

LEPC Meeting  
Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011  
Emergency Management Office  
Rock Springs

**In attendance:**

David Beltran	MHSC
Nissa Homan	MHSC
Darin Howe	Simplot Phosphates
Monica Johnson	FMC
Rudy S. Rodriquez	WNWP
Steve Martin	BP
Holly Dabb	Rocket Miner
Blaine Graham	School District #1
Scott Walker	Halliburton
Gary Bailiff	Sweetwater County Commissioner
Rick Cozad	Rock Springs Fire Department
Chad Banks	Sweetwater County Events Complex
Craig Jackson	SCSO
David Johnson	Sweetwater EMA
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

**Welcome**

Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:39.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by David Beltran and seconded by Holly Dabb to approve the agenda; the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Holly Dabb motioned to accept the minutes of the Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 meeting, Rick Cozad seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**Reports from Committees**

**Citizen Corps**

- **Volunteer Foundation** – Holly Dabb advised the group that The Volunteer Foundation is struggling for membership and is considering combining with another community volunteer group.
- **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)** - The next class is tentatively scheduled for sometime in January. The last class was held in September at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center). We are planning on holding more of our classes at the EOC; this enables us to utilize more props.

**Old Business**

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### **Special Needs/UTSE (Unable to Self Evacuate)**

Judy Roderick reviewed the Special Needs/UTSE (Unable to Self Evacuate) meeting that was held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual meeting of care providers to discuss their role during an emergency. Due to HIPPA we are unable to maintain lists of individuals that may need special assistance during an emergency. In the event of an emergency in Sweetwater County, Emergency Management would notify the care providers and the providers would assist their clients.

There was some discussion regarding the need to make notifications in the event of power failures that last longer than a couple of hours. This has been an ongoing issue and Dave Johnson is working on it.

### **Fontenelle Working Group**

Dave Johnson recapped the Fontenelle working group meeting and reviewed the minutes for the group. The Fontenelle Working Group meets periodically to advise relevant groups of release plans and Fontenelle Dam activities. This past winter was unusual with more moisture and a cooler spring than usual. Levels were constantly monitored and releases were scheduled to prevent flooding. The prediction for next winter is similar with an earlier melt. The next meeting is scheduled for April.

### **Recap of National Preparedness Month**

Judy Roderick advised the group that September was National Preparedness Month. National Preparedness Month was created following 911. This was the tenth anniversary and the theme for the year was “*A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare*” Emergency Management and their volunteers took advantage of this month to help Sweetwater County residents to be more prepared. They setup booths at; the Green River Farmer’s Market, Smith’s in Rock Springs and Western Wyoming College, to distribute preparedness information. We made arrangements with TEEX to put on a Senior Officials Workshop. The SCART (Sweetwater County Animal Response Team) held a BYOB (Build Your Own Bucket) event where they distributed items donated by several very generous vets and pet stores and helped educate pet owners as they created emergency kits for their pets. We held a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training class.

### **Senior Officials Workshop**

Dave Johnson gave a recap of the Senior Officials Workshop that was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Western Wyoming College. TEEX presented this class at the request of our office. This was an excellent class although we had hoped to have more participation from elected officials in our county. There is some concern that when we do have a major event in our county our senior officials won’t fully understand their role. Those that did take the class referred to it as a real eye opener.

### **NIMS/NIMS Cast Update**

Each year, in September, County Emergency Management offices submit their updated NIMS Cast. Grant funding eligibility for Sweetwater County is determined using the results of this submission. If you or members of your group take any NIMS/ICS classes please submit a copy of the certificate or email to Sweetwater County Emergency Management.

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Sweetwater County Emergency Management recommends that everyone take the following courses (in this order):

- [IS-700.a National Incident Management System \(NIMS\), An Introduction](#)
- [IS-100.b - \(ICS 100\) Introduction to Incident Command System](#)
- [IS-200.b \(ICS 200\) ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents](#)

Information regarding NIMS class requirements can be found at:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/NIMSTrainingCourses.shtm#item1>. Please note that there are a few new classes that you may want to take:

- [IS-701.a NIMS Multiagency Coordination System \(MACS\) Course](#)
- [IS-702.a National Incident Management System \(NIMS\) Public Information Systems](#)
- [IS-703.a NIMS Resource Management Course](#)
- [IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management](#)
- [IS-706 NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid - An Introduction](#)

Most of the NIMS classes are available free online. We do however have an instructor at Western Wyoming College who is willing to instruct the classes for us at a very nominal charge of around \$25 per student to pay for the cost of the materials. A 300 class is being offered in Rock Springs at Fire District #1 on October 28-30 from 8:00 to 5:00, the prerequisites are 100, 200, and 700. A 400 class is being offered at Fire District #1 on December 10-11; the prerequisites are 100, 200, 300 and 800.

