

LEPC Meeting
Wednesday, August 14th, 2013
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs, WY

In attendance:

David Johnson	Sweetwater EMA
Danielle Hemmert	FMC Security/SWC S&R
Ron Besso	Williams OPPL
Lyle Armstrong	Rock Springs Fire
Jessica Knezovich	Sweetwater County Fire Department
David Bottemiller	Sweetwater County Fire Department
John Knoll	ExxonMobil
Mike Liberty	Green River Fire Department
Drew Engstrom	Plains Pipeline
Eric Heap	Plains Pipeline
Donald Jackson	Exxon Mobil
David Beltran	Memorial Hospital Sweetwater County
Jane Pennell	QEP Energy CO
Kim Collier	UTU 1857/Union Pacific RR
Dave Peck	DMP Consulting
Karla Roich	Sweetwater County Community Nursing
Holly Dabb	Rocket-Miner
Leonard Ortega	Williams Gas Pipeline
Grant Christensen	County Health Department
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

Welcome

Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:07.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Holly Dabb and seconded by John Knoll to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lyle Armstrong and seconded by Holly Dabb to approve the minutes from the May 21st meeting. The minutes were approved.

Reports from Committees

Citizen Corps Committee/Volunteer Foundation

- **Volunteer Foundation Meeting** – Dave Johnson advised the group that the foundation has reorganized and is very enthusiastic.
- **CERT (*Community Emergency Response Team*)** – Judy Roderick advised the group that a CERT class will be starting on Friday October 4th at Young at Heart. The training will take place on the 4th, 5th and 12th; a Friday evening and two full Saturdays.

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The CERT volunteers staffed a CERT booth at the Sweetwater County Fair this year. We utilized grants funds to purchase a CERT banner and tablecloth. They promoted the CERT program and recruited students for the upcoming class. The booth was shared by MRC (Medical Reserve Corp) and Rock Springs Crime Stoppers. Visitors to the booth were given a very short survey about CERT and general preparedness. These surveys were then placed into a daily drawing for a NOAA All Hazards Radio. At the end of the week all of the tickets were combined for a drawing of a two person 72 hour kit.

Other volunteer groups have also been busy. The SCART (Sweetwater County Animal Response Team) is planning a "Build a Bucket" event in Green River at Green River Animal Control on Wednesday, September 25th, at 6:30 pm. This event will give the public a chance to learn more about preparing their pets for an emergency. Attendees will be given a bucket (while supplies last) to collect items in as they work their way from station to station.

Doctor Tiffany Reed has been working with the SCART and is doing quarterly trainings that are for the team as well as open to the public; the next one will be on Poisonous Plants. This presentation will be held at the Rock Springs campus of WWCC on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm.

The Dive Team attempted to locate and retrieve a lost cod trap as a training mission. They were unsuccessful.

The Boat Team has been training additional volunteers.

- **MRC (Medical Reserve Corp)** – Karla Roich advised the group that as a result of a Pod (Point of Distribution) exercise that was held last year: Sweetwater County has started recruiting volunteers for a Medical Reserve Corp. They are looking for individuals with a medical background as well as individuals with no medical background that would be willing to help with things like paperwork.

Old Business

LEPC Co-Chair – Dave Johnson advised the group that he has given a copy of our bylaws to the county attorney for clarification on officer appointment. Lyle Armstrong has agreed to fill the Co-Chair position.

National High School Rodeo Finals – Dave Johnson advised the group that the 2013 National High School Finals Rodeo was 10 days of fun and was a little sad to see it come to an end. We learned a lot from last year so things ran rather smoothly. There were approximately 1,488 contestants and only nine were disqualified and ejected; including Miss North Dakota. Golf cart issues were better this year. A few of the golf carts were confiscated for bypassing the governor. There were a few minor property damages with adults backing into each other during move in.

We haven't held the after event debriefing. We have already identified a couple of areas that need improvement. We don't need as much law enforcement on Saturday; people are already starting to pull out and go home by then. And better accountability.

There was a camp trailer fire during check in. The trailer was being set up by the local owner for the tenants when a gas leak caused the trailer to catch fire and burn to the ground. The fire

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department isn't stationed at the events complex. Station three is less than a mile away and there is a good supply of water at the complex.

