

LEPC Meeting
Tuesday, May 21st, 2013
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs, WY

In attendance:

Tamara Twitchell	Daggett County EM
Danielle Hemmert	FMC Security
Holly Dabb	Rocket-Miner
Lance East	Rock Springs Fire Department
Bryan Seppie	JPWB
Kim Collier	Union Pacific RR
Nissa Homan	MHSC
David Beltran	MHSC
Dave Harris	Kinder Morgan
Lyle Armstrong	Rock Springs Fire
Caroline Weskamp	Williams
Tom Jacobsen	FMC Corporation
Eric Heap	Plains Pipeline
Michael Forrest	RSFD
David Bottemiller	SCFD
Jessica Knezovich	SCFD
Blaine Graham	Sweetwater School District #1
Rick Cozad	Rock Springs Fire
David Johnson	Sweetwater EMA
Jim Wamsley	Sweetwater County Fire District #1
Tom Murphy	Williams West
Steve Martin	BP
Mike Liberty	GRFD
Albert J Whipple	Hill AFB
David Hess	Hill AFB
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

Welcome

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rick Cozad and seconded by Holly Dabb to approve the minutes from the February 12th meeting. The minutes were approved.

Reports from Committees

Citizen Corps Committee/Volunteer Foundation

- **Volunteer Foundation Meeting** – Dave Johnson advised the group that the foundation was regrouping and filling the vacated positions.

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- **CERT (*Community Emergency Response Team*)** – Judy Roderick advised the group that although there hasn't been any CERT training since the last meeting the CERT members have been busy.
 - CERT utilized a grant to acquire NOAA All Hazards radios to distribute to select groups/individuals within the county. One was given to Young at Heart during preparedness a presentation.
 - One of the CERT members was approached by Head Start to do a presentation on 72 hour kits; EMA assisted this volunteer with this presentation.
 - The CERT team staffed a booth at the April 27th WyTecc Conference, at WWCC, to promote CERT training.
 - Members of the CERT team joined others from around the area to attend a Weather Spotter class on May 20th.
 - The SCART (Sweetwater County Animal Response Team) worked with Dr. Tiffany Reed and Green River Animal Control to put on a First Aid class for the community. Dr. Reed also attended another of the teams meetings to do a presentation on dog and cat identification.
 - The Dive team has been participating in trainings such as the March 16th ROV (remotely operated vehicle) training as well as working with regulatory agencies to get permission to sink a boat for training purposes. This boat was donated to the team for this purpose and the team has been stripping and cleaning it in preparation.
 - The ham radio group has stayed busy. They have dedicated meetings to help each other build and update their equipment.
 - CERT volunteers participated in a decontamination exercise at Memorial Hospital.
 - A couple of CERT volunteers were able to attend the WyPA/GRBPA seminar.
- **MRC (*Medical Reserve Corp*)** – Public Health is continuing to build their Medical Reserve Corp.

Old Business

National High School Rodeo Finals – Dave Johnson advised the group that the preparations are being made for the 2013 National High School Finals Rodeo. The rodeo will run from July 13th through the 20th with check-in starting on the 11th. Things ran pretty smoothly last year so we haven't had to implement a lot of changes.

Little America Corridor Project Update – The last quarterly meeting of this group was held at Green River Fire Department on April 9th. Mitigation and monitoring is continuing and everything is proceeding as anticipated. The group will be doing a tabletop exercise in their August meeting to exercise the plan.

WyPA/Green River Basin Pipeline Association Seminar – The annual pipeline seminar was held on March 5th at Western Wyoming Community College. The group made a few changes this year by moving to WWCC, using different rooms for the responder and the excavator meetings, utilizing WWCC personnel for check-in, separating the booth placement from the rest of the seminar and doing a tabletop exercise for the responders.

Questar Safety Fair – Emergency Management and Public Health were invited to have a booth at the first Questar Safety Fair on April 12th. This gave us a chance to distribute preparedness information and answer questions presented to us.

