

LEPC Meeting
Thursday November 13, 2014
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs, WY

In attendance:

Karla Roich	SWCDBOH/SWCCN
Kim Collier	UTU 1857/UPRR
Tyrell Gilmore	Plains Pipeline
Lance East	Rock Springs Fire Department/RERT 4
Tommee Lynn Lambert	Exxon Mobil
David Beltran	Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County
Steven D. Kourbelas	Sweetwater Medics
Tim Sheehan	Questar Gas Co.
Amber Savage	American Red Cross
Danielle Hemmert	FMC/SWC Search & Rescue
Grant Christensen	SWC Health
Lyle Armstrong	Rock Springs Fire Department
Jean Stachen	County Health
David Johnson	Sweetwater County EMA
Mike Liberty	Green River Fire Department
Leonard Ortega	Williams Gas Pipeline
Justin Bryant	Rock Springs Fire Department
Ben Fausett	Rock Springs Fire Department
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

Welcome

David Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:06.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Karla Roich and seconded by Lyle Armstrong to accept the agenda after moving the Ebola Update up. The agenda was accepted.

Introductions

Each attendee introduced themselves to the group.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Karla and seconded by Lyle to approve the minutes from the August 28th meeting. The minutes were approved.

Ebola Update:

Dr. Grant Christensen, Director of Sweetwater County Board of Health, reviewed the Ebola situation with the group. A couple of months ago Ebola became a concern for all of us when a gentleman in Texas presented with symptoms and later succumbed to the disease. Ebola is not as easy to catch as some diseases. If you aren't in an area where Ebola is, and you haven't been near anyone showing symptoms you are relatively safe. Ebola becomes more dangerous as the viral load increases. The viral load increases as the patient gets closer to dying. There are one

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billion viruses in a single drop of blood. This is why the patient in Dallas who shared a small home with five others didn't pass the virus on to his house mates. He was showing symptoms but his viral load wasn't very high. Two of the nurses that were caring for this gentleman just prior to his death did catch the disease. The viral load was much higher at that point. Agencies in Sweetwater County have been meeting and training so that our county will be prepared if we get a case of Ebola here.

Reports from Committees

Citizen Corps Committee/Volunteer Foundation

- **Volunteer Foundation Meeting** – The Volunteer Foundation is going well. ExxonMobil recently made a very generous donation to the Sweetwater County Dive.
- **CERT (*Community Emergency Response Team*)** – The neighborhood CERT teams had their first full scale training exercise last Saturday at the Rock Springs Fire Department training tower. The exercise was an excellent learning experience for everyone involved. The Rocket Miner has a nice write up about the exercise in today's newspaper.
- **MRC (*Medical Reserve Corp*)** – Karla advised the group that with everything going on she has put the MRC on hold until after the move to the new building sometime after the first of the year.

Old Business

Little America Corridor Group Update – During all of the rain in September a pipeline experienced quite a bit of movement. While in the area checking on their pipeline the employee noticed another company's line had started to float. Notifications were made and the issue was quickly taken care of.

Exercises

Review:

- **Big Sandy Reservoir Functional** – On September 30th we opened our EOC (Emergency Operations Center) for a BOR functional exercise. Participants included representatives from the BOR, Big Sandy Reservoir and the Joint Communications Center. This was our best EOC exercise to date. The exercise itself experienced a few communication issues. We all updated our contacts and worked through these issues. Communications seems to be the most difficult part of all most every exercise.
- **NWS (*National Weather Service*) Tabletop** – On Thursday, November 6th, the NWS held their annual tabletop exercise in Riverton. The room was arranged with each table representing an area of the state. We all participated in the same exercise and received the same injects and questions. Each group would discuss what they would be doing at this point in the exercise. We then would go around the room and talk about our responses. At our table we had two Emergency Management representatives, and a representative from WYDOT, Public Health Response Coordinator, NWS, and State Health Department. The exercise was a storm and possible tornado heading for an outdoor concert with 30,000 attendees. There was also a town, a dam, and a power plant

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in the path. The exercise went very well. It is always interesting to see how each table responds differently to the same event.

- **Memorial Hospital Mass Casualty Tabletop/Full Scale** – On Thursday, November 6th, the Memorial Hospital held a table top exercise and followed it up with a full scale exercise on the 12th. This was a mass casualty exercise where treacherous roads resulted in a school bus flipping on its side. The objective of the exercise was to monitor patient tracking. The full scale exercise was staged at the college. Patients were triaged and disseminated within an hour. Participants were very satisfied with this exercise. The exercise resulted in a minor change to the tags. They also learned about other resources that could be utilized such as the Surgery Center.

Future:

- **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 location for the exercise will most likely be Granger or the Green River yard; these two sites were both toured by a group of people that will be involved in the exercise.
- **Possible Airport Full Scale Exercise** – The hospital and the airport are planning a possible functional exercise for 2015. Bryce Taylor is the individual at the airport that is working on this exercise. They are hoping to conduct the exercise in June. We will invite Bryce to the next LEPC meeting.

New Business

Population Protection Annex – Prior to the meeting the members received a copy of the Population Protection Annex. As a group we went through the annex page by page making updates. Everyone’s input was greatly appreciated.

Training Opportunities:

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

Open Discussion

ACLS Training – Sweetwater Medics will be presenting an ACLS refresher on November 15-16 at the old senior center in Rock Springs. The only cost for the class is the cost of the card.

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Red Cross – Amber Savage from the Red Cross advised the group that they are here as a resource and don't be afraid to utilize them.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next LEPC meeting will be Thursday, February 19th at 9:00 am at the EOC (731 C Street, Bldg. A, Suite #131, Rock Springs).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

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