#### Exercises

Dave Johnson, Karla Roich and Judy Roderick have helped to evaluate various exercises in the last few months. These experiences have helped us to improve our exercise design skills as well as our evaluation expertise.

#### \* **Sage View Evacuation Exercise**

On August 19<sup>th</sup> Dave Johnson, Karla Roich and Judy Roderick evaluated a full scale evacuation exercise for Sage View. The staff did a great job of evacuating the facility safely, efficiently and very quickly.

#### \* **Natrona County Airport Exercise**

On August 27<sup>th</sup> Dave Johnson and Judy Roderick assisted with an evaluation of a full scale exercise in Natrona County. The scenario for this exercise was a mid air plane crash.

#### \* **Teton County Exercise**

On September 13<sup>th</sup> Dave Johnson and Judy Roderick traveled to Jackson to help with the evaluation of their full scale exercise. The scenario for this exercise included an unidentified hazardous material that was causing passengers on a plane to become ill and one died. There was also the discovery of a bomb (undetected) that fell from the sky. This exercise did include the opening of the Teton County EOC (Emergency Operation Center). Although we only participated in one day of this exercise it actually lasted several days.

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## **Upcoming exercises**

### **\* ExxonMobil Exercise**

Dave Johnson updated the group on the upcoming ExxonMobil full scale exercise. The scenario is that during the installation of a second party pipeline, on the west side of I80 between Green River and Rock Springs, the installation contractor punctures the ExxonMobil 24" CO2 pipeline. The greatest hazard from the release will be oxygen deprivation with a secondary visibility hazard on the interstate.

### **\* Update on Chlorine Spill Exercise ("Lyle's Nightmare")**

Dave Johnson updated the group on the upcoming Chlorine Spill Exercise that has been named "Lyle's Nightmare". This exercise is scheduled for June 9th, 2012 from 8:00 am to 13:00. The Tabletop for this exercise will be November 16th, 2011.

## **New Business**

### **National High School Rodeo Finals**

Chad Banks from the Sweetwater County Events Complex provided an overview of the National High School Rodeo Finals event that will be coming to the complex in July of 2012. 1,700 competitors and family members from 43 states and three countries will be traveling to this event. Most of the events will be taking place at the events complex with the shooting portions taking place at the County and Green River shooting ranges. 800 hotel rooms have been blocked for this event.

When not hosting the rodeo Gillette would host RV rallies; this might be something that could be looked into in the future to utilize the new RV sites that are being created. Gillette also allowed local residents to rent personal RVs to participants and their families.

### **Vice President/Co-Chair Discussion**

Phillip Luzmoor is the Co-Chair and the person that requested this topic be on this agenda and was unable to attend this meeting so this topic will be tabled for now and discussed at the next meeting.

## **Open Discussion**

### **Prepare your vehicle for winter**

Holly Dabb reiterated the importance of preparing your vehicle for winter by sharing a story of two of her new employees (moved here from warm climates) who ruined the engines in their automobiles by only having water in the radiator instead of antifreeze.

### **Halliburton Tour**

Judy asked Scott Walker about a tour that had been discussed with Steve Reeves, Facility Supervisor. Scott was unaware of the previous discussion but, offered a tour to the LEPC. Our next LEPC meeting will include a tour of Halliburton.

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The tour will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. When arriving at Halliburton; do not drive thru the gates, go to the left and park by the flag pole, enter thru the front doors and be sure to sign in. Halliburton has a strict no jewelry policy so please remove any jewelry prior to your arrival. If you have any PPE such as safety glasses, steel toes or hard hats please bring these with you.

**Adjourn**

Holly Dabb motioned to adjourn the meeting and David Beltran seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 11:12

Attachments: Sign in sheet

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