Respond Wyoming Conference – Emergency Management as well as several other local responders attended the Respond Wyoming Public Safety Conference in Riverton; March 23rd through March 25th.

Exercises

- **Chem Pack Tabletop** – A tabletop exercise was presented on March 28th at Fire District #1. David Beltran explained that the Chem Pack is now stored locally. Very strict federal criteria are in place including electronic monitoring from Alabama.

Dave Johnson wanted to give Karla Roich a “Kudos” for being the first in the state to submit her risk assessment form.
- **Viva Naughton Emergency Action Plan Tabletop** - This tabletop exercise was held in Kemmerer on March 29th. This scenario would devastate Granger but we would have a lot of warning to evacuate the town.
- **Hospital Decon Exercise** – David Beltran reviewed the hospital decon exercise that was held on April 4th. This was a two day training. The first half day was an awareness level training with level C (breathing apparatus), the second half day was classroom training. On the second day there was a functional exercise. This training is done annually. It can sometimes be uncomfortable to touch others and this training helps raise that comfort level. The teams of six spend thirty minutes suited up to decontaminate victims before switching out with the next team. The mass decon in the hospital garage has a 1,500 gallon bladder.
- **Airport Exercise** – On April 26th the airport held their tabletop exercise. The scenario included a 737 whose landing gear failed. This was a very good exercise with participation from several emergency response agencies. Following the tabletop exercise, a representative from Homeland Security gave a presentation on MANPADS (manned portable air defense systems), shoulder fired rockets.

Upcoming exercises

- **Viva Naughton Emergency Action Plan Functional** – On June 20th we will be taking the Viva Naughton Dam exercise to the next level. We will be standing up our EOC (Emergency Operations Center) as well as Lincoln County. Ron Nelson will be the onsite incident commander in Granger. The state will be involved with this exercise. We will be simulating an evacuation of Granger. Bridges and the railroad would also be affected.

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- **Fontenelle Dam Tabletop** – There will be a tabletop exercise on August 28th for Fontenelle Dam. We don't know any of the specifics for the scenario.

Training Opportunities

- **BMAP (Bomb Making Awareness Program)** – A Bomb Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP) class is being presented by Kenny Longfritz, with Homeland Security, on July 9th at Western Wyoming Community College. This free class is designed to teach the public to be more aware of things like purchases that could be used for bomb making. Register online at <http://bombawarenessrocksprings.eventbrite.com/>.
- **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>. Please forward copies of your completion certificates to emergency management. Homeland Security grant money is awarded based on the ability of the county to show that they are NIMS compliant.

New Business

Master Transportation Plan – Dave Johnson is part of a committee working on a Master Transportation Plan for the county Growth Management Plan. They are working on egresses and ingresses for first responders.

Lost Creek Uranium Mine – John Cash was unable to attend today to do a presentation. Dave Johnson will be contacting John regarding the possibility of doing a tour at Lost Creek Uranium Mine on June 10th.

Open Discussion

LEPC Co-Chair – According to the Bylaws the officers of the LEPC are approved by the County Commissioners. Dave Johnson has not been approved as Chair and Judy Roderick has not been approved as Secretary; we were under the assumption that these positions were part of the job description. We will table this discussion and do more research before proceeding. Copies of the bylaws will be included with these minutes. Lyle Armstrong has expressed an interest in the Co-Chair position.

It has been quite some time since our membership list was reviewed by the group. We will review the list at the next meeting.

Hill Air Force Base – David Hess and Albert Whipple addressed the group on the use of Hill Air Force Base during an emergency. They pointed out that Hill Air Force Base is actually closer to us than F E Warren. The Wyoming EPLO (Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer) is Col Stacy Collins; the EPLO consults with the Governor. Our bomb techs have worked with Hill Air Force Base.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next LEPC meeting will be Wednesday, August 14th at 9:00 am at the EOC (731 C Street, Bldg. A, Suite #131, Rock Springs).

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Adjourn

Lyle Armstrong made a motion, Kim Collier seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Attachments: Sign in sheet
LEPC By-Laws

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