

LEPC Meeting
Thursday, July 21st, 2011
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs

In attendance:

Damon L. Gleason Sr.	Brenntag Pacific
Tamara Twitchell	Daggett County
Monica Johnson	FMC
John Knoll	ExxonMobil
Karla Roich	SWC Community Nursing
David Beltran	MHSC
Jean Stachon	County Health Officer
Doug Smith	QEP Resources
Nissa Homan	MHSC
Blaine Graham	School District #1
Dave Peck	EPA
Holly Dabb	Rocket Miner
Carl Blanksvard	RSFD
Bryan Seppie	JPWB
Steve Martin	BP Moxa
PJ Luzmoor	Self
Kim Collier	Union Pacific RR/Operation Life Saver
David Johnson	Sweetwater EMA
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA
Stephen J. Pyles	City of Green River

Welcome

Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:38.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Holly Dabb motioned to accept the minutes of the Thursday, April 21st, 2011 meeting, Karla Roich 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.
David Beltran expressed an interest in joining the boat patrol; Dave Johnson will get with Dave Beltran regarding this.
- **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)** - The next class hasn't been scheduled yet but, we hope to schedule one in the near future.

Sweetwater County Emergency Operations Plan – Dave Johnson, Karla Roich and Judy Roderick met to update the EOP and Dave Johnson presented the updated EOP to the group. The cover page needs to be updated to 2011 to reflect the current update. Phillip Luzmoor motioned to accept the EOP; John Knoll seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Old Business

NIMS Update – 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. Please remember to notify our office if you or anyone takes any of these classes. Availability of grants for agencies in our county is tied to NIMS compliancy.

Updates for LEPC notebooks – Judy Roderick distributed copies of the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan), and the Sweetwater County Hazard Analysis for members to update their LEPC notebooks. Notebooks were distributed to members who hadn't already received one.

Exercises

- **ExxonMobil Table Top Exercise** – Dave Johnson presented an overview of the table top ExxonMobil CO2 release exercise that was held on June 14th. The scenario was that during the installation of a second party pipeline, on the west side of I80 between Green River and Rock Springs, the installation contractor punctured the ExxonMobil 24" CO2 pipeline. The greatest hazard from the release of the CO2 is oxygen deprivation with a secondary visibility hazard on the interstate.
- **Memorial Hospital Evacuation Exercise** – David Beltran advised the members that the hospital is required to have two functional exercises a year. The preplanning for the exercises began with the review of the hospitals HVA (Hazard Vulnerability Analysis). Their HVA varies somewhat from Emergency Management as their highest hazard is fire.

The exercise took place on June 27th. The scenario was that of a tornado and started with a tornado watch, followed by warning and a tornado. After watching the events of the Joplin tornado it was determined that this exercise would be conducted with the assumption that many of the partners would be unavailable to assist and the hospital would need to rely on their resources to evacuate patient care areas to an alternate care site. The Holiday Inn was chosen for this site from lessons learned during Katrina. Hotels were determined to be better equipped with beds, privacy, food, and linens. The command staff utilized the ICS (Incident Command Structure) and appropriate vests, paperwork and handheld radios were distributed to them. Procedures were then followed to evacuate patients and supplies. They were evacuated with all necessary records, medications, equipment and personnel. The Staff utilized hospital vehicles as well as Star Transit. The exercise ran relatively smoothly and did accomplish their goals and objectives. As with all exercises areas needing improvement were identified and improvements have been implemented. Dave Johnson, Karla Roich and Judy Roderick assisted with evaluation of this exercise.

David Beltran also advised the members of a water purification system that they have purchased that allows them to purify any water into drinking water. Bryan Seppie also advised that although they may not be able to pump water during an event they may be able to supply the hospital with water thru a gravity feed. They probably wouldn't be able to isolate the tank for the hospital but may be able to limit others.

- **Airport Table Top Exercise** – Dave Johnson advised the group that on April 27th the airport held their first exercise since the retirement of Gary Valentine. This exercise was conducted by Terry Doak. The exercise created an opportunity for responders to identify their resources. Following the exercise an ATF representative gave an interesting presentation on missiles.
- **Sweetwater/Daggett County Communication Drill** – Judy Roderick reviewed the Sweetwater County/Daggett County communication drill for the group. During an ice fishing derby a piece of ice broke and floated away from the shore with fishermen on it. During this rescue communication problems between Daggett County and Sweetwater County were identified. As a result on May 19th Sweetwater County took their mobile command vehicle along with their radio expert to Buckboard where Daggett County met them with their mobile command vehicle and radio expert. The two command vehicles were set up, radio frequencies were tested and necessary adjustments were made.

