

LEPC Meeting
April 3, 2009
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs

In attendance:

Monica Johnson	FMC Corp. – Security
Dea Cargile	Green River Fire Department
Phillip Luzmoor	Solvay
John Knoll	ExxonMobil
Bryan Seppie	JPWB
Tom Jacobsen	FMC Corporation – Env. Engineer
David Brandner	School Dist. #2/SCEMA
Lyle Armstrong	Rock Springs Fire Department
Carl Blanksvard	Rock Springs Fire Department
Jim Wamsley	Sweetwater County Fire District #1
Karla Roich	Sweetwater County Community Nursing
Holly Dabb	Daily Rocket Miner
Angelo Kallas	OCI, City of Green River
Jeanette Meyer	Sweetwater County EMA
Ron Besso	Williams Northwest Pipeline
Dennis Claman	Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office
Judy Valentine	Sweetwater County EMA
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 8:32. Judy Valentine welcomed the group.

Introductions

Each attendee introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Judy Valentine asked the group to review the minutes from the December 5, 2008 meeting. Phillip Luzmoor motioned that we approve the minutes, Bryan Seppie seconded the motion. No discussion was called for and the motion was unanimously passed.

Reports from Committees

Industry Recognition Applications

Phillip Luzmoor advised the group that the Governor awarded the Industry of the Year award to Williams at the last SERC meeting in Cheyenne. The County Commissioners also recognized Williams during the Commissioners meeting. Williams was the only industry to submit an application for 2008. Judy Valentine will check with the state about publicity for the award.

Shelter-In-Place

Judy Valentine presented an update on the S-I-P program. The Special Needs group is doing quarterly blitz's. This quarter, February thru April, is Shelter In Place. Our office has received several requests for copies of the DVD, magnets and flyers.

Old Business

NIMS Update

Judy Valentine asked that each person in charge submit a list of personnel and what classes they've taken. These classes can be taken at: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>

The classes should be taken in the following order:

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

Emergency Responders – What we can do

Chief Lyle Armstrong reviewed the “First Responders – What We Can Do” presentation that was held during the Green River Basin/WyPA Pipeline Seminar on March 10th. It was felt that this was a very informative event. This was the first time this event had been held and had several presenters including:

- Rock Springs Fire Department
- Rock Springs Police Department
- Sweetwater County Public Health
- Sweetwater County Memorial Hospital
- Green River Fire Department
- Fire District #1
- Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office
- Sweetwater County Emergency Management

New Business

Green River Basin/WyPA Pipeline Seminar

John Knoll reviewed the recent Green River Basin/WyPA Pipeline Seminar. This was the first WyPA Seminar. WyPA presented seminars in each of the counties in Wyoming. The counties that had organizations in place ran a little smoother than those that didn't because they were more familiar with what needed to be done. By doing all of the seminars thru WyPA everyone received the same message. Another difference in the seminar this year was the introduction of a scenario. The scenario included an event where a natural gas pipeline was accidentally dug up. This gave the attendees the opportunity to work in groups to determine what should be done.

New 911 System

Judy Valentine advised the members that the new 911 system installation was scheduled to begin April 13th with a “go live” date of May 18th. She explained that the old system is antiquated and can't be supported anymore. The new system is VoIP technology instead of analog allowing portability of the system if necessary. The “brains” of the system will be in Green River and Rock Springs allowing for a redundancy. We will have mapping capabilities within 10' accuracy. The cost is well over one million dollars and is being paid by the 911 surcharge. The surcharge is being increased from \$0.50 to \$0.75, we are one of a very small number of areas that are still at \$0.50. The next step will be the capability for the dispatch center to receive text and video from cell phones. This system will not give response units the ability to receive a map in their response unit. Major Claman advised the group of an HTE meeting later this month to address some other options. Verizon is in the process of installing 5 more towers while Union is installing an additional two towers. The capabilities of the cell phones in regards to 911 is

dependent on the cell phone carrier's technology. The cell phone analog transmission will be shut off soon it had been scheduled for earlier this year.

