

May 21, 2015  
City Council Chambers  
100 E Ave A  
Jerome, Idaho

### **Attendance**

**Baldwin Camin** – LEPC/JPD, **Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – IBHS  
**Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Eddie D Patterson** –  
The Salvation Army, **David Becker** – The Salvation Army, **Chad Smith** – MV Paramedics,  
**Staci Schneider** – Intermountain Communications, **Dan Olmstead** – Idaho Power, **David  
LaCelle** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **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 April 2015 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

### **Old Business**

Clint gives us grant updates and reports that he finally received the Environmental Historic Preservation approval from FEMA and GAN approval which is the grant authorization that ties the money to that request. So right now we have been approved to spend \$62,000 of grant funding on that Radio Tower. We have been in contact with the vender Sabre International who has initiated construction, painting and delivery of the tower. We are finally moving forward with the *Radio Tower Project*. We have the July 31 end of the grant and completion date deadline, and are close to it, but we hope to get everything in place and completed. Clint says that nearly all of the grant monies have been spent for 2013/14 grant years.

Clint was asked if he could explain just what the functions of the tower will be; He says the ultimate goal is to first off provide radio coverage throughout Jerome County and the second thing is to provide infrastructure redundancy, and third to have it under Jerome Counties control.

### **New Business**

Clint gave a short presentation on '*Map Your Neighborhood*'. The question was asked; What can Emergency Management do in Jerome County if we have a disaster? Clint says the biggest thing we can do is to coordinate resources through the Emergency Operations Center or working with other First Responders, but if the citizens themselves can't act on their own to protect themselves, or respond to a situation, there isn't much that can be done to help them. Clint says the impact he is seeing in his office, is going to be in the preparedness stage and the preplanning. The preplanning we have already been doing but the preparedness phase will have to be turned over to the citizens themselves. Clint says we are looking at two programs he feels will have a beneficial impact upon the citizens. The Los Angeles Fire Department years ago recognized the need to be ready after an Earthquake locally because they couldn't get to anyone quick enough because of the infrastructure damages. That is when they started the

*Community Emergency Response Team Training* a number of years ago and since that time it has grown into a nationwide program and has been fully adopted by The Department of Homeland Security. The presentation; as a CERT member we can: Teach Map Your Neighborhood. So what is MYN? It is a neighborhood based program designed to help you and your neighbors prepare for and respond to disasters. Clint went over the MYN simple to follow training outlined in the Discussion Guide, the Program Helps and the 9 steps we need to know immediately following Disaster. We talked about; *How to Map out the Neighborhood, Mark Exact Location of Utilities and completing a Contact List*, along with *complete Inventory of Equipment/Supplies and Skill/Knowledge*, and then filling out MYN Postcard with all the personal information to send to the Local Emergency Management Office or your neighbors. Clint feels that if we could introduce MYN to the neighborhood with this simplistic style it would also teach some other things in getting prepared in all levels. Clint tells the LEPC group that he is trying to reintroduce this within the community and is asking the LEPC groups for their help to get it implemented around the neighborhoods. Clint says they hope to be able to offer CERT training within the upcoming summer months and into the fall.

Clint says that if anyone has an association or agency wanting information he could contact them. Just let him know.

### **Presentation:**

Whereas Jerome County EMS has been assumed by contract with Magic Valley Paramedics for ambulance service in Jerome County, some questions from citizens has arisen concerning staffing. Chad Smith gave a short presentation on the Magic Valley Paramedics to clarify their availability and response efforts. They are available 24/7 in Jerome County. Employees merged some of the people that used to work for Jerome EMS and they rotate from Jerome County to Twin Falls County, no delays and response time is less than it used to be. Chad said there are 6 stocked cars available in the area and they cover all of Jerome County and Twin Falls County. Station 3 in Twin Falls on Kimberly road will be moving to the Rock Creek Fire station in Kimberly in July and that will put them a lot closer to helping Eastern Jerome County and other areas. The plan is to have another station on the North end of Twin Falls near the Bridge.

David LaCelle commented: The Jerome City Fire Department has been working alongside of St. Luke's Magic Valley Paramedics and the transition has been relatively smooth. He said they have had no real delays in service for a second ambulance within the City of Jerome. St. Luke's automatically dispatches a second ambulance to the Jerome area any time there primary ambulance is called out. There have been occasions where there have been up to 3 St. Luke's ambulances in the City of Jerome at one time.

Chad says they have a small training room in the Jerome County Paramedics that will accommodate 10 comfortably and can hold up to 20 people if needed. Clint invited himself to visit the facilities to look around when possible.

**Up Coming Events** – Airport Fly-In on June 20 at the Jerome County Airport.

### **Training Opportunities / Exercises:**

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

July 29, 15 – CISM

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 had a full scale exercise with Boise County. Major Patterson said it went very very well. It was a full-fledge scale with a continental breakfast and lunch. They took all three units (Idaho Falls, Boise and Twin Falls) to the site. Their yearly training exercise in Twin Falls will be July 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Twin Falls Salvation Army. On Sept 19<sup>th</sup> they will be having another training exercise and will be feeding 1500 to 2000 people in a 6 to 7 hour period.

**Tami Pearson** – Health Care Coalition Partners invited hospital, EMS Agencies, County Emergency Managers, etc. to the South Central Health Care Coalition meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. She says they do a lot of activities health care related. In fact, the full scale exercise they just finished the first part of April was associated with the community partners program.

Tami says the Long-term Power Outage in July and the Short Term Recovery in Sept is set up as a tabletop exercise and both are FEMA produced products that we get from them. They have a yearlong schedule and Tami says they try to pick the ones that are pertinent to this area, but if there are others on the schedule that we want to see, go to the FEMA website and pick and choose what we would like to do.

**Dan Olmstead** – Idaho Power Company has what they call a Winter Drill and a Summer Drill and 3 weeks ago they had their successful Summer Drill meaning; they conducted their own internal outage drills. To relieve the Dispatch Center in Boise they opened up a “Storm Room” to assist local questions during times of major storms. Dan says they have a new feature that people can go to: [idahopower.com/outage](http://idahopower.com/outage) to view a current “outage map”.

**David LaCelle** – Comments that the Fire Department Fire Chief Thomas Hughes, Assistant Fire Chief Bill Allred, and Fire Lieutenant Larry Bybee are attending the First Net meeting in Boise.

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

June 18, 2015

1pm – 2pm

Jerome City Council Chambers