

LEPC Meeting  
Thursday August 28, 2014  
Emergency Management Office  
Rock Springs, WY

**In attendance:**

Nissa Homan	Williams
Rick Owens	City of Green River
Holden Wright	City of Green River
Cindy Sheehan	SWC Land Use
Jerry Warner	Enviro Care
Gary Bailiff	Board of County Commissioners
Karla Roich	Sweetwater County Community Nursing
Tommee Lynn Lambert	Exxon Mobil
John Knoll	Exxon Mobil
Jim Wamsley	SWC Fire District #1
Lyle Armstrong	Rock Springs Fire Department
Bryan Seppie	JPWB
Julie Iorg	Williams NWP
Paul Berry	Sweetwater Medics
Nathan Morreale	Air Med
Tyrell Gilmore	Plains Pipeline
Jon Egeland	FMC
Darin Howe	Simplot Phosphates
Robin Etienne	Sweetwater Combined Communications
David Halter	Sweetwater Combined Communications
Holly Dabb	Rocket-Miner/media
David Johnson	Sweetwater County EMA
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

**Welcome**

David Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Lyle Armstrong and seconded by Bryan Seppie to accept the agenda, and the agenda was accepted.

**Introductions**

Each attendee introduced themselves to the group.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved.

**Reports from Committees**

**Citizen Corps Committee/Volunteer Foundation**

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- **Volunteer Foundation Meeting** – The Volunteer Foundation had a booth at the Sweetwater County Fair this year. The members of the foundation put together an emergency preparedness basket and sold raffle tickets. Fifteen to twenty new volunteers signed up for the various volunteer agencies.
- ExxonMobil will be making a donation to the Sweetwater County Dive team following this meeting.
- **CERT (*Community Emergency Response Team*)** – Volunteer, David Wolfe has taken on the task of establishing neighborhood CERT teams. David has started meetings and has selected team leaders to assist him.
- **MRC (*Medical Reserve Corp*)** – Tom and Lyneen Murphy graciously offered Karla Roich and Dr. Grant Christensen the opportunity to set up at a home in Green River and Rock Springs during the annual pond tour. Karla advised the group that this was a very successful event and they were able to sign up eight more volunteers for the MRC.

## Old Business

**Little America Corridor Group Update** –The pipeline operators haven't experienced anything that was not anticipated.

As a result of the Little America Corridor Group Emergency Management was approached to do some NIMS/ICS (National Incident Management System/Incident Command System) for Questar.

**Air Med** – Nathan Morreale, Outreach Coordinator for Air Med gave a presentation to the LEPC. Air Med is a Utah based company with six helicopters and two airplanes (PC12). They are staffed 24/7 with a crew right next to the aircraft, in the hospital. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> they have had a helicopter stationed at Memorial Hospital. They are not new to the area and have been flying in and out of Wyoming for 42 years and have been flying in and out of Memorial Hospital for ten years. They have two full time crews here and starting September first University of Utah physicians group will be working in the hospital. Air Med covers a nine state area making it one of the largest in the nation.

People often ask “What is the difference between AirMed and other similar services?” The answer is the number of aircraft and the CAMTS (Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems) accreditation. The CAMTS certification is difficult to receive and the only other flight service in Wyoming to achieve this accreditation is Wyoming Life Flight. Air Med is licensed in Wyoming as well as Nevada, Colorado and Utah (not all states require a license). Aircraft are inspected daily by a mechanic. Ongoing training and ICU rotation with the flight team. Five doctors work with the training program. Air Med crew members average 17 years of experience.

The flight center is in South Jordan. The center can monitor how fast, how high, and pinpoint where the aircraft is. All three members of the flight crew have night vision goggles and the aircraft includes specific equipment to assist in the safe operation of the aircraft in mountainous and severe weather conditions.

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Prior to this meeting we had asked how Air Med could assist our county in a mass casualty incident. The answer was the number of available aircraft. They could have eight aircraft here if necessary and can transport to a number of facilities, not just in Utah.

Air Med loves training and would like to be included in exercises. They have 165 personnel in their program from mechanics to flight crew. Contact either Nathan or the Base Manager, Paul Berry.

They have had one crash in 42 years. This crash was weather related and occurred in 1998. As a result of this crash the aircraft was fitted with additional equipment. Most of the pilots are military trained. The pilots are required to have a minimum of 2,500 hours to fly for Air Med.

**NHSFR (National High School Finals Rodeo)** – David Johnson advised the group that this was the third year that the NHSFR was held at the events complex. There was some difficulty acquiring a golf cart rental agency this year and up until a week prior to the event we didn't think we were going to be able to get one. The new vendor was able to provide 500 golf carts. One challenge with these carts was the fact that they weren't equipped with lights. This proved to be a non-issue. The only accident with injury this year was an event complex employee on an ATV that was owned by the complex.

We will be hosting the NHSFR here one more year and then believe it will go back to Gillette for two years prior to returning here for two years.

## **Exercises**

### **Review:**

- **EPA Boom Deployment** – On Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Joyel Dhieux and Steve Merritt from the EPA presented a boom deployment class and full scale exercise. Joyel and Steve were joined by representatives from Emergency Management, Green River Fire Department, Rock Springs Fire Department, Plains Pipeline and Daggett County Emergency Management. Last year Plains Pipeline did a full scale exercise where they placed booms on the Green River near the Scott's Bottom Bridge. Representatives from Plains worked with EPA on this exercise. This training and exercise added to what was learned during the earlier Plains exercise. The representatives from EPA will be back in September to discuss deployment locations and storage of supplies. David Johnson would also like to edit our plans to include Bitter Creek.

