

LEPC Meeting
November 13, 2009
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs

In attendance:

David Brandner	School Dist. #2/SCEMA
Monica Johnson	FMC Corp. – Security
Tom Jacobsen	FMC
Phillip Luzmoor	Solvay
Steve Martin	BP
Kenny Longfritz	Department of Homeland Security
David Beltran	MHSC
Karla Roich	SWC Community Nursing
Mike Liberty	Green River Fire Department
Chris Jones	National Weather Service
Blaine R. Graham	School Dist. #1
Carl Blanksvard	Rock Springs Fire Department
Lyle Armstrong	Rock Springs Fire Department
Bryan Seppie	Joint Powers Water Board
Judy Valentine	Sweetwater County EMA
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 8:35. Judy Valentine welcomed the group.

Introductions

Each attendee introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Judy Valentine asked the group to review the minutes from the July 17, 2009 meeting. Phillip Luzmoor motioned that we approve the minutes, Lyle Armstrong seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Reports from Committees

Industry Recognition Applications

Phillip Luzmoor advised the group that although our LEPC hasn't received any applications, the SERC has received one application from Frontier Refinery. Frontier Refinery isn't in our county. Discussion followed as to how to get local industry to apply; we have handed the applications out to industry groups as well as individuals and even passed them out at the fair. It seems that industry just doesn't like to toot their own horn.

Approval of Agenda

We backed up a little to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

Citizen Corps

Holly Dabb was unable to attend today's meeting to present the Citizen Corps update.

SCART – Chris Hester was unable to attend the meeting so I (Judy Roderick) gave a quick over view of what SCART, Sweetwater County Animal Response Team is and informed the group of the successful BYOB (Build Your Own Bucket) event that SCART held in October at Green River Animal Control's new facility. SCART members set up booths and distributed information along with donated items to assist the public with building emergency kits for their pets. We also distributed information on how to put together an emergency kit for the family.

Old Business

NIMS Update

Judy Valentine is still collecting proof that individuals have taken the NIMS courses and inquired about the future of NIMS. At this point there aren't any NIMS guidelines after this year. Kenny Longfritz will check into this matter, he believes that HSPD-5 is being rescinded and may result in NIMS no longer being required.

Karla Roich, Public Health Response Coordinator has set up NIMS classes for next year. ICS 700 and ICS 100 will be taught in one day and ICS 200 and ICS 800 will be offered on a different day. She is also making arrangements to offer ICS 300 and ICS 400 classes.

There was some discussion about possibly trying to put together Type III ICS overhead teams at the region or state level. These teams would act as instant overhead teams trained in specialty positions to run in coordination with your staff in the event of a Type III event. Lyle advised the group that he wasn't in favor of having a regional one. Unless you get to exercise and use the team it is really tough to stay on top of it. Both Judy and Lyle have been discussing the options that are circulating around the state. Both are in favor of using existing State Forestry Overhead Teams. They already exist and work Incident Command all the time. Our local personnel trained in Incident Command could work in conjunction with these teams

Univar Tour

On September 16th a small group of LEPC members arrived at Univar for a very informative tour. Larry Ribordy was our tour guide and explained what they do at Univar and the safety precautions in place. This was a very enjoyable experience in an exceptionally clean and safe environment. The only thing that would have made this tour better would have been better attendance.

Next Tour – Phillip Luzmoor suggested that the next tour be of FMC. Monica Johnson advised the group that FMC is already working on that event and are hoping to do the tour in early 2010. This will be a full day tour including an underground tour.

New Business

National Weather Service

Chris Jones from the National Weather Service office in Riverton, WY presented an overview of what they can do for us and what we can do for them. The web site for the National Weather Service is www.weather.gov/riverton. The National Weather Service works well with Emergency Management. One example is for events such as the Sweetwater County Fair.

During the fair one year, Judy Valentine was able to contact the NWS directly for updates on high wind and rain.

Chris also talked about the NOAA All Hazards Radio; the NOAA is dormant until set off by the NWS. A few examples of when the NOAA may be utilized are to make notifications for events such as: weather conditions, Amber Alerts, a jail break, or a boil water order. The NOAA was so effective when utilized for the boil water order in Star Valley that it was immediately picked up by Fox, and Casper; public health quickly became overwhelmed with phone calls.

The NWS provides Weather Spotter training annually, usually in the spring, in various locations throughout the county. CoCoRaHs training is usually offered in the fall. The goal of this training is to create an observation network. Weather conditions can be reported audibly or digitally. For about \$300 the NWS would be able to receive precipitation data from the golf course. An enquiry was made regarding the capability of private industry connecting their weather stations into the interactive system. It may be possible if the industry allows the connection to NWS. The site for the interactive NWS is inws.wrh.noaa.gov.

Radar coverage in Sweetwater County is poor. After the flood in Green River a couple of years ago, Senator Enzi sought funding for a group to investigate areas like this one. The NWS never saw the final report but when the budget came out there was \$7- 8 million earmarked for western Washington. The reason for this is likely the fact that we have a lot of space without a large population that could benefit from the added coverage.

Exercises:

Fontenelle Dam Exercise

Judy Valentine explained to the group that we had started working towards a full scale Fontenelle Dam exercise a couple of years ago and had held a few meetings and table top exercises before putting the project on hold. The project was put on hold at the request of the City of Green River. Since that time we participated in a School Shooting exercise in Green River where we utilized outside help to meet all of the Homeland Security and FEMA exercise requirements. SRA made it possible to experience the type of exercise that we wanted without having to do it all on our own. SRA was paid thru a contract that they held with FEMA. We would like to utilize the entity that FEMA currently has a contract with for assistance with the Fontenelle Dam exercise. This exercise will pick up where most end, after the initial response has occurred. We will be activating the EOC, evacuating/sheltering people and animals, utilizing ham radio operators for communications, working with the ranches, sewer ponds and water treatment facilities that would be affected. This exercise will take place at the end of August first part of September. At the present time the exercise design team consists of: Judy Valentine, Judy Roderick, Mike Liberty, Bryan Seppie, Karla Roich, and representative from Rock Springs Fire (Lyle Armstrong will appoint someone), and Major Claman. Others may be added as the planning continues.

