

## Jerome County LEPC Meeting

Aug 18, 2011  
City Council Chambers  
100 E Ave A  
Jerome, Idaho

### Attendance

**Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Baldwin Camin** – LEPC, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Shauna Donabedian** - SBFMC, **Jay Gardner** - Jerome Police Department, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County, **Mike Hatfield** – Jerome Fire Department, **Lorand Layton** – ARES/RACES, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Roger Morley** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant.

### Welcome

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

### LEPC

Minutes for July 21, 2011 LEPC meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Old Business

Clint reports on Grant updates; As far as the 2008 grants, it has been completed as far as our equipment portion and within just a few dollars of having everything spent providing those things that have been approved for purchase actually arrive. There are still two outstanding purchases that haven't been completed as of yet. There is another purchase that is part of that which is for the Jerome Police Department purchase, part of the 2008 grant and approved to carry over as part of 2009 grant. With the 15 radio purchases the Jerome Police Department has requested, the fire department requested, radios the Sheriffs Office received and the ones assigned for the paramedics we should be in good shape as our local communication capabilities. We will be exploring further capabilities especially if we are successful in identifying an Emergency Operation Center, but will move forward when the time comes up. We are operating under the 2009 SHSP portion of the Grant, and are now making application for the 2011 EMPG, Emergency Management Performance Grant, which is fiscal year 2011 and which is ending October 1<sup>st</sup>. Clint will be meeting with the Commissioners to present the application to them next week. Clint says each year the dollar amounts are decreasing, the requirements are increasing, and the reporting responsibilities are increasing and each of them is being tied to performance. We recently completed the NIMSCAST which is the reporting tool for NIMS compliance; fortunately there have been enough individuals that have taken the required courses as was stipulated in the last reported period requirement. As of right now there are a number of individuals still needing to complete the 701, 702,

703 and 704 requirements and they need to refer to the metric that has been passed out over the last 2 months. The training can be taken online at [www.training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS](http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS) . We have some other administrative personnel and people in higher positions that still need to meet the requirements and take the 300 and 400 ICS schedule. There is an ICS 400 course being given in Burley next week. Mike Hatfield says we can possibly take the ICS 300 and ICS 400 course here in Twin Falls area.

Clint talked about the booth we had at the Fair and the CERTS training and Mapping the Neighborhood sign up sheet. There was very little interest in the CERTS and 'Mapping your Neighborhood' (more in the MYN), but very little interest overall. Clint says we still don't have an open roster and an identified venue. He is planning on meeting with Valley Community Alliance tonight to see what they have been able to put together. Clint says we need to establish a sustainable program, a place the public can meet and look and know there is sustainability if they take the training now. If they take the training what can we offer them as far as training materials? We can offer the training but as individual backpacks right now we are very limited in the resources we have offered in the past. We have equipment but only for training use, not for their personnel use. Clint says he would like to offer a spring class and a fall class each year. He needs a long term committed Venue in order to make the training happen, and at least 15 people that have signed the roster. Shauna offered her facilities for the Cert training and Mike suggested getting ahold of organizations, local businesses, schools etc, etc, for in house training for their employees. Mike offered to assist in the training and suggested he go online to get the updated material.

### **New Business**

Open Discussion on the Jerome County Fair held the week of August 6<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>. Jerome County OEM had a booth at the Fair and the most interested people in the CERTS and Mapping the Neighborhood were from Twin Falls and Gooding counties. Clint asked the LEPC group if the attendance was lower this year and Roger Morley says it was up. Clint says historically that the CERT Program is one area that could be utilized in service during the parade to help maintain crowds if we get our CERTS numbers up to be functional. Baldwin comments that somehow we are not making a dent in the local community and the fact that "It will never happen here" attitude, is scary. Baldwin says, "We need to find a way to get people interested". Jay and Baldwin said that people usually ask about "Neighborhood Watch" at the fair but people just didn't ask this year.

Mike Hatfield responded to concerns about the MVERT program and that Jerome City continues to store the response unit for the team until they can address State concerns regarding funding, training and safety.

Clint reports that Saturday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> we have Magic Valley Safe Kids, safety fair at the Con Paulo Dealership in which we will be involved along with a number of other organizations for an annual event. Also the following weekend, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> the SSCAP will be at the Twin Falls City Park, with over 50 different booths and we will be circulating the area with information on the CERT Program from 10 am to 3 pm. Clint informs everyone that September is the "National Preparedness Month" and he is working on getting people aware of it.

Kelly Bangerter is added to the list for the '*School Shooting Exercise Design Team*', and reminded everyone of our meeting next week following our LEPC meeting.

We will hold an LEPC Officers election next month.

### **Agency Reports**

**Jay Gardner-** Jerome City Police Department Agency Report: The officers are working on the completion of the 701.a, 703, and the ICS 704 NIMS courses. Upcoming Back-To-School Safety event for September 10<sup>th</sup>... Jerome County Fair and Rodeo Safety booth was completed. Numbers were down for visitors.

**Mike Dahmer-** Brought up the National Interoperability Type I & II. Lightning, protection and grounding.

**Cathie Roemer-** Updates on recent item before the Board of County Commissioners. After further study, commissioners found that a firearms ban ordinance for county buildings and/or property was illegal by Idaho Statute.

**Shauna Donabedian-**Reported working on new ASPR grant. They have 200 free mammograms for Minority and or disadvantaged women, over 40 years of age, uninsured, living in Jerome, Lincoln, or Gooding Counties. Offered St. Benedicts meeting room for ICS, HEICS, and CERTS classes upon availability of room.

**Tami Pearson** - SCPHD attended a Fatality Management Planning Team meeting in Boise in June. Fatality Management is a part of ESF 8 which is a response effort for Public Health. SCPHD will be forming a planning team in the near future to start the planning process for regional response efforts. One of the key pieces for SCPHD will be a Family Assistance Center. With partners across the region, we hope to better define mass fatality response in the event that something bad happens.

**Larry Goolsby –** Announced that Jodie Andrew, the Idaho Chapter Disaster Director has taken a position in Bothell Washington as special Red Cross liaison to FEMA Region X. Her replacement has not yet been named. Also, Roger Hinton has been named preparedness director for ARC South Central District in a staff capacity. He plans to attend all regional meetings including RPG, MVCOAD/VOAD, and LEPCs beginning in August.

Our next LEPC meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011