

June 19, 2014  
City Council Chambers  
100 E Ave A  
Jerome, Idaho

### Attendance

**Chris Taylor** – American Red Cross, **Zoe Monahan** – City of Jerome, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Arthur Brown** – PIO Jerome, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Linda Underwood** - JC Airport, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County LEPC/EMA/ARC, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D. Paterson** – The Salvation Army, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Jay Michaels** – Return to Snake River, **Paul Arrington** – Barker, Rosholt and Simpson, **Tim Green** - Jerome Police, **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 May 15, 2014 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

### Old Business

Clint gives us a Grant Update: We have just received documentation for the X-ray machine purchase for use in the Judicial Annex building which is filed under the 2011 grant funding. One major item as far as the grants go in the 2011, we received notification, but there is a delay on the approval process for the Environmental Historic Preservation Document, so we have been given some options to move that grant funding to utilize the same monies in alternative projects (plan B). Also, if we can get the documentation for our FCC (Federal Communication Commissions) license then we can ask for an extension and move forward. Both are in process and no action has taken place but we are running out of time, within the next 10 day at the most. The question was asked about the tower project. Clint says it was submitted and in the hands of FEMA Region 10. Gary Davis says they came back and said we need to do a more detailed site survey along with a lot of other stuff like FAA approval and FCC paperwork and approval or we will have to wait another year. The monies have to be spent and the odds of anything happening are really slim because of the lack of time.

Clint reports on the Pandemic Flu Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The question “What could we rely upon locally” during a situation if it escalates into a rapid epidemic nationally? When the nation gets hit also it limits a lot of outside resources we can call upon. We have to look at MOU-Memorandum of Understanding; what the resources are, the

hospitals, local doctors and nurses, medical support staff etc. etc. These types of things are necessary and will have to deal with in case of a Pandemic Flu outbreak. Clint says it was a good exercise and thought they had an excellent response from those who participated.

Tami Pearson reports on the Airliner Crash Scenario held at the SCPHD facility in Twin Falls on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Tami said there was great participation from a lot of different partners, just to name a few; SCPHD, IBHS, Airports, St Luke's MV, WV Fire District, TF, Jerome, Blaine and Gooding County, ARC and TF Coroner. Tami says they had a great discussion but with a conference call some of the areas were hard to hear and lost feedback.

Clint says that Tami was the facilitator and gives her recognition on a job well done.

Clint introduces us to the Idaho Exercise Program Tool Kit; we have requirements as an LEPC, exercises that need to be conducted, and an exercise calendar that we need to develop.

Clint says next month, one training opportunity that he feels is critical, is the Stadium Arena Scenario in Twin Falls on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **New Business**

Jay Michaels and Paul Arrington gives us an update on the Evil Knievel re-enactment jump; the skycycle was sent off to the paint shop last week and should be getting it back this Friday or Monday and they have already started construction on skycycle 2 and 3. The Construction seems to be moving ahead and Jay passed a picture around of the shock absorber that is also a project and part of the skycycle. They have been negotiating with Fox on a deal and Fox is not certain when they want to air this so things have been up in the air; is it going to be on the 1st, 2nd, or is it going to be as late as October? The reality of these negotiations is set so as of today there are still no sign of their decision. The direction Jay has been given is to shoot for the September 1<sup>st</sup> and this date has already been approved in the County of Jerome. They want Jay to speak to the Jerome County Commissioners to see if they would move it out to the 7<sup>th</sup>. The way Jay understands it, is their will be a competition type jump between the Beckley group and Return to Snake River group. They are talking to the county in amending the permit; instead of being a 4 day event to being a 1 day event on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. He will be moving forward with the amendment of the permit and by the next LEPC meeting he will be closer to a positive date. Jay has been charged to moving it to the 7th and moving full force ahead of it being on the 7<sup>th</sup>. If Fox signs and wants to move it back to October we will move through the hoops again and try to change all the dates. Jay says they have filed all the applications with the BLM, they have all the information they need and Jay spoke to John about a week ago and they have it circulating in house for some comments they expect back by next Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at which point they will meet again to see what they need to do from his end to help this things move along. He passed out copies of the outline of their Safety and emergency plan as well as a copy of their aural indications of the traffic plan which indicates where the road sides will be and where, within a 2 mile radius of the event, public access. Aside from everything else, Paul is also in discussion with the State Police, researching issues which they need clarified; dealing with these kind of

events, their involvement and how their involvement may or may not be paid for, can they charge them (not sure they can but researching the issue). They are still moving forward and planning for 25,000 people, reality tells him he doesn't think we will have that many but we will be prepared if that scenario does happen. Jay has submitted the appropriate application paperwork to the County of Twin Falls; they are concerned that there might be as many as 500 people from the road watching.

