

Amended – September 9 & 10, 2010

LEPC Meeting
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs

In attendance:

Karla Roich	SWC Community Nursing
Monica Johnson	FMC Corp. – Security
David Beltran	Memorial Hospital Sweetwater County
Phillip Luzmoor	Solvay
Rick Cozad	Rock Springs Fire Department
Bryan Seppie	Joint Powers Water Board
Judy Valentine	Sweetwater County EMA
Kim Collier	Union Pacific Rail Road
Ashley Drane	SWCCN (Nursing Student)
Tom Jacobsen	FMC
Juel Luis	Wyoming Highway Patrol
Holly Dabb	Media
Jack Thorner	PacifiCorp ENERGY Jim Bridger Power Plant
Dave Peck	EPA Region 8
Glenn Ford	U.S. EPA Region 8 Enforcement Section
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

Welcome

Judy Valentine called the meeting to order at 8:36.

Approval of Agenda

Phillip Luzmoor motioned to approve the agenda and Bryan Seppie seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Rick Cozad motioned to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2010 meeting. Karla Roich seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Reports from Committees

Fire at General Chemical

Phillip Luzmoor informed the group of an incident that occurred at General Chemical where a calciner caught fire. A calciner is a large steel revolving cylinder that is used to heat the trona to remove carbon dioxide. General Chemical activated mutual aid and with the assistance of FMC, Solvay and Green River Fire they were able to successfully handle the incident without the need to make any outside notifications.

Judy Valentine commented that this has been a concern with the Sheriff's Office when they don't get notified but; this is the procedure that is followed by many of these types of industries. This procedure is legal and it is at the discretion of the company involved to determine how "public" they want to make the incident. If they were unable to handle the situation they would have called for help. The mutual aid group primarily consists of mine rescue type resources.

Possible Bomb on Interstate Bridge

Judy Valentine advised the group that at the same time that she was receiving calls on the General Chemical Fire she was also receiving calls regarding a possible bomb and an interstate closure. Trooper Juel Lewis reviewed the “bomb” incident for the group. Apparently someone noticed an unidentified device on an interstate bridge. The interstate was temporarily closed, and the device detonated by the bomb team. The device is still being investigated but is believed to be a GPS tracking device. Emergency Management had not been advised of this incident, through official channels.

Industry Recognition Applications

No applications have been received. A few applications were distributed during the meeting and those in attendance were reminded that they could turn one in. The application is also available on the Sweetwater County Emergency Management website at: <http://www.sweet.wy.us/ema/duties.html> under the LEPC tab.

Citizen Corps

Holly Dabb advised the group that the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes have been updated and two new supplemental animal response classes have been added. We currently don't have a class scheduled. Juel Lewis has offered to post information regarding the CERT training on a Facebook account that he maintains for Peace Officer's training opportunities. Judy Roderick will email the training announcement to Juel in Word format; she will also check into getting POST credit for individual units of the class.

331 Cargo Tank Training

Juel has seen a 331 Cargo Tank from Columbus, Ohio that is used for training. This tank is designed specifically for training and has cut out areas that allow students to see how the tank operates. Participants can go inside the tank and view how the valves and floats work. Juel would like to bring this trailer here next spring or summer and open the training up to anyone that is interested; he may need some financial assistance with this project and is looking for potential sponsors. This is a great opportunity to learn about pressure vessels like this one. A 331 Cargo tank is 250 to 300 psi and is primarily used to transport propane or anhydrous ammonia. This tank is shipped by rail along with two smaller tanks. Last year a tank like this leaked by Green River and had to be off loaded. Anyone that would like to help Juel with this project is encouraged to email him at: j.lewis@dot.state.wy.us

Phillip Luzmoor suggested possibly combining this training with a Union Pacific training car for even a bigger event.

Old Business

NIMS Update

Judy Valentine distributed a handout and advised the group of two new NIMS/ICS classes that are recommended for everyone and are tied to preparedness grant funding. These classes are:

ICS 701a - NIMS Multiagency Coordination System (MACS) Course -

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is701a.asp>

ICS 702a - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Public Information Systems –

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is702a.asp>

NIMS classes can be completed on line at: <http://www.training.FEMA.gov/EMIWeb/IS>. Judy submits quarterly updates to the state and would appreciate it if people would send her their certificates or passing email so that she can include them in her updates. It is recommended that you take the NIMS classes in the following order:

[IS-700.a National Incident Management System \(NIMS\), An Introduction](#)

[IS-100.a \(ICS 100\) Introduction to Incident Command System](#)

[IS-200.a \(ICS 200\) ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents](#)

Hazard Assessment/Capabilities Assessment

Judy Valentine distributed the minutes from the Hazard Assessment/Capabilities Assessment committee and advised that the next meeting has been scheduled for the end of September. The committee includes: Jim Wamsley, Rick Cozad, Karla Roich, Phillip Luzmoor, John Lucas, Blaine Graham, Jack Thorner, John Knoll, Judy Valentine and Judy Roderick.

