

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

In attendance:

Karla Roich	Sweetwater County Community Nursing
Gary Bailiff	BOCC/SERC
Clay Radakovich	Memorial Hospital
David Beltran	Memorial Hospital Sweetwater County
John Cash	Ur-Energy
Holly Dabb	Rocket-Miner
Bryan Seppie	Joint Powers Water Board
Mark Crane	Enviro Care
Leonard Ortega	Williams Gas Pipeline/NWP
Ron Besso	Williams/OPPL
Mark Ransdell	Questar Pipeline
Blaine Graham	SSD #1
Cindy Sheehan	SWC Land Use
Eric Bingham	SWC Land Use
David Bottemiller	SWC Fire Warden
Tamara S. Twitchell	Daggett EM
David Johnson	Sweetwater EMA
Eric Heap	Plains Pipeline
Steve Martin	BP America
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

Welcome

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

Introductions

Each attendee advised the group of their name and who they were representing.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by David Beltran and seconded by John Cash to approve the agenda with the additions of Burbot Bash and Pan Flu. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Holly Dabb and seconded by Karla Roich to approve the minutes from the August 14th 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 completed their 501 c(3) paperwork and sent out a fundraising letter to possible contributors.

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- **CERT (*Community Emergency Response Team*)** – Judy Roderick advised the group that a CERT class was held at the Young at Heart in October; resulting in another eleven graduates.

The SCART team held a Build a Bucket event in Green River and hosted an informational event for pet owners by inviting Dr. Tiffany Reed to give a presentation on poisonous plants.

The Dive Team is continuing training.

The Ham Radio group has represented Sweetwater County Emergency Management participated in a couple of communication exercises.

- **MRC (*Medical Reserve Corp*)** – Karla Roich advised the group that the MRC has been receiving signups through their website. Once up and running the MRC will meet quarterly. The core training that is being required for MRC volunteers is ICS 700, ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 800, CERT and other skill specific classes. Doni Drake is the first volunteer to complete all of the training requirements. Volunteers do not have to have a medical background.

Burbot Bash – Tamara Twitchell advised the group that this year the Burbot Bash is changing from a single weekend to an event that starts on November 15th and wraps up on January 26th. The first weekend will be a big kick off with special events and education and the final weekend will be a big celebration. There is a Burbot tagged with a \$25,000, a \$10,000, and two with \$5,000 prizes. There are also tagged fish that were not caught in previous years that are worth \$200 each. Ken Garth is also providing a two year lease on a Ford pickup as one of the prizes. The opening weekend will be fishing from boats instead of the usual ice fishing.

Daggett County does have a hovercraft that could be utilized during this event. It is difficult to rely on boats this time of year with the possibility of ice covering the water. Burbot fishing takes place at night and much of the fishing will take place in Sweetwater County.

Dave Johnson facilitated a meeting last night with Brian from the Daggett County Economic Development Office, members of the Sweetwater County Dive Team, Search and Rescue, and Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office.

Daggett County is presenting Ice Rescue Training again in January. Contact the Daggett County Economic Development Office or the www.Burbotbash.com website for more information.

Old Business

Little America Corridor Group – The Little America Corridor Group met right after our last LEPC meeting. The Little America Corridor Group meets quarterly to discuss the effects that subsidence from the FMC Longwall project is having on the pipelines that run through this corridor and to discuss mitigation activities that are taking place. During the last meeting Dave Johnson facilitated a tabletop exercise to test the response plan that this group devised. The exercise went well and at this point the pipeline companies haven't experienced anything unexpected. The group will meet again on November 20th.

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Exercises

- **Fontenelle Dam Tabletop** – There was a Fontenelle Dam tabletop exercise on August 28th. This was a very good exercise with a lot of great discussion. As with all exercises we all learned a lot and came away better prepared.

There is still some concern over the BOR only releasing information on a “Need to Know” basis and not believing anyone needs to know anything until we are in a full scale emergency. There was also some concern when the BOR stated that if there is a complete failure of the dam then they are done because there is no longer a dam; this was corrected. Some changes are being made to the plan based on this exercise. And we have come a long way with working with the BOR. We were surprised that a government agency such as the BOR was not NIMS compliant. If there were a complete failure of the dam the Flaming Gorge Reservoir would raise 10’; it would take eight hours for the flood waters to reach Green River.

- **Plains Pipeline Boom Deployment drill** – Eric Heap advised the group that on August 22nd Plains Pipeline did a boom deployment drill on the Green River. The drill went very well and a lot was learned from it. Dave Johnson was impressed at the amount of manpower that is required for a boom deployment.

Since the drill Plains has made arrangements to place a trailer with equipment to do a deployment at the Water Treatment Plant in Green River as well as a trailer at the Fire Training Center in Green River. They are working with the state for different caches around the state. Next year there will be a drill in Morgan, UT and Craig, CO. Eric Gave Dave permission to include pictures from the exercise on our website.

Drew Engstrom worked very closely with the LEPC during the planning stages and the deployment drill. Drew has been very involved with our LEPC and has been a pleasure to work with. Eric advised the group that Drew is transferring to Casper. We will miss Drew and wish him the best of luck with his new assignment.

New Business

Lost Creek Uranium Mine – John Cash from UR Energy presented an overview of Lost Creek Uranium Mine to the group. They are up and running; 15 miles from Bairoil and 35 miles from Wamsutter. Rawlins is the closest town for responders. They began operations in August. This is an injection type of mining and the pits are very soft and can be up to 15’ deep although not very large on top. The mine encompasses 4,200 acres and several thousand wells. There is an emergency entrance for responders.

The mine has 55 employees and the mine is manned 24/7/365 with a minimum of two people on site at all times. They are regulated by the NRC. John also discussed the chemicals that are on site and their location as well as their danger to responders.

Product is shipped by truck to power plants within the United States.

Master Transportation Plan – Eric Bingham and Cindy Sheehan from Sweetwater County Land Use gave the group an overview of the Master Transportation Plan. The plan integrates other master transportation plans with the county transportation plan. There are three types of

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roads; local, collector and arterial. This group strives to make things fairer for property owners by making them aware of requirements prior to development.

IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System) – Dave Johnson advised the group that he is researching a software that will allow Sweetwater County to access IPAWS. IPAWS will give Dave or his designated representative the capability of submitting an emergency message and after it is reviewed and accepted it would simultaneously be sent out over landline phones, cell phones, the EAS (local TV and Radio) system, NOAA all hazards radio, and digital TV and Radio stations. Currently Dave has the authority to send messages over phone, NOAA and EAS but they each are done separately.

Pandemic Flu – Karla Roich advised the group that it is that time of year again and Sweetwater County's numbers are going up. She reminded us that in 1918 50 million people died as a result of a flu pandemic. Businesses should try to come up with a plan that will allow them to continue with only 50% of their work force. Families are encouraged to have a two week supply of food.

Annual Hazard Analysis Review – Dave Johnson advised the group that it is time to update our Hazard Analysis and asked for volunteers to assist with this. Holly Dabb, David Beltran, David Bottemiller, Karla Roich, Leonard Ortega, Dave Johnson and Judy Roderick volunteered. Lyle Armstrong was volunteered by Dave Johnson. The group will be meeting on January 14th at 9:00 am in the EOC.

Open Discussion

WyPA Pipeline Seminar – The date for the 2014 WyPA Pipeline Seminar is Tuesday, March 4th. This seminar will be held in Green River at the Western Wyoming College Campus.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next LEPC meeting will be Tuesday, February 11th at 9:00 am at the EOC (731 C Street, Bldg. A, Suite #131, Rock Springs).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26