

LEPC Meeting
Friday, April 27th, 2012
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs

In attendance:

Paul Phillips	84 th CST
Rick Cozad	Rock Springs Fire Department
Bryan Seppie	GR/RS/SW – JPWB
Holly Dabb	Rocket Miner
Tom Jacobsen	FMC Corporation
Carl Blanksvard	Rock Springs Fire Department
Monica Johnson	FMC
Phillip Luzmoor	Citizen
Curtis Burke	Halliburton
Steve Reeves	Halliburton
Dave Peck	EPA
Kim Collier	UPRR
Dan Frink	Memorial Hospital
Eric Heap	Plains Pipeline
Drew Engstrom	Plains Pipeline
Steve Martin	BP
Clay Fuller	Wyoming Guard
Jack O. Ledingham Jr.	Colorado Interstate Gas
John Knoll	ExxonMobil
Leonard Ortega	Williams Gas Pipeline
Shawn A. Wells	Jim Bridger Power Plant
Karla Roich	SWC – Community Nursing
Jean Stachon	Sweetwater Public Health
David Johnson	Sweetwater EMA
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

Welcome

Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:33.

Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Knoll and Phillip Luzmoor to accept the agenda and the minutes of the Thursday, January 26th, 2012 meeting with the correction of “Tier I” to Tier II”. The agenda and the minutes were approved.

The agendas were printed with an error. The agenda is mailed to those LEPC members that have not provided an email address to our office; for an unexplained reason the mailing label for one of the mail recipients appeared in the center of the agenda.

Reports from Committees

Citizen Corps

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- **Volunteer Foundation** – Holly Dabb advised the group that The Volunteer Foundation would welcome help from anyone who is familiar with 501c3 paperwork.
- **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)** –
 - Scott Meyers, one of our volunteers, sheriff's office employee, and a CERT instructor arranged to put on a CERT class for his church. This class was a huge success with over twenty graduates. This class was such a success that Scott will be presenting another class starting Friday, May 11th. This time Emergency Management will be assisting him.
 - Sweetwater County Emergency Management participated in the Southwest Wyoming Resource Rendezvous where we utilized the opportunity to promote CERT and hope to start receiving requests for training.
 - Life Skills has contacted our office to provide CERT training to their employees beginning Friday May 4th. This will be given in house for a couple of hours each Friday until complete. We did a similar type of training a few years ago for SWRC employees.

Old Business

Halliburton Tour

The January 26th meeting was hosted by Halliburton. Steve Reeves gave an overview of the tour and advised the group that the additional gate that had been discussed during the tour was still in process.

National High School Finals Rodeo

The National High School Finals Rodeo will be in Rock Springs for the next four years. The Events Complex has been busily working on upgrades that are needed for this event. At this point they only have a fraction of the volunteers that they will need. There is a meeting at the Events Complex on May 2nd for anyone that is interested in volunteering.

The rodeo will start on July 12th and will run for 10 days. It is estimated that 100,000 people will flow thru the area at that time; 1,800 contestants with an average of 3.5 family members, spectators, and vendors. There have been reports that trailer tires and groceries get bought up very quickly.

The contestants are required to wear a number that is easily visible at all times and are not expected to cause problems. The contestants and their families may leave the events complex to shop, for site seeing or other local activities.

Annual Hazard Analysis Review

On February 10, 2012 Carl Blanksvard, Dave Johnson, Holly Dabb, Judy Roderick, Karla Roich, Kim Collier, Rick Cozad, and Shawn Wells met for the annual review of the Sweetwater County Hazard Analysis. This document is reviewed annually by evaluating hazards that can affect Sweetwater County. These hazards are given ratings of 1 to 10 for likelihood and consequence; these ratings are then multiplied to come up with a risk value. The resulting rank is:

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Rank	Hazard	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
1	Hazardous Materials Incident (fixed and/or transportation)	10	8	80
2	Transportation (closure of routes due to impact of routes and access with the primary event being an accident, crashes and/or system failure)	10	8	80
3	Pipeline Rupture	10	8	80
4	Terrorism (domestic, international and/or eco)	8	9	72
5	Severe Weather	10	6	60
6	Utility Failure	10	5	50
7	Pandemic	6	8	48
8	Civil Disorder	8	6	48
9	Industrial (mine collapse of active mine, fire, explosion, etc.)	9	4	36
10	Wild Land Fire	10	3	30
11	Land Shift (subsidence or inactive mine)	6	5	30
12	Dam Failure	1	10	10
13	Drought	8	1	8
14	Earthquake of a 4.0 or greater	1	6	6

Hazardous materials incident remains the #1 hazard for Sweetwater County: the main reason for this is the number of dangerous chemicals that are transported through our county daily on the interstate and the railroad.

