

April 16, 2015
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Baldwin Camin – LEPC/JPP, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Dept, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Bill Alred** – Jerome City Fire, **Larry Bybee** – Jerome City Fire, **Larry Troxell** – SCPHD, **Diana Ochsner** – Red Cross, **Eddie D Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **Staci Schneider** – Intermountain Comm, **Karl DeHart** – IBHS, **Rob Mace** – IBHS/SLIGP, **Brent Larson** - IBHS/SLIGP, **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 March 2015 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us grant updates and reports that we have submitted all documentation and all grant request for the *Radio Tower Project* and is now in the hands of FEMA. We should be hearing back from them soon and that will take care of 2013/14 grant years but that grant year basically closes and all projects should be completed by July 31. Things are moving along quickly now that the paperwork is completed. Clint says that if anyone drives by the property on highway 93 just shy of 100 by the Jerome Butte, on the right hand side, northwest you will see a short 34' tower and a communication building already on the foundation. The Radio Tower will be fully specked with the orange and white alternating colors with the flashing light to make it fully compatible with the specifications.

New Business

Larry Troxell reports on the Regional Full Scale Exercise held on April 8th. The Scenario for that exercise started with severe weather which impacted the bus for the deaf and blind. It was all staged with bus, equipment and moulaged a lot of people to the area. Larry says the moulaging with broken bones looked so real and the ones responsible for that did a great job. That accident was the start of the exercise. Responding was Gooding County, Wendell, Bliss, all sorts of Fire and Police from that area. Also the accident involved another vehicle with hazmat situations. The first responders had to figure out what was going on before they could go in. This triggered calls to FBI and lots of others which ended up calling in for CHEMPACK which is nerve agent antidote which is being stored at St Luke's Magic Valley. They store it behind several locked doors, with a camera focused on it and the door is wired back to CDC in Atlanta. If the door is opened then the phone rings wanting to know what is going on. This particular exercise was requested to see how the process would work. This was the first time of testing it and felt it went over very well. The fake container was actually taken by the ISP (Idaho State

Police) from the hospital in Twin to North Canyon Medical Center where all the victims or moulage patients that were hurt pretty badly were being kept. Few minor issues but this is what the exercises are for to see what works and what doesn't. All total they had 38 agencies working on this and people that came in to help. North Canyon Medical Center, St Luke's Jerome, Twin Falls and Wood River were all involved and their part was significant weather event, called immediate bed availability. The Hospital has 4 hours to remove 20% of their patients in bed during a medical surge. Magic Valleys count was 44 people and they did it in 2 1/2 hours. Across all the hospitals it worked really well. Larry says that there is always one problem we have and that is communication but other than that he felt the exercise was extremely successful. Wednesday they will have a Hot Wash with the major players at the Public Health in Twin Falls at Noon. Larry says one good thing that has come out of this exercise is it opened the eyes of the Deaf and Blind school to the realization that something like this could actually happen.

Presentation:

Karl DeHart from Homeland Security gave a presentation on the use and capabilities of WebEOC. WebEOC is a web-based information management system that provides a single access point for the collection and dissemination of emergency or event-related information. Karl went through on how they use WebEOC in the EOP Operation and how it can be used in the County,

Brent Larson – SLIPG project Manager of FirstNet and Rob Mace IBHS/SLIGP gave a presentation on FirstNet which is directed to First Responders. They talked about their vision to provide emergency responders with the first high-speed, wireless nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN). They discussed 'Who will use FirstNet, The Coverage Challenge, FirstNet Network, The Road to the NPSBN, and How much will it cost? First Responder Network Authority can be reached for more FirstNet facts at: www.firstnet.gov.

Up Coming Events –

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

On May 16th the Salvation Army is having a full scale Exercise with Boise County and will be held in Twin Falls.

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:

Eddie D Patterson – On May 16 the Salvation Army is having a full scale Exercise with Boise County. They yearly training exercise in Twin Falls July 16th 17th and 18th. Eddie says they received the donated equipment yesterday and will start the remodeling so it will be functional for a supply trailer with a full-fledged kitchen.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

May 21, 2015

1pm – 2pm

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