

July 17, 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, **Baldwin Camin** - LEPC/JPP, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Dept, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County LEPC/EMA/ARC, **Jeremy Presnell** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Mike Williams** – Jerome City Administrator, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Robert Storm** – ISP, **Jay Michaels** – Return to Snake River, **Paul Arrington** – Barker, Rosholt and Simpson, **Suzie Jones** – American Red Cross, **Staci Schneider** – Intermountain Comm, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant,

Welcome

Baldwin Camin, Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and invited members to introduce themselves.

LEPC

Minutes for June 19, 2014 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us a Grant Update: 2011 grants were supposed to be closed out but because of Environmental and Historic Preservation Documents, It did not get approved in a timely fashion so we could move forward with our radio tower project. We had some left over grant funding we are attempting to get stamped. Clint has submitted for some items and has met the requirements to receive the approval; ordered video teleconferencing system and it does include a Mondo-Pad which is a 70” smart screen, touch screen type display unit which we will be able to use in our Emergency Operation Center. All of these items based on the requirements of the Environmental and Historic Preservation, in order to get these approved, without that document, these are all portable, they have not been designed to be affixed to any wall or any structure. They will be in a portable fashion with a cart if wanted and also have a lectern which we will be able to use in training or conference sessions. The speaker portion of it has a microphone and can be stored in the lower unit which when all put enclosed looks like a piece of luggage. Clint says we also have a Wi-Fi router system which we had approval of and new laptops to be used in our Emergency Operation Center for our key personnel, part of that was because the laptops we currently have the XP operating system which is no longer being supported by the manufacturer and have run into issues using them. As it stands right now we are shy of the dollar amount that we need to get stamped by approximately \$10,000. We are looking at other items we can use

that will meet the requirements for the county and communication plan before the money is lost. Clint says if anyone has any specific suggestions let him know.

Clint reports that it is Jerome County Fair time again and the Office of Emergency Management will be holding a booth on Tue. August 5th to Saturday August 9th. A signup sheet was passed around the LEPC group for volunteers. We will be primarily distributing the guidelines for Emergency Preparedness handbook that all of us have had the opportunity to review and approve beforehand. Our focus is to get it out into the public.

New Business

Jay Michaels gives us an update on the Evil Knievel reenactment jump. He brought some pictures of sky-cycle #1 and sky-cycle #2 to show us their progress. They have cycle #1 mostly together and using laser to line up cycle #2 and also making a concrete footing for a temporary ramp. Jay says, from our past notes; Fox television has been involved along the way and he thought everything had been settled and contracts have been signed and apparently it is still not the case. Jay says they are still pushing ahead and getting ready on their end to go on Sept 1st which has been their goal for a very long time. Whether that will be the actual launch date they are still unsure. The question was asked; do you have an actual date when you can expect an answer?

Paul Arrington said no, we don't have a date. Behind the scene Fox and Steve (Eddie's business mind) are negotiating the contract for the broadcast event. When Fox signs on to everything there is a solid chance that it will all be pushed back from early September to as late as October. Fox wants to know if the two could be handled together. Beckley has kind of put all his eggs in a basket and thinks Fox wants to do it Sept 7th. Eddie Braun is taking a different tack, if Fox signs on and it is late Sept or October, whenever it is, he will go with it, but he just doesn't want to have a situation that Fox says no or it falls through, then he will be left holding the bag without much progress. Eddie told Jay and Paul to move forward with early September jump. The jump is currently permitted for Sept 1st. From the last LEPC meeting the jump was permitted for an event and a jump that would take place on August 28th, 29th thru September 1st. Jay submitted a few weeks ago to the county commissioners, a request to shorten it down to one day and to move it to the 7th of September. The shortening aspect was granted but the moving aspect was denied, quite frankly because Beckley was permitted at the same time and that was too tasking on Jerome County resources. Behind the scenes Beckley had some deadlines to make and they gave him until Monday to follow through. As Paul left his office today he received a letter saying he did not make the deadline, so his permit has been revoked. Jay is going to prepare in the next couple of weeks another request to the commissioners to now move it to the 7th since the Beckley thing is off the table. It would be closer to the Anniversary date of the actual jump and would give them an extra week to prepare. Paul says they are still forging ahead as quickly as they can with the BLM. The BLM has received all their in house comments,

there is no big concern, but things still need to be discussed. Scoping documents are being prepared and hope to have it done by Friday and the last two weekends in July will be the public comment period and then work on the documents and permits we need for the BLM. That extra week from the 1st to the 7th could mean a world of difference to the BLM because it is a very tight time schedule for them. Bill Hanchey, our safety consultant submitted the safety plan and has a meeting tomorrow with all the Sherriff office's from both sides, Twin and Jerome, as well as the Fire Departments.

Paul also comments about the impact it could have on the south side of the canyon if a gathering came together to watch the event. They have begun a dialog for some sort of agreement and arrangement with them, dealing with these kinds of costs. Bill Hanchey is the one that has been primarily speaking with the Sherriff's and is sure that would be some of the discussion tomorrow when he meets them, then the decision will come back to Paul and will take it from there.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

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 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, 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/Arena Scenario at the South Central Public Health District on July 23rd, from 9 to 2. He feels 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 role with the LEPC, he would like you to take the course and when you have completed it to let him know.

Staci Schneider – Introduces herself from the Intermountain Communications and shared her responsibilities; she provides services, vital communications for Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire, and etc. etc. She provides the Motorola Radio, the portable mobile unit. Over all

Intermountain Communications do a lot of things; service the towers, program radios, install, and etc. etc.

Thomas Hughes – Reports on the evacuation drill we had at the Jerome County Court House last week. Things went well but an issue of getting the announcement over the intercom to break into the conversation if they were on the phone.

Chris Taylor – wanted to convey to everyone that the shelter we have is all lined out on WebEOC and anyone that has access to that system and to go in and find out what shelter is activated. They are working directly with Karl DeHart so when the time comes and that happens there will be little icons that will pop up whether it is a code location for medical reserve, a location where pets are allowed, so on a so forth. This is a work in progress and will be updating this on a regular basis so everyone that is a key player will know what is going on. Also, the volunteering process is now set up in the Red Cross of Idaho where people that are in the areas will be making a more proactive stand on getting people in and hope that this will be a shorter process so they can get faster turn overs.

Jay Gardner – Next month they are meeting with the Superintendent to discuss Emergency Operations Plan for the school. It has been 4 years since they have had anyone back to Emmitsburg for training for All Hazard Training for Schools and are planning that for the year 2015.

Cathy Roemer – Gives an update on the Jail; Out of the 4 proposals that came in they were \$1 to \$2 million over Budget of \$9.9 million. They asked the Architect to see if they could reduce it and they were successful in trimming it down. The clerk has said they could pull a million dollars from their reserve budget, so they have that to play with. For an example of a few of the reductions; the Sheriff said they could do without the impound yard which was a \$45,000 reduction and not working through the winter was a \$90,000 reduction. They are still working through some numbers and will start March 1st 2015.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

August 21st, 2014

1pm – 2pm

Jerome City Council Chambers