

April 21, 2016
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Clint Blackwood – Jerome County EMA, **Baldwin Camin** – LEPC/JPP, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA, **Jay Gardner** – LEPC/Jerome Police Dept., **Rick Bernsen** – Jerome City Fire Dept., **Bill Allred** – Jerome City Fire Dept., **Eddie D Patterson** – Salvation Army, **David W Becker** – Salvation Army, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioner, **Roger Morley** – Jerome County Commissioners, **Tom Snow** – USDA-Farm Service, **Larry Troxell** – SCPHD, **Staci Schneider** – Intermountain Communications, **Glenna Lawrence** – Jerome County OEM Assistant,

Welcome

Larry Goolsby, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and invited members to introduce themselves.

LEPC

Minutes for February 2016 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Grant Update: They have received 3 or 4 bids on the Security out at the Radio Tower Sight. We are going to readdress, that simply because we want to make sure everyone will be bidding for the same dimension, 300 to 500 ft. in perimeter. Clint says they are trying to decide whether we want to include the surrounding encatchment pond inside or outside the perimeter. There is a time frame in which to get it taken care of and that would be by early summer.

Clint then reports on the Critical Infrastructure Resilience Symposium held March 17 and 18 in Salt Lake City. He says he thought it was well attended symposium. Clint handed out two of the handouts he receive and one was the CRPG (Community Resilience Planning Guide) and the 6 planning steps and Key Activities which was discussed and served as their agenda. Good representation from Idaho, Florida, Colorado, Texas, Washington and Utah. Clint said they specifically went over and wanted to bring together the positive aspects of symposium based on other successes they have had. They wanted to bring together the key organizations like energy groups; Idaho Power, Propane Companies, Intermountain Gas, etc. etc. and dealing with the infrastructure and bringing the success stories to the table.

New Business:

Larry turned the time over to Diana Ochsner for the presentation on the American Red Cross and asks her to first explain what she has been involved in. She says In the Air Force she is involved in Search and Rescue; looking for crashes and missing vehicles, etc. on the ground. Diana is also involved in dispatch (with a call center) and works with the Cadets in preparing them for college or Military. When she started in Red Cross she was in disaster calls, and then advanced to National deployment. Diana says she also coordinates the Disaster Team, Media

for Idaho with a media team, PIO for South Central Idaho, certification for service to the Armed Forces which includes dealing with agents and service men, blood bank, and community teaching,

Diana started her presentation off by an introduction to the American Red Cross; they consist of the Idaho/Montana Chapter –SCID Disaster Action Team. Diana says that merging together has been a good thing and a very successful program.

The ARC has gone through some changes in the last year and a half and the reason they had to go through some painful changes is because of the increase in the National Disasters; more hurricanes, tornados, wild winds and fires, etc. All of their funds come from donations from the American people, no assistance or connection with the government what so ever. When you have to depend on these kind of funds and then being called out on so many different disasters they lost a lot of staff, volunteers, major vehicles and offices in major outposts and the Twin Falls area was one that was affected. Even the paid staff had to do some downsizing and the volunteers left had to take up more responsibilities.

She says there are 3 branches of the Red Cross; Disaster Services, SAF, and Blood Services.

1. Disaster Services

a. Disaster services include Disaster Action Team:

- Local responses to fires, floods, winter storms, evacuations due to crises, etc.
- They deploy to and are lead team of all big disaster occurring in Southern Idaho.
- Two trailers capable of sheltering 50 clients each....Twin and Hailey.
- Training for some members to be Duty Officers (dispatchers)
- Community Support/Education; hydration stations, pillowcase project, CPR, swimming, Smoke alarm installs, family linking, babysitting, Emergency Preparedness.
- Responders involved in a serious injury/fatality calls, has to undergo counseling...

b. National Responders

- Three are certified to deploy Nationally; Beverly, Suzie, Diana and soon Rick.
- Deployments are called DRO's – Disaster Relief Operations. They train on the jobs wanting to deploy in like; Logistics, Mass Care, Bulk Distribution, Family Linking, Staff Services, External Relations like Media, Government Liaison, and Assessment. Nurses and Therapists deploy in Health and Mental Health Services.
- The commitment for a DRO is a minimum of 2 weeks and often times lasts 3 wks or longer. An average work day is 16 hours.
- There are American volunteers that deploy worldwide.

