them on the phones either. It isn't a new issue but something has to be done to make communication better during these disasters.

Mike Dahmer reports the old 'Weapons of Mass Destruction' course has been totally revamped, it is called *WMD Standardized Awareness* 'AWR-160' training. He says he has just received 150 students that he will be teaching outside of the state of Idaho, 160 awareness course. Mike also says that with respect to the power outage, he was one of the last 66 people to come on in the Valley were in Northeast Jerome, and what happened was a whole number of jumpers that blew off of the power lines and nothing electronic they can find. Mike said he discussed the phone system with the County almost 5 years ago, they were known as T-Carrier and they are incredible vulnerable. He says there is an organization of people that started the government telephone system and it has to do with priority in which phone lines are restored and you go through the process, it is like a dollar a year and you come onto the priority list of the phone lines that will be repaired in that priority list. There is a third version which has to do with the constructions of these lines. This is Critical, because if we have the big blow over and it stops there is a list of people who will be serviced and restoration of telecommunications by that priority and cannot be resented locally, this is the way it is organized to happen. Mike suggests everyone in the LEPC group look into it because it is trivial in its application and how to apply for it. Mike says that no one in Jerome is on that list including Jerome County Court House.

Gary Davis reports on all the training coming up; the Fusion Center Training on April 28, (no cost), the intermediate class the following two days, 29th and 30th. ICS 300 and 400 coming up in Boise (**under Training Opportunities/Exercises, above**) Search and Rescue course on May 12th, and an Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment on May 14-15. Gary says if you are going to go to the PIO training you need to have your FEMA ID# which is something new. The County still needs an exercise before the 2011, 2012 grant requirements are due. He said we could probably take our actually recent event on the power outage with lessons learned and use it as an improvement and it would meet the requirements for 11, 12.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

April 17, 2014

1pm – 2pm

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