

LEPC Meeting
Tuesday, February 12th , 2013
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs, WY

In attendance:

David Johnson	Sweetwater EMA
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA
Karla Roich	SWCCN
Steve Martin	BP
Caroline Weskamp	Williams
Dea Cargile	Green River Fire Department
Glen Jones	ECI
Blaine Graham	Sweetwater School District #1
Bryan Seppie	GR/RS/JPWB
Robin Wellhouse	BLM HDD
Curtis Kimbel	US EPA
Kenny Longfritz	US DHS Infrastructure Protection
Scott Wyler	MHSE Radiation Physics
David Beltran	MHSC
Tom Jacobsen	FMC Corporation
Drew Engstrom	Plains Pipeline
Danielle Hemmert	FMC Security
Rick Cozad	Rock Springs Fire
David Harris	Colorado Interstate Gas

Welcome

Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:03.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dave Johnson and seconded by Dea Cargile to accept the agenda with the addition on a presentation of the CBAT video by Kenny Longfritz. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rick Cozad and seconded by Karla Roich to approve the minutes from the November 14th meeting. The minutes were approved.

Reports from Committees

Citizen Corps Committee/Volunteer Foundation

➤ **Set Date for Volunteer Foundation Meeting**

- ❖ The next meeting of the Volunteer Foundation will be March 4th at 9:00 am in the EOC. Dave will be notifying the members.

➤ **CERT (*Community Emergency Response Team*) –**

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- ❖ We completed a CERT class on February 2nd, graduating 12 more individuals bringing our total graduates to 145. Of the 12 graduates six of them have filled out paperwork to become volunteers for Sweetwater County Emergency Management. Karla Roich joined us as an instructor during this class.
- **MRC (Medical Reserve Corp)** – Karla Roich updated the group on the progress that is being made regarding the formation of a Medical Reserve Corp. The District Board of Health identified the need for this resource during an anthrax pod exercise. This has been a lengthy application progress but the application has been accepted. Dr. Stachon, Janet Gerkin and Karla Roich make up the core group and will be meeting in the next couple of months to work on recruitment of medical personnel. There is a preparedness event in Atlanta that Karla hopes to be able to find funding for so that she can attend and hopefully bring back more information.

Old Business

National High School Rodeo Finals

The 2013 National High School Rodeo Finals will once again be held in Rock Springs. The first meeting was held last month. Things went relatively well last year so we don't expect to make any major changes. Minor changes include things like the addition of information boards where we can update attendees on things like weather, the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) will be updated to stress the importance of not touching suspicious packages (notify the command post), and increasing lighting. There is an estimated 30% turnover rate in contestants annually. We will be putting more emphasis on Wyoming weather with Chris Jones from the National Weather Service addressing the contestants and the creation of a slide to be displayed occasionally on the jumbo trons during performances. The National Weather Service did an awesome job last year of keeping us advised of changes in the weather. The next rodeo meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th.

Little America Corridor Project Update

The quarterly meeting of the Little America Corridor Project was held on January 8th. The pipeline operators have been monitoring their lines for any movement and did see some minor movement but; nothing that they didn't anticipate and well within their limits. The next quarterly meeting will be held on April 9th.

WyPA Pipeline Seminar

The annual WyPA Pipeline Seminar is scheduled for March 5th. This year we will be using a new venue; for several years GRBPA (Green River Basin Pipeline Association) has held the event at the Sweetwater County Events Complex and in recent years we have realized that we no longer need that large of a venue. This year we are going to hold the event at the Rock Springs Campus of Western Wyoming Community College. The One Call meeting for excavators will be a breakfast meeting beginning at 7:30 am. The Pipeline Seminar for the responders will start at 10:30 and will include a tabletop exercise including a gas release near a local school.

Exercises

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- * **Plains Pipeline Tabletop Exercise** – Drew Engstrom addressed the group regarding a tabletop exercise that Plains conducted on December 4th. The scenario for the exercise was a release of product into the Green River. Responders and Plains employees joined together to work through the scenario. The group was divided up by function; Command, Operations, Planning, and Financial. Actual phone calls were made to determine available resources and costs were calculated. Plains not only included local employees but brought in employees from their control center in Texas so that they could meet the people that they deal with face to face and could also take a tour of the area to see how spread out their assets are. This was a very successful exercise with everyone learning how we all interact together. We all learned more regarding how many intakes there are along the river, cleanup of contaminated wildlife, we have more local resources than some of us realized, expenses add up very fast and how important public relations are in an event like this. This exercise contributed to the decision to automate a manual block valve and this should be complete by August. There might be another exercise in the fall.