Update on EPA Region 8

David Peck advised the group that last year the EPA took on a project of identifying five major incidents. They are now taking this project a step further by working with the states, tribes and locals on plans for these incidents. David also advised the group that the EPA has resources to help during incidents. There are sixteen on scene commanders with two on call to respond; will probably arrive without a phone call if water is involved. The EPA was thanked again for their help during the Jamestown water incident.

New Business

Union Pacific Haz-Mat & First Responders

Kim Collier addressed the group with great enthusiasm regarding the Senior MTO for Green River, Andy Tennessen and the plans that they are putting in place to prepare for potential incidents. Andy has started making plans to conduct a “mock disaster” to help ensure that Union Pacific and the first responders are all on the same page. Kim distributed copies of the current Union Pacific Hazardous Material Emergency Response Plan and reviewed the plan for the group. Kim shared her plans of bringing in a snow bus (caboose that has been converted to transport passengers. Snow buses are used in the winter when they can't get vehicles in to pick up crews. First responders would be invited to go on a tour from Green River to Granger, to Black Butte and back. This tour would put emphasis on the areas with difficult access for responders. This snow bus could make multiple trips to facilitate any first responders that would like to take the tour.

There were questions about RR mile markers and it was explained that the markers aren't consistent from county to county. The west end of Green River is 817, while the east is 815 and Peru Hill is 825. Kim is working on an overlay map and will work with the county mapping department.

Kim talked about the slide fence that is near Jamestown comparing it to a recent accident near Thermopolis where a boulder jumped the slide fence without triggering it.

There is a huge amount of hazardous materials transported daily thru our communities. There is a *Placement Plan* that reduces hazards by taking preventative actions such as not placing explosives next to corrosives. There have been three derailments in the last month in the Green

River yard. This isn't typical but does happen. The paperwork for the train is always located in the engine and is listed as it is on the train from the east to the west; if in doubt ask if it runs front to back or back to front. The engineer is trained to grab the paper before evacuating from the engine.

The on scene commander for an incident in the Green River yard would likely be the Yard Master, Rich O'malley. The Yard Master has access to all of the radio frequencies used by the rail road (yard – 36.36, west of Green River – 27.27, east of Green River 42.42, and 38.38). During an event the Yard Master will be busy fielding phone calls and a foreman will most likely go to the scene; the foreman are there 24/7 and can leave their desks. It was suggested that the tower needs a red phone line that is utilized for emergencies only. There is a direct number to the Response Management Communications Center in Omaha. There was a question regarding the percentage of cars carrying hazmat; this is a difficult number to determine due to the vast amounts of cargo that can be labeled hazmat including things like automobiles.

Kim commented that it isn't if but when an incident is going to happen and they want to be prepared. The plan for the Rock Springs yard is the same as the plan for the Green River yard.

The speed limit is 40 mph from the west overpass to the high school in Rock Springs and then 60 mph. In Green River the speed limit is 25 to 30 mph thru the yard. The speed limit between Green River and Rock Springs is 60 mph. The maximum speed limit for freight is 70 mph while the maximum for AmTrak is 80 mph (it is felt that AmTrak cars are better maintained than freight)..

Operation Life Saver will be in the area at the end of this month. Kim could get a snow bus here anytime. We asked for a two week notice to notify all of the responders. Kim will get back with us on dates for the tour.

Andy Tennessen has been added to the LEPC membership list.

Tour of Regional Response Trailer

Rick Cozad from Region 4 Response Team. Explained to the group that there are seven Regional Response teams throughout the State of Wyoming the Region 4 Response Team is based out of Rock Springs Fire Department. These trailers are equipped and paid for by federal funding and are stocked with top of the line equipment. The team has been activated roughly 50 times in their five years since inception. Director Joe Moore of the State of Wyoming Homeland Security must be contacted to activate the team.