Update on Bitter Creek Bundle

Karla Roich advised the group that the Bitter Creek Bundle exercise had been cancelled due to H1N1. Karla then used this opportunity to inform the group of how the H1N1

vaccine was being distributed. Sweetwater County has received 1,800 doses of the vaccine as of November 12th. Public Health is receiving small quantities 200-300 doses a week and is currently offering them to target audiences. Public Health is utilizing senior centers and the Events Complex two to three clinics per week. Doing a drive by vaccination clinic was considered but, didn't seem feasible with some individuals needing to park and wait for 15 minutes after receiving a vaccination. There are currently 70ish confirmed cases in Sweetwater County with 245 suspected as the actual number. A couple of thousand county residents have probably had H1N1. We are currently in a down swing with another spike anticipated a week or so after Thanksgiving.

Schools are currently inquiring if a fever is present when a student is absent due to illness. If a fever is present the schools follow up with the student. The students are allowed to return to school once they have been fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of Tylenol. At this point there have been very few cases of the conventional flu, this isn't a surprise since the conventional flu usually strikes later in the season. Sweetwater County is about 3,000 doses short of the usual flu vaccine doses. Flu season is expected to run from now thru March.

Resource Typing

Judy Valentine advised the group that we are hoping to have our resource typing and checklist updates completed by the end of the year. The state prefers for us to post our data on line. We would like updated resource lists from everyone. In an emergency, Emergency Management would contact the entity with the required resource and request it. The owner of the resource will have the right to determine if they provide the resource to the requesting jurisdiction. For the resource list we are looking for resources above what you will need to continue your operations for example; Rock Springs Fire would only put one fire truck on the list, three of them would not be available for us.

Critical Infrastructure

Mr. Kenny Longfritz, Protective Security Advisor with Homeland Security, gave a presentation to the group on what his office can do for them. Mr. Longfritz is the only advisor in Wyoming. He is available to assist with threats – terrorism, mishaps, weather related, national security, and economic vitality. The National Infrastructure Protection Plan defines risk-consequence, vulnerability, and threat. This is the area that Mr. Longfritz concentrates on. Eighty five percent of critical infrastructure is privately owned. Mr. Longfritz is not part of a regulatory agency, this is voluntary. Upon request for his assistance he will facilitate and coordinate assessments of local CIKR (Critical Infrastructure Key Resources). Mr. Longfritz can be contacted at (307) 214 -9365 or Kenneth.longfritz@dhs.gov. Mr. Longfritz reports to a supervisor in Salt Lake City who then reports to Arlington.

Upcoming Training

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) – Our next CERT class will be held in Rock Springs. The date will be announced at a later date. We are aiming for January/February 2010 possibly Friday evening and all day Saturday for two weeks in a row.

Special Needs Committee/Quarterly Blitz

The Quarterly Blitz for the October – December is “*How will you be notified in a disaster?*” Flyers with this information are available from our office and will soon be available on our website: www.sweet.wy.us/ema.

Emergency Management does not have access to cell phone records, so in order to get a cell phone number added to our CityWatch maps the public needs to provide us with their name, cell phone numbers, and address. This form is available from our office and will soon be available on our website: www.sweet.wy.us/ema.

Hazard Assessment/Capability Assessment

Judy Valentine asked for volunteers for this committee. Judy Valentine, Judy Roderick, Carl Blanksvard, Phillip Luzmoor, Kenny Longfritz, Karla Roich, an additional person that will be designated by Lyle Armstrong and Major Claman will make up this committee.

Open Discussion

School Evacuation

There has been some concern with how to evacuate multiple schools in close proximity to the railroad and Interstate 80. Each school by its’ self has a great plan but, it may not be possible to get enough buses to evacuate everyone at once. There was discussion on training on Shelter in Place. All plans are very contingent on what is happening and to make any plan work it needs to be practiced.

Snow Cat

Judy Valentine advised the group that Colonel Jackson is looking for a snow cat or similar vehicle for Search and Rescue. If anyone has an old one that they might be interested in getting rid of please contact the Sheriff’s office.

Road Closure Brochure

Emergency Management has compiled a brochure with information that might be useful during a road closure. These brochures are available through our office and will soon be available on our website; www.sweet.wy.us/ema.

Kinder Morgan Exercise

Judy Valentine asked if anyone was interested in participating in an exercise with Kinder Morgan. Since Kinder Morgan has no assets in Sweetwater County it was decided we would not participate.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 18th at 8:30 am at Sweetwater County Emergency Management EOC, 731 C Street, Bldg. A, Suite #131, Rock Springs, WY.

Adjourn

Lyle Armstrong motioned that we adjourn the meeting and Bryan Seppie seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23.

Action Items:

	Responsible Individual	Action Item Responsible For
1	Judy Roderick	Add "How will you be notified in a disaster?" flyer to website.
2	Judy Roderick	Add form to include your cell phone in a CityWatch notification to website.
3	Judy Valentine	Coordinate Hazard Assessment/Capability Assessment meeting
4	Judy Roderick	Add Road Closure brochure to website.

Attachments:

Sign in sheets

How will you be notified in a disaster? Flyer

Form to add your cell phone number to CityWatch

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