2. Blood Services

Boise collects and prepares all blood from Idaho donors, dispenses it throughout Idaho and surrounding states....many times for emergency situation – bad weather.

3. Service To The Armed Forces – The Director is in Boise. (2 agents, Boise and Diana)

- Works directly with the commanding officers of all Idaho Service members to bring home remains of the fallen soldiers to their families.
- Assist families with injured service members and arranging transport home to local hospitals and rehabs.
- The Liaison between CO's and family members in MIA situations
- Sets up communication/arrangements with SM's and family when an emergency or death occurs on the home front.

The American Red Cross has pre-shelter agreements already set up, churches, schools, libraries, civic halls, fairgrounds, etc. Setting up a shelter is a quick process with their well trained volunteers. Diana says many are certified to be ERV drivers...locally and across country to serve as feeding stations and delivery of critical supplies and deploy in teams.

Their resources and partners are Salvation Army, Southern Baptist Church, Air Force CAP, National Guard, Local Sheriff Department, and on DRO's we have event based volunteers which is very essential.

Diana also told us that on National Deployments, all the beer companies drop production for 24 hours to can filtered water and then deliver it by semi's to the main warehouse for distribution.

Diana then handed out the 2015 Fast Facts on the Greater Idaho (not Montana) Chapter;

- 465 volunteers constitute 98% of their workforce
- DAT's assisted 209 families with food, clothing, temporary housing, etc.
- Collected 69,868 pints of blood in our region and organized 2,306 blood drives.
- Part of the Home Fire Campaign, they visited 375 homes, installed 678 smoke alarms and assisted 337 household with developing home fire evacuation plans.
- They provided services to 372 military families
- Taught 11,588 individuals lifesaving skills in our Health and Safety classes.
- Volunteers contributed more than 15,354 hours valued at \$310,304.
- And facilitated 8 international tracing cases.
- Family linking; system in the Red Cross set up where they can actually track people through a computer data base, and this is if they have been found safe and sound. There will be a phone # available for family linking on KMVT news.

Time was turned over for questioning and Rusty Devereaux explains the chapter, division and funding of the Red Cross.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

There will be an EOC, Emergency Operation Planning class held in May in Pocatello Idaho.

Agency Reports:

Clint Blackwood reports for Eddie D. Patterson – The Southern Idaho Emergency Disaster Service Team will be participating in the Twin Falls Mock Disaster Exercise on May 18 at Henningsen's Cold Storage and if any of the LEPC members and friends would like to participate in some field training through the Salvation Army to please contact them at 208-420-0190 for further information.

Clint also reports; OEM we will be moving into the new Jail facilities but don't anticipate holding our LEPC meetings in there for a couple of months. An invitation of an open house will be presented to all LEPC members to attend. We will be looking forward to some training for key personnel in the new EOC.

Gary Davis – 2016 budget is \$40,090 and getting ready to come out and the grant applications will be due and back to the commissioners by the 1st of June. The 2017 budget isn't looking too good, it is down to about \$16,000. Because the money is going to be shrinking, Gary says it sounds like it is left up to the coordinators how much to allocate those funds in the future. Gary also gives a quick note on how things are changing; currently for Idaho to get a Federal Declaration there is a threshold of \$2.5 million and once we exceed that we qualify. They are proposing to change that for Idaho and up it to \$7.5 million for Idaho. In other words we only get declared a disaster if we exceed over the \$7.5 million dollars.

Cathy Roemer – Because of the Jail and things surrounding it, the courthouse could be without proper security. The commissioners ask a gentleman to come in and look the facilities over and on a negative note, nothing seems to be working and on a positive note it is really that almost nothing is working properly. They are in the process of evaluating and analyzing to see what they can do to protect the employees and the facilities.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

April 21, 2016

1 pm – 2pm

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