

Feb 19, 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, **Linda Underwood** – JC Airport, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Dept, **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Doug McFall** – Jerome Sheriff, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Eddie D Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioners, **Larry Troxell** – SCPHD, **Angie Durham** – SCPHD, **Dan Schaffer** – SCPHD, **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 Jan 15, 2015 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us grant updates and reports that we are still in the 2013 grant year and the major item we are dealing with is the *Radio Tower Project*. We believe we have completed it with the exception of getting *The Historic Preservation Document* reviewed and report filed. Jim Wood's with the College of Southern Idaho is an expert in historic preservation and has been working with us in preparing the environmental statement and coordinating with the federal agencies that need to be involved. We are at the point where we should be able to finally submit it.

New Business

Dan Scaffer reports on the ICS 400 course held February 4-5, 2015 in Kimberly.

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 tier2@co.jerome.id.us, and Fire Dept. tier2@ci.jerome.id.us having jurisdiction. Clint read off the list of those still needing to submit and those who have already submitted. Clint says that most are reporting in refrigerate chemicals which is typically ammonia and some are reporting Chlorine in water treatment and fertilizer for agriculture. Clint also says we don't have anything in the county with the exception of Anhyrouus Ammonia in the gas form and Chlorine Gas which is a real concern. He says the City of Jerome has reduced the Chlorine gas considerable to a more soluble solution.

Presentation:

Tami Pearson, Dan Schaffer, Larry Troxell, and Angie Durham from the Public Health Preparedness give a presentation on the upcoming full scale exercise.

Larry Troxell started the presentation off by introducing himself: Larry manages the Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP) for Public Health. He says the HPP is governed by Health and Human Services (HHS) and, through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, they provide grant dollars each year to hospitals, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and coroners to purchase supplies and equipment for Emergency Preparedness. For this grant year Larry says they have received \$17,000 to be used for training and exercises. In the past they have received more money that allowed for purchases of hospital equipment e.g. wheelchairs, bariatric beds, ventilators, and decontamination equipment. The Healthcare Preparedness Program brings together their regional hospitals, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), coroners, hospice agencies, IDHW Mental/Behavioral Health, and many others into a Healthcare Coalition. Larry says they work under a set of capabilities e.g. Healthcare System Preparedness, Healthcare System Recovery, Emergency Operations Coordination, and Fatality Management to name but a few. Their coalition meets once each quarter to discuss various topics required by his contract as well as other topics deemed important by coalition members. Larry says that if we are all involved in a major incident, it is important to know who we are working with and how we can work together. He says the goal is to bring as many people as possible to the table to discuss potential incidents we may face and determine the best way to mitigate each situation.

Tami Pearson gives us a preview: Public Health Preparedness at the health district involves two Federal contracts, one is Public Health Emergency Preparedness which they have a set of capabilities they work with that are very public health specific and are based on the FEMA core capabilities. They still do a lot of the planning and communicating that FEMA does. Tami says this is the contract her and Dan are funded through and they do a lot of training and exercise and are trained to do them so they can offer them to us. The second Federal contract is the HHS and this is where the American Red Cross and Salvation Army get involved. Tami mentioned the tabletop exercise they had on Feb 11th called "4 wheelchairs and a bed pan". The Exercise went well with good attendance and participation. Tami said they will be sponsoring the full scale exercise being held on April 8, 2015.

Dan Schaffer gives us a slide show presentation and goes over 'Exercise Overview Goals'- (Capabilities and Objectives), area of focus, scenario (hospital in Gooding County), who will be Involved (state and local law, local EMS, School Deaf & Blind), and timeline of the exercise.

Angie Durham request for MRC Volunteers – Medical Reserve Corporation request form will need to be filled out.

Tami then talks about the CHEMPACK of Idaho. Why CHEMPACK? Types of Nerve agents, Pharmaceuticals, CHEMPACK locations (federally owned), CHEMPACK containers (1000 Casualties), only certain conditions for use (an incident must) and Incident Management (planning assumption). Tami says that this is a nerve agent antidote and when you have a nerve agent (organic phosphate) it works very quickly. By request, and at that time, they could have a pack here within 12 hours. They put this together shortly after 911 or earlier and realized it wasn't going to get to the area quick enough, so they put together a CHEMPACK program which involved local distribution. The CHEMPACKS are very costly and the containers are behind locked doors, then locked again and again; it is very secure in a locked safe in if anyone breaks in a signal will ring back to Atlanta. They know right away and will be on the phone immediately. So if you need to get into it they have to be told first. CHEMPACK is not SNS and

is stored in these locations: Coeur d'Alene Kootenai RMC, St Joseph LWSTN Louisiana, St Alphonsus health system in Boise, EIRMC in Idaho Falls, Portneuf MC in Pocatello and St. Luke's Magic Valley. They have very specific protocols you have to go through and they would also come every 6 month to check things out.

Up Coming Events

HPP Coalition meeting, (Healthcare Preparedness Program) will be held at Minidoka Memorial Hospital next Thursday Feb 26th at 10:30 a.m. Larry Troxell asks if we know someone that could benefit from participating in the coalition or could provide assistance, to please pass along the invitation to them.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

PER-320 (BHS) Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events

Sign up at: https://www.idahoprepares.com/kc/main/kc_frame.asp

Location: Kimberly – Rock Creek/Kimberly Fire Dept. (242 U.S. Hwy 30) – Training Rm.

Date is: 03/18/2015-03/18/2015

Time: 08:00 AM-05:00 PM

Instructor: CTOS, Center for Radiologic/Nuclear Testing Instructor(s)

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:

Cathy Roemer- County Commissioner - gives an updated report on the Jail and informs us of the ground breaking March 5th at 2pm.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

March 19, 2015

1pm – 2pm

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