Transportation is our #2 hazard. Closing of routes can quickly impact our county.

Pipeline rupture has been determined to be the #3 hazard for Sweetwater County. During the warmer months of the year there can be several incidents a week involving pipelines from construction workers digging into them to individuals doing yard work and hitting a line. Many of these accidents could have been avoided by calling 811 before digging. One Call (811) should always be called for locates prior to any excavation. We also have many lines in our county that are quite old. Since we had several pipeline representatives at this meeting we asked them to share their thoughts on this.

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Plains has an 8" crude oil pipeline that was installed in the 1930's in the Green River/Rock Springs area. Every five years a smart pig is ran through these lines to inspect them. CIG has a line that was installed in the 1960's south of Green River that runs into Green River. The CIG line has auto block valves ten to eleven miles apart and can be remotely activated in two to three (no more than five minutes). The Plains line has manual block valves and has technicians in both Green River and Rock Springs.

The pipeline operators work closely with emergency management and local responders to ensure that if an accident were to happen it would be handled as quickly and efficiently as possible. Plains is interested in doing an exercise in Sweetwater County this year and will be getting with Sweetwater County Emergency Management at a later date to work out the specifics.

A terrorism event has been identified as the #4 hazard. Terrorism events include domestic, international and eco. Sweetwater County has been the target of eco and animal rights groups in the past and is concerned that the High School National Finals Rodeo may attract animal rights groups.

The #5 hazard is severe weather. With the mild winter that we just had it is difficult to imagine that weather can be a hazard but, anyone that has been in this area for long realizes that we can and do have storms.

The # 6 hazard is Utility failure. Although utility failures are usually short in nature with little consequence for most us; to those individuals that are on oxygen or other devices a couple of hours without power can be very serious.

The #7 hazard is Pandemic. Pandemics are tracked continually and public health is kept apprised of any changes.

The #8 hazard is Civil Disorder. Events such as union negotiations and the upcoming election are the reason for this ranking.

The #9 hazard is Industrial accidents.

The #10 hazard is Wild Land Fire. We do have wild land fires; fortunately, these fires generally occur in relatively unpopulated areas.

The #11 hazard is Land Shift.

The #12 hazard is Dam Failure. Dams are very safe and monitored extensively. By monitoring the dam operators are able to increase releases if necessary to relieve pressure reducing the chance of a catastrophic failure. In the event of a catastrophic failure of Fontennelle Dam the City of Green River and Jamestown would have a warning of several hours before the water would reach them.

The #13 hazard is Drought. We live in a desert and have been in a drought for several years. Although it doesn't affect most of us drought does affect ranchers in our county.

The last hazard on our list is Earthquake. We modified the description to be an earthquake of 4.0 or greater. We experience earthquakes quite often with very few ever being felt and in all the years that records have been kept only two have resulted in an insurance claim and they were both cracks in cinder block basements in outlying communities.

Exercises

- * **Memorial Hospital Chlorine Tabletop Exercise** – On April 18th Memorial Hospital held a tabletop exercise to help them be better prepared for a mass casualty event. They utilized this time to further their knowledge of IC (Incident Command) system as well as their response to a large event. As with all exercises a lot of information was gathered and a lot was learned. One of the many lessons learned was that employees are much more productive if they can be assured that their families are safe.
- * **Prairie Eagle – Public Health state wide full scale** – is a state wide full scale public health exercise that will be conducted May 11th – 15th. The scenario is an anthrax incident that starts at a softball tournament and isn't identified until after the players and spectators have returned home. The SNS (Strategic National Stockpile) supplies will be delivered to Cheyenne, broke down and redistributed to counties. The supplies will be delivered to Sweetwater County on May 14th. Public Health will be opening a POD (point of distribution) on May 14th at the Sweetwater County Events Complex from noon to 1:00.
- * **Chlorine Spill Exercise (“Lyle’s Nightmare”)** – Sweetwater County Emergency Management is working with Halliburton, Memorial Hospital, Regional Response Team #4, Union Pacific Railroad as well as several other agencies to put on a full scale chlorine release exercise on Friday, June 8th. The scenario will be a chlorine rail car with a leaking valve near the Halliburton yard. This leak will result in an evacuation of Halliburton, a surge of patients for the hospital and an opportunity for RERT #4 to practice installing a C-kit on a rail car. Lieutenant Colonel Paul Phillips, 84th CST, would like to be an observer and is willing to be an evaluator if needed. The next planning meeting will be May 3rd at 9:00 am in our office.

