

Jerome County LEPC Meeting

June 16, 2011
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Clint Blackwood – Jerome County EMA, **Bryan Barney** – BLM-Shoshone, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Shauna Donabedian**- SBFMC, **Mike Hatfield** – Jerome Fire Department, **Ron Lambert** – St Benedicts, **Lorand Layton** - ARES/RACES, **Doug McFall** – Jerome Sheriff, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Robert Storm** – ISP, **Doug Buell** – City of Jerome Waterworks, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant.

Welcome

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

LEPC

Minutes for May19, 2011 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Clint Blackwood reports on the Grant updates. He says we are currently operating off the 2008 grant and have had some recent activity. As it stands right now we have obligated funds, which means we have submitted requests for approval to the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS) and requested a grant authorization number (GAN) and they have come back and approved it. We have not yet received the equipment so it is still outstanding. For the city of Jerome under Critical Infrastructure Protection we have \$2732.15 which has been obligated for security locks for different offices of government including the City Council Chambers for electronic access. We also have the Jerome City Fire Department which has been approved for \$17,341 for radio equipment. Next, the Jerome City Sheriff with some mobile radios and some assigned to Paramedics Units and that is \$3450 approved. Also Jerome County Sheriff's office is getting the LiveScan Fingerprint machine and they also have been approved and waiting on its arrival, that is \$17,108. Clint says that we have an outstanding amount of \$40,631.15 and still have about \$20,600 still unobligated that needs to be moved forward on. Clint says if any departments have serious needs to contact him.

Next item on the agenda is the CERT training and Clint informs us that we still need to come up with a date for the training. Clint says ideally he would like to have an organization to be an anchor group for the training so we have a place to start. Clint says he is having a difficult time getting a response back from most of the organizations he has talked to, with the possibility to

sponsor or get involved. Clint asks the LEPC members if they know any groups such as Search and Rescue, Scouts, Church groups, anybody interested in sponsoring CERT or Mapping your Neighborhood so we can move forward with this. Clint tells us that just under 2 months we will be having the Jerome County Fair where we have a booth and the *CERT* and *Mapping your Neighborhood* will be our focus.

New Business

Clint goes over the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) After Action Report (AAR) with the LEPC group. Clint reads a section of the report from the Executive Summary section. Clint said primarily what we wanted to do is check and see if there were other agencies that would have support functions in each of the 15 different Emergency Support Function(al) (ESF) areas.. Most of the corrections we will have will be implemented in the next rewrite of our EOP for updating. Clint says we will also have a couple of additional annexes improving the annex plan of evacuation and improve a volunteer reception center, and volunteer activation annex, and hoping to sometime be able to add a Continuity of Operation Plan (COOP) which will not only include Continuity of Government (COG) but also looking at continuity in the counties major employers and businesses in the area.

Clint turns the time over to Ron Lambert to give a report on the training held November, 2010 in Aniston, Alabama. This training is the only facility in helping hospital and health care professionals. He handed out a Document on the Center for Domestic Preparedness, and gave us a little history of the facilities used for the training. The document also included a list of the Center for Domestic Preparedness Resident Program List and Hazardous Assessment and Response Management (HARM). Ron says it was an excellent program, the government pays for everything on the trip and that they have everything you could possible need on the site. The training completed in 4 days, 32 hours and covers 14 different training modules. Ron shows us some pictures and said the training program was very well put together. Ron was very impressed with the facilities; he couldn't say enough good about it. He also says it was very educational and the whole training showed how organization and communication during a disaster should be. Ron encouraged us to sign up for some of these trainings; his comment on this one was second to none. Ron says this is just one of many, many classes they have.

Clint emphasizes the fact that there are a number of training opportunities for all of us, no matter what our employment is or area of expertise. There are National Emergency Training Centers, 5 or 6 Training Centers throughout the United States that have specific levels of training that is available to all of us at no cost. There is no reason why we can not, sometime in our careers, participate and take full advantage of the programs when they are available. Get a hold of Clint for a list of all the training Centers and what they offer. Clint also highly encouraged us all to take advantage of this.