There had been some discussion regarding doing this exercise at the water treatment facility: however those plans were changed and the exercise was conducted on the boat ramp near Stratton Meyer Park.

Anchor points have been installed by the diversion dam to aid in water recovery. At this point we are unaware of any anchor points that have been installed for boom deployment,

Bryan Seppie mentioned that he is very glad to see how Plains has been very engaged with the community for the last few years.

### **Future:**

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- **Big Sandy Reservoir Functional** – On September 30<sup>th</sup> the BOR will be putting on a functional exercise. We will be opening our EOC (Emergency Operations Center) for this exercise. Dave will be inviting appropriate personnel from responders, Farson, and the water treatment plant, etc. We learned a lot while participating in *Operation Grizzly* in Teton County and are anxious to apply our new knowledge to our EOC.
- **National Weather Service** – The National Weather Service has a tabletop exercise scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Dave will be getting the invitation out when we have more information.
- **Radiological** – WOHS (Wyoming Office of Homeland Security) is planning a full scale radiological exercise for fall of 2015. The scenario will involve spent, Navy nuclear fuel rods and an accident involving Union Pacific and an automobile. This is a national exercise and two weeks later it will be reenacted for “show”.

The Department of Health is also planning on holding a radiological exercise at the same time as this one.

- **Possible Airport Full Scale Exercise** – The hospital and the airport are planning a functional exercise for 2015.

We would like to put on an HSEEP class in Rock Springs to help with this exercise as well as other exercises.

## **New Business**

**Simplot Ammonia Plant** – Darrin Howe gave a presentation of the ammonia plant that Simplot is in the process of constructing. The process started in March 2013 with proposals from bidders, followed by air permit, and contract awarding. Most of the permitting has taken place, the finances have been approved and the engineering contract has been awarded to Linde, a German engineering company. The site is 19 acres and site prep is expected to finish up in 2 to 3 weeks, earth work began on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Plant construction is scheduled to begin in October 2014.

Natural gas, air and minimal water will be used to make the ammonia. Questar will own the gas line used to supply the natural gas. They will need to bore under the railroad tracks for the natural gas pipeline. Currently 40% of the cost of every railcar is freight. Approximately 50% of the preliminary engineering is complete. There will be a large atmospheric storage tank with a 1,900 ton capacity. The chance of a release from the large atmospheric tank is less than the chance of a release from the current pressure tanks. The facility is almost as large as the existing facility. The only underground piping is for fire compression water.

Simplot will have the option to export to Pocatello, Idaho by rail; Pocatello is currently receiving ammonia from Portland Oregon. In the future they could also export by truck.

Housing for construction crews gets tight during the National High School Finals Rodeo. A couple hundred employees are hired during construction and approximately thirty full time staff will be added by the expansion.

The RMP (Risk Management Plan) was decreased because the rupture of 160 ton pressurized tank verses the new atmospheric tank. The pressurized tanks will remain n site for backup. They will not be storing hydrogen, only making enough to make ammonia. They are trucking less sulfur and transporting more by rail.

Not all of the parts are from Germany; they are also fabricated in the United States.

**Dam Failure and Flood Hazard Plan Review** – The Dam Failure and Flood Hazard Plan was distributed for review. There were very few changes made and the updated plan will be emailed to the LEPC members. We will review another annex at the next meeting; the annex will be emailed prior to the meeting.

### **Training Opportunities:**

- ❖ Sweetwater County Emergency Management will be hosting *Disaster Management for Electrical Systems* September 25-26, 2014. Participants will learn how to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters affecting electric power facilities and systems. How will you and your organization survive without power for an extended period of time? This is a free class and participants can register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)
- ❖ Sweetwater County Emergency Management will be hosting *Screening Persons Through Observational Techniques* October 30, 2014, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. School personnel or other personnel who have extensive contact with the public are in the best position to identify unusual packages, suspicious substances, and people who are acting suspiciously, however, they need to acquire skills in what to look for and how to respond. This training will provide participants with knowledge, skills, and abilities to apply the screening of persons by observational techniques (SPOT) while accomplishing their regular duties. In this course, participants are provided an overview of threat and vulnerability analyses and how these can be used to establish effective defenses. Participants are also provided with an overview of security operations that can be applied for prevention and detection of potential threats. This is a free class and participants can register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)
- ❖ *ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents* must be taken in a classroom setting and is rarely offered in Sweetwater County, however; Sweetwater County Emergency Management will be hosting this free class on November 3-5. This course is designed for all mid-level management personnel; persons serving as command staff, section chiefs, strike team leaders, taskforce leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors, and multi-agency coordination. The course provides training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. Participants can register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)
- ❖ *ICS-400 Advanced ICS, Complex Incidents* is being hosted by Sweetwater County Emergency Management on December 1-2. The target audience for this course includes senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity at an incident or event. This includes individuals who may serve as Incident Commander or as members

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of the Command or General Staff, Area Command, or multiagency coordination entity/Emergency Operations Center (EOC) management. This is a free class and participants can register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

❖ *NIMS/ICS Classes* are available at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx>

## **Open Discussion**

**Tour of UR Energy** – Judy received an email from John Cash, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Ur-Energy, who extended an invitation to Sweetwater County Emergency Responders to tour the Lost Creek facility. David Johnson will contact John and set up the tour.

### **Set date and time for next meeting**

The next LEPC meeting will be Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the EOC (731 C Street, Bldg. A, Suite #131, Rock Springs).

### **Adjourn**

Bryan Seppie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John Knoll seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00.