New Business

Wyoming National Guard

Lieutenant Colonel Clay Fuller gave a very informative presentation on the Wyoming National Guard. Lieutenant Colonel Clay Fuller is the Joint Director of Military Support. He explained how the National Guard is requested and stressed the “Golden Rule – We are NOT in charge”. The National Guard works for the citizens not the military. They have a lot of resources that can be utilized.

One of their resources is Wyoming Counter Drug program. There is no charge for this response force. They are all peace officers but have not been through the academy. They are not civilian police officers; they come armed with rifles to assist law enforcement.

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They also have a Joint Task Force that mirrors civilian IC (Incident Command). They provide a Type III team consisting of 29 Army/Air Guardsmen.

Civil Air Patrol assists with reconnaissance and can be utilized to help with search and rescue incidents. They are all volunteers and can transport. The state pays for these missions.

GEPLA (Guard Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for Sweetwater County is Sergeant Bingman.

JISCC (Joint Incident Site Communications Capability) can provide communications capabilities similar to the RERT (Regional Emergency Response Teams) but are not a quick resource to get here and can take days to get on scene.

The Wyoming National Guard participates in one exercise a quarter with the one for this quarter being the Utah Shake Out earthquake exercise.

The Wyoming Starbase Academy in Cheyenne is for 5th graders, students must stay in Cheyenne while attending the academy.

The Youth Challenge Program is for at risk youth from 16 to 19 and runs for 17 months from July through January.

Camp Guernsey is a village set up for non-live fire training while Conway is a live fire range.

Most of the resources have cost involved. Civil Support Team is free and the Civil Air Patrol is free to county.

LTC Clay Fuller, Joint Director Military Staff - JOC (307) 772-5112 (307) 772-5288 (office), (307) 631-5124 cell.

84th CST (Civil Support Team)

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Phillip the Commander for the 84th CST gave a presentation on the CST and their capabilities. The CST has 22 highly trained full time hazardous materials technicians. They are available 24/7 with 16-18 members available at any time. They are a support team and are never in charge. Their services are provided free. They have responded to 10,000 calls to date. There is at least one CST in each state and they are the most often used National Guard resource. It takes approximately one year to become qualified with 800-1,200 hours of civilian training. They are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. They are looking into adding ham radio to their resources. They can provide live internet coverage and ADVON (Advanced Liaison). They are deployed by ground, air or helicopter within 90 minutes of being called out. They are activated when the IC contacts the WOHS (Wyoming Office of Homeland Security) to request them; the Director approves the request and notifies the Wyoming National Guard. The JOC in turn notifies the CST Commander. After the IC contacts the WOHS to request the CST, the IC should then call the CST Commander to give him a heads up. The CST will be assisting with the

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National High School Finals Rodeo and they recently assisted RERT #4 with a mercury spill at a school in Rock Springs.

Dan Frink, Memorial Hospital, asked LTC Paul Phillips if the hospital could request a C130 to help with transportation if an event such as the chlorine one that they exercised were to ever happen. A C130 is capable of holding 45-50 patients with about 20 of them lying down. It would take 2 to 4 hours if it was a weekday during daytime hours, otherwise it would take longer.

UTSE Bags

The Wyoming Department of Health has provided Public Health with bright orange bags labeled UTSE to be distributed to UTSE (Unable to Self Evacuate) individuals. Karla Roich and Dave Johnson have been distributing these bags to organizations/facilities such as Senior Centers, Young at Heart, Golden Hour, and Deer Trails. This project is funded with grants from Federal and WIND.

Open Discussion

Bomb Making Awareness Class

Dave Johnson is working with Kenny Longfritz to get this class presented locally. This class is geared towards businesses. Dave hopes to be able to get this class here next year.

Search

The daughter and sister of a 1997 drowning victim have contacted an agency out of Idaho to help them locate the victim in the lake. Emergency Management, the Sweetwater County Dive Team and the Sheriff's office will be assisting in the search this weekend.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 22nd at 8:30 am. Dave Johnson will check into possibly finding a different (larger) location for this meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Attachments: Sign in sheet