CityWatch

Judy Roderick explained the capabilities of the CityWatch notification system. A question was raised in regards to a recent power failure. An individual collapsed after 40 minutes without their oxygen. Although the need to do something for the special needs population had been discussed, it had been determined to wait and see how long the power was going to remain off. Judy Valentine will get back with Holly Dabb in regards to this incident. Carl Blanksvard injected the need to educate the public on plug in phone versus cordless phone. If we did have an event that required notifying the entire community we do have the capability of utilizing CityWatch to make some of these calls, there would be a charge for this service. There is not a way to prioritize who would receive the calls first. For example we can't have the message go to the radio stations first. Karla Roich explained Public Health's WARN notification system. Judy Roderick will be giving a CityWatch Demo on Monday, April 13th at 2:00 at Fire District #1 for anyone who is interested.

OCI Tour

A group of LEPC members had the opportunity to tour the OCI facility during the 3rd week in January. This was an exceptional tour and we would like to thank Angelo Kallas and OCI for giving us this opportunity. The disappointing part of this tour was the fact that there was room for ten members to participate and only six attended. After a safety presentation and distribution of safety equipment the participants were taken down into the mine where they had the opportunity to observe the mine in production. We were driven around in pickup trucks and were allowed to get out and walk up to the miner as well as to enter the "safe room". This room is designed to withstand a collapse and contains survival provisions.

LEPC Notebook Update

Judy Valentine distributed copies of:

- SERC By-Laws
- SERC Wyoming Emergency Planning Districts Rules
- SERC Members
- LEPC By-Laws
- List of Wyoming Chairpersons for LEPC
- Hazard Analysis Review
- SERC Release of Information Guidelines
- EOP – Emergency Operations Plan for Sweetwater County
- LEPC Membership List

After distribution it was determined that many of the members will require a new notebook. Judy Valentine will provide these notebooks at the next meeting.

Exercises

- **Update on "Save Our Kids" School Shooting Exercise** – This exercise has been in the planning since last June and is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 25th. We are still looking for volunteers.

- **Update on Bitter Creek Bundle Point of Distribution Exercise** – This exercise is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th and will exercise the ability to distribute a large amount of medication in a short amount of time. The scenario will be an anthrax release. The goal is to request, receive and distribute medications within 48 hours. The distribution portion of the exercise will take two hours.

Next Tour

The group determined that they would like to tour Univar next. Judy Valentine will pursue setting this up for June or July.

Open Discussion

Simplot Fire

Chief Jim Wamsley gave an overview on a call that Fire District #1 responded to at Simplot. The fire was the result of static from the unloading pit. This isn't an infrequent event just the 1st that they couldn't put out on their own. Simplot has always been very proactive and easy to work with. Their incident pre-plan included a map that was very beneficial. Darrin Howe, manager, responded at the request of Fire District #1.

CBRNE Committee

Major Dennis Claman has been appointed the chair of the CBRNE committee. This Committee includes chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next meeting will be Friday, July 17th at **8:30** am at Sweetwater County Emergency Management EOC, 731 C Street, Bldg. A, Suite #131, Rock Springs, WY.

Adjourn

Chief Jim Wamsley motioned that we adjourn the meeting and Major Dennis Claman seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Action Items:

	Responsible Individual	Action Item Responsible For
1	Judy Valentine	Check with the state about the publicity for Williams being awarded Industry of the Year.
2	Everyone	If you are in charge of a group please submit a list of personnel and NIMS courses taken to Judy Valentine
3	Judy Valentine	Contact Holly Dabb regarding power failure.
4	Judy Valentine	Provide new LEPC notebooks at next meeting
5	Judy Valentine	Contact Univar about doing a tour in June or July
6	Judy Roderick	Compile Tier II Report for distribution at next meeting

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.

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