

Aug 20, 2015
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Clint Blackwood – Jerome County EMA, **Jay Gardner** – Jerome Police Department, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA/ARC, **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Bill Allred** – Jerome City Fire Dept, **Loran Layton**- ARES/RACES, **Tami Pearson** – SCPHD, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Staci Schneider** – Intermountain Communications, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant,

Welcome

Larry Goolsby Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and invited members to introduce themselves.

LEPC

Minutes for July 2015 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Clint gives us grant updates and reports that all grants have been paid for 2013 and 2014 grant years. All grant monies have gone to the Radio Tower and other projects associated with it. Clint says we also have the *All Hazard Mitigation Plan* under contract. It has not yet been officially accepted by FEMA Region10 as yet. They are allowing more input from the community and jurisdiction that have been involved. It actually is entirely complete; just waiting for that acceptance process.

New Business

Clint reports on the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) TTX Exercise held on July 29th. They used a loosely defined tabletop format, but it was more of a collaborative informational presentation by Dr. Jeffrey T Mitchell. He and his partner, Dr. George S. Everly, started the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation recognizing that first responders in the field were showing psychological symptoms following exposure to critical incidents, and the accumulative psychological effect these events had on the first responders. They developed a CISM model on how to deal with it and recognizing signs and symptoms of CIS Disorder. As part of the presentation there were some scenarios that were reviewed, to fulfill the exercise requirements, but mostly the time was spent listening to him. PTSD (Posttraumatic Stress Disorder as seen in the military is basically the same element, just a different degree of exposure.

Clint reports on the Jerome County Fair held on August 4th to August 9th. Clint says the fair this year was a little bit slower that we have seen in the past years. Our theme this year was MYN (Map Your Neighborhood) program and in trying to get people to sign up to take the training, we

did have a few sign up and hope to get it out into the community more. He said they also distributed a number of the *Community Emergency Preparedness workbook and guidelines* pamphlets. Clint encouraged the LEPC group to continue getting the community involved.

Clint reminds us, and gives information on this year's upcoming Back-to-School Safety Event at the Con Paulos Dealership on September 12th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will once again have a booth along with Fire Dept., Police Dept. first responders of all kinds, search and rescue and many other booths. He invites all to come and bring their kids. A lot of giveaways and prizes distributed!

Clint goes into the LEPC By-Laws: last month we had some discussion about what was included in the by-laws, what our mandates were and other questions, Clint provided the LEPC group a copy of the by-laws that were last amended in 2009, and then reads through them. There are some changes that will need to be made and will have a motion from the LEPC group before doing so.

Clint also says there is another document in the Local Emergency Planning Committee handbook published by the state of Idaho. It mostly speaks specifically of Hazardous Chemical Inventory, ensuring the local hazard analysis, and talks about the laws and exercising the plan. Clint says the LEPC has always been involved. There has been some discussion about local government and response for a hazmat team. Clint says a lot has been put in these documents that aren't part of our LEPC and is pretty much up to the LEPC if they want to establish sub-committees and responsibilities of the committees and what is put in the by-laws, it can be done. According to the By-laws we don't have any specific authority other than what is required.

LEPC members shared with us the way other counties are using their sub-committees. Question was asked; Does the sub-committees make recommendations to the LEPC group, then voted on before they are put in the by-laws? Another member said we used to have sub-committees up until 2 years or so ago that dealt with the grant monies when we had much more money to deal with, and could make requests for the different agencies. So then with that being said it was recommended we should form a committee of people to go over what has been discussed in the last couple of LEPC meetings.

Cathy Roemer has some concerns, after what was brought up in our last LEPC and going over the by-laws; Is every agency getting a fair shot at receiving the benefit of those dollars and equipment? It could create a lot of hard feelings and this would be a good step in moving forward with making changes in the by-laws.

The LEPC group also discussed maybe being small enough they don't need sub-committees but as a group could handle and discuss the issues of by-laws and what is best for all agencies, or do we want to form a sub-committee to present to the LEPC?

Clint says all grant monies come through the county under the State Homeland Security Grant funding process. Clint also says we have seen the dollars, over the last 10 years, diminished significantly and he anticipates they will continue to dwindle and become tighter as to what we

can and can't do. We need guidelines, (which we haven't yet received); before we can allocate monies into any proposed projects. The monies and projects are becoming so competitive.

The last two years the monies have gone to the tower project which added up to be \$62,000. Clint says that 25% has to be dedicated to law enforcement. LEPC group discussed the distribution of grant monies; where it is being issued and the fairness of whom and where it is issued to and other places agencies can get money.

Cathy Roemer likes the idea of moving forward with an LEPC committee, then if we see something big coming down the path we can always form a Sub-Committee. Cathy made a suggestion to Clint; along with the grant reports each month to give us a timeline and what you see coming, actual dollar amounts, like the dedication of the mandate to the law enforcement, etc. etc., be more specific so as a committee we have a good understanding of what might be available. Clint asks the LEPC Committee, do they want to take that responsibility, and do they really want to get that information? Cathy says that it is a good idea as a committee to know what is available for emergency planning etc. etc.

It is motioned that the discussion will continue next month and will be added to the agenda.

Another Agenda item for next month with is elections for new officers.

Clint then goes over training opportunities and exercises available. The TTX exercise that was going to be held at the SCPHD on Sept 9th 'Short Term Recovery' has been postponed.

Clint makes a statement; he just returned from the EMI, Leadership Academy course and finished his 4th session, as a Cohort, kind of like a graduation ceremony. Clint would highly recommend it to anyone that is pursuing a career in emergency management. If anyone is interested in any of the activities, go to the EMI website, <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/is/> and see what is available.

Clint brings to our attention another training: G291 – Joint information System / Joint Information Center Planning for Tribal, State and Local Public Information Officers. This course is coming up September 24th, 2015 from 8am to 5pm at the Rock Creek Fire Department, 1559 Main Street North, Kimberly, Id. Clint says, anyone interested in the public information process, this is an excellent course and of course if anybody has any public information duties within their agencies, highly recommends this course. Take advantage of the courses when they come available or we will see them diminish all together.

Clint say that one of the things we are dedicated to in the law enforcement area is we support the ICIC (Idaho Criminal Information Center) basically the terrorism watch dog within the state police, and contribute to the up-keep of that program which also comes out of our grant money.

Agency Reports:

Staci Schneider – Intermountain Communications – reports that the Bennett site is up and running. They also still have a promotion going on for Motorola Radios, portable and hand held Apex 4000, and a 4500 which is more for the rural area, and then the Apex 6000 and 6500

which is generally too much of a radio for this area. These promotions are good through September.

Tami Pearson – SCPHD - gives us the news of her leaving and this being her last day. She starts at St Luke's on Monday. They are in the process of filling her position as we speak and will be closed by next Wednesday. Tami will be missed and we wish her well in her new adventure.

Loran Layton- ARES/RACES - On behalf of the Magic Valley Radio group they want to say "THANK YOU"! Thanks to everyone that was involved in getting the tower project going and making it happen. We can now reach areas like Carey, Picabo, Bellevue, Shoshone, Gooding, Camas Prairie, and Castleford, that we weren't able to get into before and are now on the map.

Cathy Roemer – Jerome County Commissioner – thinks that it would be of interest to the group of the reactivation of 'District 4 Interoperability Governmental Board", called the DIGB's 4 for region 4. Cathy reads part of the email to the LEPC group.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

September 17, 2015

1pm – 2pm

Jerome City Council Chambers