Clint says the local training we have in July is a phenomenal training and one we should all take advantage of. The AWR-213 Critical Infrastructure awareness class is coming up July 18th in Twin Falls. Presented by TEEX National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center out of Texas. Clint says he would like to see us take advantage of this training, especially since it is free of charge to us and serving us in our area. Clint says there is no reason we can't have more than one or two representatives from different agencies in the training. Clint also says this is an Awareness course and is for everyone, we all need to be aware of what is around us. Sign up at www.idahoprepares.com.

Open discussion

The question is brought up about the rumor for an *Emergency Coordination Center*. Doug McFall, Jerome Sheriff, says that a couple of years ago Clint was working real hard to find an Emergency Coordination Center throughout the county, but didn't have a lot of luck. The best thing they found was a school district building that was being abandoned and that they could try and make use of. Doug says by the time they put money into fixing the facility the way they needed, it would be a waste of money. They came to the conclusion that to build (a new constructed facility) they could incorporate within the facility what would be required to fit their needs. Doug said that by spreading the word and sharing our concern and interest with everyone, our neighbors, family and so forth, would know the importance of having the facilities in Jerome County. Having an *Emergency Coordination Center* in the Area would be a win/win situation for all involved and especially for the Jerome County community. The building would serve in many capacities, used for class room training etc, etc, and would be a great plus for Emergency Disasters when the situation occurs.

Cathy Roemer gives us an update. She says they have had an interview with about 5 different companies to get a predesigned, preconstruction bid for detention facilities with 120 beds. They have decided to go with Orman Construction out of Idaho Falls. They have met with them once and focused on design and the over all budget. She says they will be meeting with Mr. Miller on the 23rd to go over the design in more depth and further discuss the over all cost and the ability to expand. Cathy feels Mr. Miller is right on top of things and she is very confident they will have a good product to present to the voters in November.

Training Opportunities/Exercise

AWR-213 Critical Infrastructure/Key Recourses Awareness class in Twin Falls July 18th. Sign up for this at www.idahoprepares.com.

Agency Reports

Bryan Barney – Finishing up on their training for the season.

Tami Pearson – Just got back from a Fatality Management Conference this week in Boise on Tuesday and Wednesday. They had a guest speaker from Seattle King County and also from the National Constitution Safety Board. They did a presentation and a live discussion on prepare and management. She said it was extremely interesting and very informative.

Shauna Donabedian – Doing a lot of plan updates. Contract date is coming up the first of August.

Gary Davis - Reports that the 2011 grants are getting harder to qualify for. He said it sounds like we will need the same criteria for EMPG as well.

Mike Hatfield – Training on call recruits for firefighting by the end of 3 months. He went to a Full Scale Functional Exercise with Autumn Roberts in Hailey, Idaho, held at the Friedman Memorial Airport. He said it is a good complex and everything went well.

Doug Buell – They did a full staff training today on fire hydrant maintenance and operations with a large staff of 17 new individuals needing the training.

Doug Mcfall – Announced a position opening they will be testing for soon and ask the LEPC group if they knew anyone interested in a career in Law Enforcement to contact his office.

Lorand Layton – Still trying to relocate one of their Emergency Communicator Repeaters. They located another place, a facility SIRCOMM has, told Lorand they could use their tower, but they ran into labor problems in getting the antenna on the tower because of liability. Still working on getting that done, maybe having to hire someone to do it.

Mike Dahmer – On a Thursday before Wagon Days there was interference in the Radio System. Equipment was brought from Nevada to take a look at it and to find out there was a maintenance malfunction (not intentional) but SIRCOMM, ISP and Twin Falls were all contributors.

Our next LEPC meeting will be on July 21st, 2011.