Tamara also advised the membership that Daggett Counties hover craft should arrive sometime near Labor Day.

- **State of Wyoming and WDOH Functional SNS** – Karla Roich participated in a three day, state wide CDC (Center for Disease Control) Exercise. The scenario was that during a regional baseball tournament in Kemmerer an individual spread anthrax spores. Surveillance at hospitals alerted Cheyenne. Push packs were

delivered to Cheyenne and teams were utilized to distribute the contents. WebEOC, VSTAT, and WARN were all used. This was a very successful exercise and provided a great opportunity to get to know other players.

- **PHRC Radiological Table Top** – Karla Roich also reviewed the radiological tabletop exercise that took place in Pinedale during the PHRC (Public Health Response Coordinator) Conference that was held June 14th-16th. This was a great opportunity to introduce all of the players and discuss their roles in a radiological incident. Currently Highway patrol takes the lead and legislatively RERT (Regional Emergency Response Team) is in the operations branch not the IC (Incident Command).

Upcoming exercises

- **Department of Health Full Scale Exercise** – Planned for May 12th, 2012.
- **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 3rd, 2011 and the next planning meeting will be September 6th at 9:00 am in our office.
Kim Collier is still working on getting a railroad car here that we could use for training for this exercise.

New Business

2010 Tier II Summary – Judy Roderick advised the membership that all of the Tier II data that was received for 2010 has been recorded and filed in our office. There were 93 companies that reported for 2010 compared to 116 in 2009, 94 in 2008 and 100 in 2007. This number can be deceiving as many of the smaller companies have been purchased by others.

EPA National Training – Dave Peck presented a very informative overview of the Planning Preparedness & Response Activities that the EPA Region 8 Preparedness Unit provides. They cover several areas including an Oil, Chemical, Outreach, Exercise and Training Programs.

When EPA receives notification of an event within 15 minutes on their 800-424-8802 line local government will avoid a fine and may be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$25,000.

Members can register on the EPA’s site to become involved with the Green River Basin EPA Coalition.

Chemical Hazards Overview – Carl Blanksvard, Fire Inspector for Rock Springs Fire Department, presented an overview on Chemical Hazards. The State of Wyoming has adopted the International Fire Code 2006 edition. Locally we can be more stringent not

less. Chapter 27 contains lists of quantities that if exceeded result in an H (hazard) classification. Radiological is not regulated by Fire codes, federal regulations regulate radiological.

Open Discussion

Senior Officials Workshop

Sweetwater County Emergency Management has made arrangements with TEEX to present a Senior Officials' Workshop at WWCC Rock Springs Campus on September 14th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information go to <http://www.whstpclasses.eventbrite.com/> or contact our office.

National High School Rodeo

Carl Blanksvard was one of several people from Sweetwater County to visit Gillette during the National High School Rodeo. Sweetwater County Events Complex will be hosting this ten day event in 2012. This is the largest rodeo in the world and will have a huge impact on our county. It was suggested that we invite Larry Lloyd to give a presentation at our next meeting.

Vice President/Co-chair

It was suggested that with the retirement of Phillip Luzmoor we may want to consider removing the Vice President/Co-Chair from the LEPC.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 27th, 2011 at 8:30 am in the EOC at 731 C Street, Building A, Suite #131, Rock Springs, WY 82901.

Adjourn

Holly Dabb motioned, Dave Johnson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:01.

Action Items:

	Responsible Individual	Action Item Responsible For
1	Dave Johnson	Get with David Beltran regarding joining the Boat Team
2	Everyone	Continue NIMS training
3	Judy Roderick	Add 2011 to the front page of the EOP
4	Lyle's Nightmare Committee	Continue planning exercise
5	Dave Johnson	Invite Larry Lloyd to present at the next LEPC

Attachments: Sign in sheets

The LEPC serves as a group of professionals in the community for the purpose of information, training, discussions, and public education relating to hazardous substances, emergency planning, health, and environmental risks.