

Jerome County LEPC Meeting

April 19, 2012
Idaho State Police (Training Room)
218 W 200 S
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Roger Hinton – American Red Cross, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Arthur Brown** – PIO Jerome, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Mike Hatfield** – Jerome Fire Department, **Eddie D.Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Tom Snow** – USDA-Farm Service, **Robert Storm** – ISP, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant.

Welcome

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

LEPC

Minutes for March 2012 LEPC meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

Art Brown, LEPC PIO, says he has some information he is organizing and clarifying for the JIC/JIS (Joint Information Center/System) but just needs more time to put it all together.

Clint reports on the Tier 2 reports. We have received most of the reports and have been in comparison with last years and will be following up with those that haven't submitted a Tier 2 Report.

New Business

Clint says Jerome County has entered into a contract with Whisper Mountain Professional Services, for the rewrite of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). We had one meeting with them on March 20 and another elected officials meeting with them is scheduled for tomorrow (April 20th).

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

*Storm Spotter Training for Jerome County; May 3rd, 7:00-9:00, Jerome City Council Chambers, 100 East Avenue A. Also, another Storm Spotter Training which has been identified for the combined 4 county offering on May 10th at 7 pm at the Twin Falls Court House.

*MGT-383 Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions on May 9, 2012, 8am-5pm at Central Fire District, 697 Annis Highway, Rigby Idaho.

*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. *ICS 400 Course in 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:

Tom Snow – Going through some budget cuts and the plan is to close down the Shoshone office. There might be some personnel changes but trying to get the training needed for all new employees.

Mike Hatfield – By the end of the month the City of Jerome will be working with Homeland Security to determine response levels for the Regional Team and will be maintaining a program in the region even in the absence of participation by all jurisdictions that may benefit from the program.

Robert Storm – Reported on the upcoming Airshow in Twin Falls and the standby status of the Jerome Airport for Emergency during the event on July 28th.

Tami Pearson – Pertussis out break in Twin area, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious bacterial disease in the upper respiratory and is very dangerous especially the very young. There is a loophole in the law and they don't have to have the vaccine. Tami also reports on the Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Plan and a Family MASS Center. She says they are in the final draft, they have one more meeting to go over the plan and once this is finished, it will be used as a template in case something happens. It has been created for full blown incidents.

Eddie Patterson - American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Southern Baptist Conference did a great job feeding 1500 to 2000 students in Eastern Idaho, Idaho Falls and Pocatello during their

ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing & Human Services Exercise. Ed says it all went very well.

Clint Blackwood – Reports that he got a phone call from Rob Lanford of the USDA who states he has some grant funding available to help volunteer agencies meet their radio challenge of narrow banding radios, going from wide band to a narrow band frequency range. If you need more information get a hold of Clint.

Clint also encourages all to become informed and VOTE in the upcoming Primary Election on the Jail Bond Issue on May 15th. The reason we (the LEPC) would like all voters of Jerome County to be aware of the need for a new jail, would be the meeting/training room/multi-purpose room in the new jail plans gives us our greatest opportunity for the development of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

Thursday May 17, 2012

1p.m. – 2 p.m.