

Mar 19, 2015  
City Council Chambers  
100 E Ave A  
Jerome, Idaho

### Attendance

**Baldwin Camin** – LEPC/JPP, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Arthur Brown** – PIO Jerome, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Dept, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Brenda Gully** – MV Paramedics, **Keith Mills** – Hillsdale Hwy Dist, **Bill Allred** – Jerome City Fire, **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 Feb, 2015 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

### Old Business

Clint gives us grant updates and reports that we are still in the 2013/2014 grant year and the major item we are dealing with is the *Radio Tower Project*. We have all the documentation completed for the Environmental Historic Preservation. Clint say the only thing that has really changed is that when they were getting ready to submit it they reviewed the specifications for the tower itself and saw there was some discrepancy compared with one tower to the other based on the freight charges. Come to find out, the reason for the higher cost is the specifications for the tower we had formally planned to purchase was a lower grade and after respicing it they went with a higher Tower Classification. Clint says it will take more of the 2013/14 grant monies but in the long run it will be better to have the vendor do the complete job of erecting the tower and placing the foundation. The benefit of having them do the work verses drop-shipping it on the property is; it will be completed quicker will save the county money in the end. When the tower project is completed it will be completely owned and controlled by the county and we won't be paying rent to someone else.

### New Business

Clint Reports on the SCHC (South Central Health Care) Coalition meeting that was held at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. He says the Coalition is primarily made up of hospitals, EMS, Emergency Management and all those associated with Public Health. They come together to discuss certain projects which are identified throughout the district that they need to provide assistance for. Thursday meetings were changed to Wednesday (by popular vote) due to conflict of other meetings and so forth.

Tami Pearson also commented on the SCHC Coalition; Most of SCPHD's recent activities are based on healthcare capabilities related to the ASPR grant. The full scale exercise is scheduled

to take place April 8, 2015. This exercise is designed to prepare healthcare entities for medical surge emergencies and the exercise will also have a CHEMPACK piece included in the exercise. Clint mentions that part of the funding, is a certain number of items of equipment that is distributed around the area so if in an event the needs are at hand or the capabilities based upon the need. The purchases through the Coalition are voted on by consensus and the appropriate amount of money is allocated toward the need.

Clint reports on the SCEMW (South Central Emergency Management Workshop) held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. All Emergency Managers were invited and other partners involved. Jerome County was the host for this quarter. There were presentations by specific agencies; Public Health Preparedness, Wildfire Protection, NWS update, HazMat, Toxic Release reporting, Tier 2 reporting, Interop Communications, and NIMS.

Clint says that on that same day they had the ground breaking ceremony for the Jerome County Criminal Justice Center which is to be located at 2151 South Tiger Dr, (one half mile south of South Tiger and Nez Pierce) at 2:00 PM. The public was invited and Clint felt it was very well attended. Clint said the one thing he really got excited about is they announced that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was going to be part of that facility.

Clint reports on the Per-320 course held in Kimberly March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Rock Creek Fire Dept. This course was on '*Protective Measures for Biological Events*' and Clint says it came to the forefront based on the Ebola and other biological events that has caused quite a concern in the nation. They talked about personal protective measures for those who are first responders and primarily the health care industry that will need to take care of patients. Many protective issues were discussed and one was how to handle personal equipment in an orderly, protective and safe method. Making people more aware of the potential for biohazard transmittal and what they can do for protection. At the end of the training program there was an actual procedure everyone had to go through and experience what it would really look like. Clint explained the procedure in which they all had to go through. All in all it was a big eye opener on recontamination and the danger of doing or not doing certain things. Clint says it was a very informative course, good participation and a very enjoyable class.

Clint reports and comments on the Tier II Agency Reports and says we have had a good response of agencies submitting reports for compliance. There are still 8 outstanding agencies that reported last year that we have not heard from this year. We will be following up with them to determine if they still have a reporting requirement.

**Presentation:**

**Up Coming Events** – Next Month LEPC meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> we will have Karl DeHart from Idaho Homeland Security give a presentation on the use and capabilities of WebEOC. Should be very interesting and Clint hopes the LEPC Group will plan on attending.

SCHC (South Central Health Care) Coalition meeting will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Luke's Magic Valley.

**Training Opportunities / Exercises:**

Regional Full Scale Exercise on April 8<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the South Central Health District and Gooding County. It will be a surge capacity exercise primarily looking at overwhelming the hospitals to see how well they can handle it. Being that it will be a school bus for the deaf and

blind it will open up jurisdictional capabilities that are not generally considered, i.e. translation and social services.

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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.ruraltraining.org), email [info@ruraltraining.org](mailto: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](http://www.idahoprepares.com), to review the schedules and register online.

#### **Agency Reports:**

**Eddie D Patterson** – On May 16 the Salvation Army is having a full scale Exercise with Boise County. They hope to have their yearly training exercise in Twin Falls July 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Eddie also reports that they are getting some new equipment (donated) they will have to remodel so it will be functional for a supply trailer with a full-fledged kitchen.

**Diana Ochsner** – Not much going on with the Red Cross other than the team finally met up the Montana team. They are trying to get things channeled in the right direction and working with Boise. Things are slow on the fire front but gearing up for the season. The Red Cross office in Twin is completely shut down and has moved everything to the Twin Falls Airport. They are still in response mode for air searches. They have exercises in April and a big one in July.

#### **Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting**

April 16, 2015

1pm – 2pm

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