

Aug 21, 2014
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Chris Taylor – American Red Cross, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Dept, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County LEPC/EMA/ARC, **Wade Gayler** – American Red Cross, **Susan Kime** – USDA/Farm Service Agency, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D. Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Staci Schneider** – Intermountain Comm, **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 July 17, 2014 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us a Grant Update: Grants are moving forward; in fact he met with Gary Davis just before the meeting to prepare an application for the 2014 grant year for EMPG as well as the SHSP. We have carried over our grant funding into the 2014 year for completion of the radio tower project. We have closed out the 2011 and 2012 grants.

Clint reports on the Stadium Arena Scenario; The Jerome LEPC was relatively well represented. The scenario was such that it was in a closed arena, meaning we didn't have a specific location or a specific region or area to respond to. This type of setting is too generalized and doesn't get specific enough to get a whole lot out of it. Several of the LEPC members that went to the training reported their feelings on the scenario. One comment was that our LEPC group seems to have it together and responded in a more knowledgeable way and knows how to react in case this scenario really happened. Another thought was; a member of the LEPC group would have liked to hear what was being said on the conference call itself rather than the verbal setting we had. He thought it would have given us a more sophisticated approach. Gary said we can go online to listen to any of these online scenarios. Also a comment was made that the noise in a crowded room environment makes the sound quality real poor for the hearing impaired.

Clint reports on the Jerome County Fair; the weather wasn't real cooperative so the attendance was really down. We had on and off peak times and were able to distribute over 650 copies of the guidelines of our Emergency Preparedness Handbook. We qualified everyone as we gave them out with the goal to get one into each household. We will be putting the handbooks into some other venues for distribution. We are getting brochure stands and will put them in local business such as banks, Senior Citizen Centers in Jerome, Eden and Hazelton, Jerome

Chamber of Commerce, Municipal offices such as the City Halls. Larry said he felt that the handout was something that sparked an interest with most people and never found but a very few thrown in the trash.

New Business

Paul Arrington gives us an update on the Evil Knievel reenactment jump, and gives us the update via phone call: The county commissioners have probably received a letter from them but said that the jump is not going to be happening in early September. Quite honestly when Fox Media backed out a lot of the financial responsibility fell on Eddie, so he steps back a little and takes a good look at everything. A lot of testing still has to happen; including a static test and parachutes test plus various other tests was just leaving them with no room for error which they weren't comfortable with. So they decided it won't happen in early September and after talking it over at length they come up with as late as October. They hope to bring on another broadcast partner and with all the testing still needed to be done, they just weren't confident enough they could get all this done so a date change was made. As soon as they get a solid handle on a broadcaster and all testing is in place they will give us the affirmative set date.

Up Coming Events

Saturday September 6th from 10 am to 2 pm, will be the Back-to-School Safety event at the Con Paulo's Auto Dealership in conjunction with the Magic Valley Safe Kids and other multiple organizations. Clint will be handing out from Jerome Emergency Management, 2 items, one for the kids on emergency preparedness and then the Emergency Preparedness Guidelines to each family.

SCCAP (South Central Community Agency Partnership) event in the park is scheduled for September 20th in the Twin Falls City Park from 10 am to 3 pm. It is a well-attended event with over 70 participates as far as individual booths, a huge showing by the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross in helping provide food. It is undecided whether Clint will participate with our handouts at this time, there may be some conflict of interest being this is a Twin Falls Event.

Clint reports that we have a CERT training program tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday Night September the 15th, at the fire station #2, at 7 pm to 10 pm in the evening. The classes are going to be scheduled both Mondays and Thursdays and Saturday days, two consecutive weeks to get the full course in. There was a sign-up sheet at the fair and a number of individuals interested in the course. There will also be posted an article in the Jerome County Newsletter on the training. Clint doesn't think there will be a problem in getting a full class.

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.

Tami Pearson mentioned in the last LEPC meeting we would send out the proposed dates for the upcoming Virtual Table Top Exercises (VTTX). Each of these will be held at the South Central Health District Office conference room. The VTTX schedule for the coming year is as follows: (These will be posted on the www.idahoprepares.com website for easy enrollment.)

October 8, '14 – Cyber (Cancelled)

December 10, '14 – Mass Care

July 8, '15 – Long-term Power Outage

September 9, '15 – Short Term Recovery

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

Agency Reports:

Eddie D. Patterson – There is going to be a completely self-contained Emergency Disaster trailer stationed in Idaho Falls and the Emergency Disaster mobile unit is going to stay in Twin Falls, because there is one already in Boise. Several thousands of dollars have been put into the mobile unit in Twin Falls County to bring it up to health code. September 29th at the downtown park in Twin Falls they will be using the park for an Emergency Disaster Training Exercise. October 29th at the Bonneville LEPC they will display all three Emergency Disaster units located in the Southern Idaho area.

Mike Dahmer- The Society of Broadcast Engineers in a meeting this month were concerned by the automatic EAS messages sent by the National Weather Service being in error or sent too late after the storm passed thru the area. The errors were geographic in nature. It was pointed out that the only message required to be sent was one originated by presidential authorization. This means that the state and local messages are carried by a courtesy only. Mike also says there was a chemical spill near Hazelton.

Jay Gardner – On Sept 9 the school is having a meeting to discuss going back to Emmetsburg for the 361 class; planning that for next year-April 2015. Also, they are reviewing all the Emergency Operations of all the schools.

Clint Blackwood – Earlier on Monday the USDA Jerome County Emergency Board met to discuss the damage caused by the severe thunderstorm that occurred last Tuesday. The USDA Emergency Board recommended a disaster declaration be proclaimed by the county in order to offer assistance programs to affected producers that qualify.

Staci Schneider- She isn't sure if this affects Jerome County but there is no response from FTC about narrow-banding. Still waiting on them to see what will happen.

Susan Kime – USDA/Farm Service Agency - To add on to what Clint said; the FSA forwarded *The Disaster Declaration* to the federal level and they did approve it and has been sent forward and should be getting a list of names soon.

Tami Pearson- Their fiscal year contract is up and finalized and starting on a new year. They have several projects coming up, one is the medical sheltering and a medical accessory plan they will have to work on. Part of their strategy is to work with the American Red Cross and co-working with their staff.

Diana Ochsner – They responded to the recent flood, events and spent about 4 days evacuating families in Twin Falls. They were just short of opening a shelter but were able to take care of the situation in other ways by way of family and friends. There were issues with the flooding; the canals were overflowing their banks and the biggest issue was the sewer back up. Most families with flooding in their basements also had sewer backup. Jay Briedenbach from the National Weather Service has taken some photos Diana took and some statistics of things he saw throughout the damaged area to take the information back to the weather service and come up with some actual facts as to why this storm occurred; 100 year flood or a 500 year flood. The storm went in a circle and why did it? What was going on around the country that made it settle here and caused a lot of damage? A lot of lessons learned from this and Twin Falls County will be doing a lot of Mitigation.

Chris Taylor – Accommodations with clothing and food during these times of need with the flooding that caught everyone off guard. In the meantime they are continuing with their volunteer processing and trying to communicate with South Central and doing what they need to do.

Wade Gayler – While we had flooding going on here in the Twin Falls area there was flooding going on in North Central Idaho and in the Blackfoot area as well. Shelter and resource was offered in all areas of flooding throughout Northern Idaho.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

Sept 18, 2014

1pm – 2pm

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