Rick Cozad with the assistance of the Rock Springs Fire Department provided an amazing tour for our group. While Rick attended our meeting the other members of the team were busily setting up a display consisting of a fire truck, the Region 4 Response Trailer, and the decontamination tent. Members of the team were available to explain the equipment and answer



our many questions. Thank you for a fantastic tour.



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Judy did explain that when a person obtains a NOAA All Hazards Radio they need to set it to frequency 7 in this area; or select the channel with the strongest signal.

Juel Lewis explained the WYDOT 511 notification procedure and invited the attendees to sign up on line to use it. During this conversation he also informed the group that WYDOT is considering reducing the speed limit between Green River and Rock Springs on an as needed basis such as when the roads are bad. This procedure has been utilized for two years on Elk Mountain and WYDOT has seen a decrease in accidents as a result.

Judy Valentine informed the group that Emergency Management has used a grant to purchase three portable radios and nine portable signs. The signs are bright pink and the three radio frequencies belong to Emergency Management. Public Health has also purchased one of these radios.

Shelter-In-Place Bags

Judy Roderick showed the group the Shelter In Place Bags that we put together to distribute to the public. The Shelter in Place program was initiated by the LEPC. These bags contain Shelter in place pamphlets, DVD and magnet as well as a *Family Emergency Preparedness Guide* and CERT brochure.

Phillip Luzmoor suggested the distribution of these bags at the Kiwanis' Safety Day in Green River on September 25th. Phillip will take a box of the bags with him and we will locate volunteers to staff the table.

Union Pacific Rail Road would also like to distribute these bags at Union Pacific Family Days on August 29th. Kim Collier took a box of bags to distribute.

Open Discussion

ICS 300 and 400 Training

ICS 300 is being offered by Sublette County Public Health in Pinedale on August 31 thru September 1. They will also be offering ICS 400 on October 12 thru 13. The pre-req's for the ICS 300 are 700, 800, 100 and 200. The pre-req's for the ICS 400 are 700, 800, 100, 200 and 300. Anyone interested in these classes can contact Karla Roich for more information. roichk@sweet.wy.us or by calling (307) 362-1902.

It was suggested that we start using the community calendars to posts items like this training. The Rocket Miner will have a community calendar up later this month. Gena Davis maintains one for the city of Rock Springs. Karla will check into using these calendars.

Judy Valentine's Retirement

Judy Valentine will be retiring soon but, hasn't turned in her notice. Judy is still unsure what will happen with her position or the Emergency Management department. We are going into the 8th year of Emergency Management being under the Sheriff's office prior to this time EMA was under the County Commissioners. .

FMC Tour

Monica Johnson informed the group that the tour is postponed until the new management gets a chance to get their feet on the ground.

Hospital Exercise

David Beltran advised the group that the hospital has tabletop exercise on September 14th and a functional on September 21st. The scenario will involve a draught caused wild fire that is creating respiratory distress.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 21st at 5:30 pm at Holly Dabb's residence. Judy Valentine's retirement will be celebrated at this meeting. The address will be included with the agenda.

Adjourn

Holly Dabb motioned and Karla Roich seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:17.

Action Items:

	Responsible Individual	Action Item Responsible For
1	Everyone	Encourage Industry Recognition Applicants
2	Judy Roderick	CERT class announcement to Juel Luis.
3	Judy Roderick	Check into getting POST credit for individual sections of CERT training.
4	Juel Luis	Continue pursuing the 331 Cargo Tank
5	Everyone	Continue taking NIMS/ICS classes – 701a & 702a
6	Judy Roderick & Rick Cozad	Determine dates for the next CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training.
7	Hazard Assessment/Capabilities Assessment – Committee (Jim Wamsley, Rick Cozad, Karla Roich, Phillip Luzmoor, David Brandner, John Lucas, Blaine Graham, Dennis Claman, Jack Thorner, Judy Valentine and Judy Roderick)	Continue working on Hazard Assessment/Capabilities Assessment
8	Judy Roderick	Add Andy Tennesen to the LEPC membership list
9	Kim Collier	Set up dates for UPRR tour for 1 st responders
10	Rick Cozad	Check with Chief Armstrong about the possibility of utilizing the RRT to assist industry with identifying contents in unmarked barrels.

11	Phillip Luzmoor	Make arrangements to distribute SIP bags at Kiwanis Safety Day in Green River
12	Kim Collier	Make arrangements to distribute SIP bags at UPRR Family Day

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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