Art Brown shares some information he had just received at 11:30 this morning; He spoke to Ed Beckley and he has the same issues as Return to Snake River group, Fox New has told him they will probably not jump on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. He will be giving an update to the commissioners. So far we do not have a jump on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> no matter what, and this information is all Ed Beckley wanted released at this time. A lot of talking on this discussion and hopefully cleared up and reported by our next LEPC meeting next month.

### **Training Opportunities/Exercises**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** - VTTX 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/](http://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](http://www.ruraltraining.org), email [info@ruraltraining.org](mailto: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 accessed online course. There are also a number of courses being offered under EMI (Emergency Management Institute) and are virtual tabletop exercises (VTTX), sponsored by South Central Public Health District. Several upcoming training opportunities, go to [www.idahoprepares.com](http://www.idahoprepares.com), and register online.

Many Independent Study courses are available at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/>

### **Agency Reports:**

**Clint Blackwood** – he touched base on the Stadium Area Scenario some more and feels that this type of Scenario would help us focus on potential problems in the area and ideally Clint would like us to sign up for the RDPC training, "*The Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals*". We could all benefit from this type of training. It is an online course, an excellent program and especially anybody that has a potential roll with the LEPC, he would like you to take the course and when you have completed it to let him know. There are opportunities coming up and different trainings going on, for example, there is training on Moulage if anyone is interested, on July 16<sup>th</sup> in Boise and July 18<sup>th</sup> in Idaho Falls. Clint says anyone signing up for any of the EMI training courses has to have an Identification number.

**Cathy Roemer** – Reports and gives update on the jail; they received four proposals from contractors. The architect and his team reviewed all four and ranked two as worthy for the citizens' selection committee to interview. Although they could have suggested all four be interviewed, but they went with the architect's recommendation to only submit the top two to the committee. The committee then did the interviews and chose Scott Hedrick Construction, Boise, as number one. However, all the proposals came in at about 2 million over budget so Hedrick is charged with working with the architect to trim costs. They will receive that information in a couple of weeks for our review to see if we agree with the cost reductions.

**Tami Pearson** –They are just finishing up on contracts for this year thru June 30<sup>th</sup> and are funding for next year. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness went up 2.7%, a little bit of an increase and the Health Care Preparedness Program got cut 39.5%, which means the grant monies they give to the hospitals to buy preparedness equipment has now disappeared. The Focus is now on how they can utilize the equipment they have purchase over the past years. Updated us on the Stadium Arena Scenario on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Gary Davis** Spent the last two days in Boise at a SPARS training, it is an automated grant program. It is what we will using starting the next 2014 grant cycle. The way it works; in the past money has been given out and then figure how to spend it, now it is going to be in 2014 we will still get certain amount of money then have to build a budget. You will know the money amount initially 2014 but when you do the application you have to show where all that money is going to go. It has a way you go in to the different areas for your capabilities, create goals, then if you buy equipment you have to list how many of each thing you want with the cost of each, you have to show projects. In 2015 it is going to go to the point where you aren't going to be given a dollar amount, you are going to have to create your project and then get a competitive review as to where the money goes. So it is real important to put good projects together.

**Zoe Monahan** – invites all to save the date for the “*American Veterans Traveling Tribute*” Traveling Wall (AVTT) coming to Jerome on August 7 at 1PM –August 10 at 3PM. The Location is Summit Elementary School at 200 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. W, Jerome.

**Eddie D. Paterson** – reported on how well the training went on April 4-5. They want them to do it again next year.

**Diana Ochsner** – They had a meeting Tuesday Night at the Red Cross's 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary here in Idaho. Diana says they were told that here on the southern end of the state we are on a target for 2 year low for wildland fires. Boise is still at a high risk but looking like we might be looking at a bit of back slide from the last couple of years. House fires are still up and rising and have dealt with a lot in the area, old communities, older homes and bad wiring.

**Mike Dahmer** – Friday at midnight they started the Sawtooth Relay Communications System. It started in Stanley and ran down Baldy to Ketchum, right at communication for 14 stations; there were 1200 runners, and over 200 teams. They fed them all, provided emergency services and all the medical items.

**Linda Underwood** – Reports on the Airport Appreciation Day from 7 to noon on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The ones that showed up and in spite of the weather everyone had a good time.

**Chris Taylor** – David Neal, East Idaho Disaster Program Manager decided to step down and go back to Salt Lake City. Most likely the position will be opened up within the next month and hopefully find someone suitable to take care of half of Idaho. In the meantime Chris will be monitoring South Central as well as East Idaho and whatever needs to be taken care of the American Red Cross.

**Clint Blackwood** – He is currently working on a Strategic Plan so if anyone has any input, please get a hold of Clint.

**Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting**

July 17, 2014

1pm – 2pm

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