Upcoming Exercises

- * **Viva Naughton Emergency Action Plan Tabletop/Functional** – Viva Naughton will be hosting a tabletop exercise in Kemmerer on Friday March 29th followed by a functional on June 20th. The scenario will be a breach of the dam. It would take 36-38 hours for the water to reach Granger. Damage would be extensive but fortunately we have time on our side. During the functional exercise in June we will be standing up our EOC (Emergency Operations Center).

Training

- * **Pet First Aid Class** – Dr. Tiffany Reed of Sweetwater Veterinary has agreed to present a Pet First Aid Class for SCART (Sweetwater County Animal Response Team). This is free training and is open to the public. - February 27th at Green River Animal Control.
- * **Respond Wyoming** – The Respond Wyoming First Responder Conference will be held in Riverton on March 23rd to 25th. The SERC (State Emergency Response Committee) will be meeting in Riverton on the 21st and other groups (such as County Emergency Managers) are holding meetings on the 22nd.
- * **Weather Spotter Class** – The National Weather Service will be presenting a Weather Spotter class in Rock Springs on May 7th. This is a free class that is open to anyone that is interested in learning more about our weather. Upon completion of this class students have the opportunity to register with the National Weather Service as a Weather Spotter. As a Weather Spotter you can report weather anytime to them and may be contacted by NWS to find out what type of weather you are experiencing. Sweetwater County sits in an area that is difficult for radar to cover well.
- * **BMAP (Bomb Making Awareness Program)** – Kenny Longfritz with Homeland Security will be presenting a BMAP class on July 9th. The class will start at 9:00 am and has openings for 75 participants. This class is designed to teach the public to be more aware of things like purchases that could be used for bomb making.

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- * **NIMS/ICS Independent Study Classes** – Many of the NIMS (National Incident Management System) and ICS (Incident Command System) can be taken online at <http://training.fema.gov/is/nims.asp>.

New Business

EPA Resources and Expertise

Curtis L. Kimbel of EPA gave a presentation on the resources and expertise of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). Anyone can report a spill by calling the NRC (National Response Center) 800-424-8802.

The EPA can assist with emergency response, assessment, cleanup, oversight of response, cost recovery, and SPCC inspections. There are 250 on scene coordinators with the EPA and 16 in our region. They are funded by CERCLA Superfund, Clean Water Act, and the Stafford Act. The EPA can self-deploy. They may respond to discharges of oil in to navigable waters, etc. They also have special teams and resources to backup region, warehouses of equipment, and technical contractors. They would support local response effort but won't take over unless asked to do so.

CBAT

Kenny Longfritz with Homeland Security presented CBAT (Computer Based Assessment Tool). This is not regulatory and is on a voluntary basis. The CBAT is free and recommended for critical infrastructure. Using the CBAT, areas of vulnerability are identified and mitigation can be taken. The CBAT is used for every Super Bowl and Inauguration. Contact Kenny if you are interested in utilizing this tool for your facility.

Open Discussion

Resignation of Phillip Luzmoor as Co-Chair – Phillip Luzmoor submitted his resignation as Co-Chair of the LEPC he will remain a member of the LEPC. After reviewing the by-laws of the LEPC we realized that we need to update them prior to replacing Phillip's position. A subcommittee will meet to review the by-laws prior to the next LEPC meeting. A copy of the current by-laws will be distributed with the minutes from this meeting.

Lost Creek Uranium Mine

Dave Johnson advised the group that John Cash of Lost Creek Uranium Mine (located near Bairoil) has contacted him regarding putting together a tour of the mine for a core group of responders followed by a tour of the completed facility. Dave will contact John and ask him to give a presentation at the next LEPC meeting.

Tier II

We have started receiving Tier II reports for 2012. Starting last year we no longer enter the data into a spreadsheet and instead have been entering everything into Tier II Submit so that we can utilize the data through the CAMEO software suite. During 2011 we received reports from 87 companies, 94 in 2010, 84 in 2009 and 93 in 2008.

Set date and time for next meeting

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The next LEPC meeting will be Tuesday, May 21st at 9:00 am at the EOC (731 C Street, Bldg. A, Suite #131, Rock Springs).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42.

Attachments: Sign in sheet

LEPC By-Laws

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