

Jan 15, 2015
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Baldwin Camin – LEPC/JPP, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Mike Dahmer** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – BHS, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **John Hathaway** – IDHW, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Staci Schneider** – Intermountain Comm, **Rick Fawcett** – Whisper Mountain, **Steve Hayward** – IBHS, **Brenda Gully** – MV Paramedics, **Mark Hoffmier** – Intermountain Gas, **Jeff Clysdale** – Intermountain Gas, **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 Dec 19, 2014 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us grant updates and reports that we haven't made any progress with the tower purchase but that we need to get it completed as soon as possible because the grant ends in March .

New Business

A report was made on the ICS 300 Course held January 5th 2015. Tamie Pearson says it went very well and there were 26 to 36 individuals in the course.

Clint reports and comments on the Tier II Agency Reports and says they are due by March 1st. If there is hazardous material used within their facilities they are required to submit a Tier II report to State BHS, Jerome County LEPC and Fire Dept. having jurisdiction.

Presentation:

Steve Hayward of Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security gave a presentation on the changes in the training and exercise Tool Kit on a state and local level.

Rick Fawcett from Whisper Mountain gives a short presentation and asked all LEPC members to fill out a form and rank each proposed mitigation project with a high, medium, or low rating as to their importance.

Up Coming Events

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

ICS 400 course in Kimberly February 4-5th, 2015

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.)

July 8, '15 – Long-term Power Outage

September 9, '15 – Short Term Recovery

There are many different training opportunities available that may be helpful for first responders. Independent study online courses are available through the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Independent Study. These courses are available at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/>. EMI also offers the virtual tabletop exercises (VTTX), sponsored by South Central Public Health District. There are also a number of courses being offered by the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC). Go to www.ruraltraining.org/training/online/ for many DHS-certified courses available by the RDPC. If you would like to learn more about the RDPC visit www.ruraltraining.org, email info@ruraltraining.org, or the help desk is also available at (877) 855-7372. Additionally, several upcoming classroom based training opportunities are available. Go to www.idahoprepares.com to review the schedules and register online.

Agency Reports:

Tami Pearson – There are ICS courses and exercises coming up: a tabletop exercise at the hospital, tabletop exercise in Gooding County at the School for the Deaf and Blind, tabletop and full Scale exercise in February (building block approach). In April there will be a full scale exercise based on the Scenario at the February tabletop, Tami says the Flu is wide spread throughout the 48 states and reminds us that if you have not had our flu shot to get it.

Mark Hoffmier – The Intermountain Gas Company (IMC) will be moving into their new office and warehouse facility located in Jerome County at Crossroads Point soon. He also states that IMC will be replacing 3 sections of older plastic supply lines with new 2" mains within the local system.

Brenda Gully – Reports that the Magic Valley Paramedics are now the contract EMS provider for Jerome County and are covering Twin Falls County as well as Jerome County and are part of the East Region for St Luke's. Blaine Patterson is the new Director over St Luke's Lifeflight and Magic Valley Paramedics. There is always someone on call and instead of a 20 minute wait; a response for an ambulance is immediate.

John Hathaway – Idaho Health and Welfare reports that they are working on a new design for Medicaid. It is a big issue and not quite sure if it will happen but moving forward on it. John says there are 77,000 people across the state that have no insurance and one way or the other we will be paying for it with taxes whether they utilize the services or not. Another issue on their radar is the 'Crisis Houses'. They had a ribbon cutting for the one in Idaho Falls that opened up just before Christmas and somewhere between 50/100 individuals have used the services. John explains; basically what the Crisis House is; where anyone in a mental health crises can go, stay there overnight, and that gives them an opportunity to stabilize and then go home. This helps in two ways; so we don't have to pay for services in the hospital and wait 2 to 7 hours to

be processed for a stay in the hospital. The Governor is asking for another Crisis House, and if the budget will allow it, will be built in Northern Idaho.

John also gives us a website 'yourhealthidaho.org' you can sign up for if interested. He says about 80,000 to 90,000 people have signed up for '*Your Health Idaho*' and after that happened we couldn't have more than one agency in the state accessing IRS records and the Department of Labor records. Health and Welfare is now contracted with '*Your Health Idaho*' and they did the evaluation on the ones that signed up last year. John further says there is a there is a lack of understanding of the medical programs and then suggested that maybe sometime he could show the PowerPoint slide show on the myths about Medicare to the LEPC group.

Diana Ochsner – says things have been really crazy with all the house fires. Since the 1st of July Diana and team has been called to 25/26 house fires. Diana and Major Patterson were also called out to assist on the 25 hour stand-off in Twin Falls.

Larry Goolsby – American Red Cross says they are expanding on two projects; one is a fire alarm or smoke alarm detection installation project that is taking hold nationwide. The other is the Pillowcase project which is a self-reliance project the Red Cross volunteers passed on to the communities. We will be hearing more about this later.

Major Patterson – On April 16, 17, and 18th the Salvation Army is having a training on the Salvation Army Disaster Services in Idaho Falls. They have completed 2-3 ½ years in getting prepared with Mobile trailers in Boise, Twin Falls, and Idaho Falls and they put all the needed repairs on them to bring them up to code. Now the Federal Government is giving them a trailer to put either in Mountain Home (Air Force Area) or Boise.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

Feb 19, 2015

1pm – 2pm

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