The first aid booth saw close to 100 individuals. They even handled a person with chest pain. The hospital didn't notice an impact; they saw a few broken bones but nothing that they didn't expect to see with such an event.

Little America Corridor Project Update –Mitigation and monitoring is continuing and everything is proceeding as anticipated. The group will be doing a tabletop exercise during their August 22nd meeting.

Exercises

- **Viva Naughton Dam Exercise** – On June 20th we followed up our March 29th tabletop exercise with a functional exercise. We stood up our EOC for this exercise and did the best that we could with limited personnel. We have a very difficult time getting the actual people that would staff the EOC during an event to attend an exercise. We utilized our volunteers by letting them feel these positions.

A breach of the Viva Naughton Dam would impact the water level in the river all the way to the Flaming Gorge Dam where it could raise the water level by as much as four feet.

Union Pacific would not only be impacted but would also contribute a lot of debris, such as; tanker cars, ties and hazardous materials.

- **Mutual Aid Tabletop exercise** – Emergency Management was approached by Southwest Wyoming Mutual Aid to participate in their mining competition. We were asked to design a scenario and present a tabletop exercise concentrating on the implementation and usage of Incident Command. Dave Johnson designed the exercise around an attempted copper theft that resulted in an explosion, fire, fatality and injuries. In order to maintain consistency Dave recorded his presentation prior to the competition. In addition to the exercise we also gave the mine rescue teams the ICS 100 test and the Commander both the ICS 100 and ICS 700.

We received mixed reviews on this. Some teams felt that there wasn't enough "hands on" this year; there were other stations that were also more class room like than hands on. It was a learning experience and two of the teams that were there have expressed interest in receiving ICS training.

Upcoming exercises

- **Fontenelle Dam Tabletop** – We will be attending a tabletop exercise at 10:00 am on August 28th for Fontenelle Dam.
- **Plains Pipeline Boom Deployment drill** – Drew Engstrom advised the group that Plains Pipeline was planning to deploy boom on the Green River on August 22nd in a simulated spill drill.
- **Jonah Field Exercise** – Sweetwater County Emergency Management was contacted to participate in a drill in the Jonah field. In an attempt to keep it a surprise we don't know the actual date or the scenario; we were warned that we would get a phone call.

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Training Opportunities

- **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

Lost Creek Uranium Mine – Dave Johnson gave a quick review of a tour of Lost Creek Uranium Mine that a number of us had attended in June. John Cash was unable to attend today to do a presentation but, plans on giving a presentation to the LEPC at our next meeting.

Annual Special Needs/UTSE Meeting – Annually we hold a meeting where we invite all care givers to attend. We review our plan and present what we would need from the care givers during a disaster. HIPAA has made this necessary by prohibiting us from keeping track of UTSE (Unable to Self Evacuate) individuals.

Master Transportation Plan – Dave Johnson is part of a committee working on a Master Transportation Plan. They are working on more accessibility and right away widths.

ESF 8 Plan Review – Karla Roich presented a review of her Health and Medical Services plan for emergencies. She acknowledged that her plan is part of the bigger picture during an emergency and thanked the group for letting public health be part of the team.

Open Discussion

BMAP (Bomb Making Awareness Program) – We had a very good turnout at the Rock Springs class on July 9th with just a couple of vacancies. About 20 people attended the class in Laramie. This is an excellent class. Dave Harris from Kinder Morgan attended the class and has agreed to give a presentation to the Green River Basin Pipeline Association

Rocky Mountain Power Outages – Power outages can be a problem for anyone but are especially dangerous to special needs individuals such as those on oxygen. We have always had a difficult time getting the power company to notify us when there is a power failure so that we can alert care providers that they may have clients in need. We are usually notified after it has already been several hours and the individuals are desperate. Holly Dabb advised the group of a web site that posts power outages with estimated duration; the web site is www.rockymountainpower.net/mobile/po/woi.html

Set date and time for next meeting

The next LEPC meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at 9:00 am at the EOC (731 C Street, Bldg. A, Suite #131, Rock Springs).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57.

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