

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 Rural 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

Jay Gardner, Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and invited members to introduce themselves.

LEPC

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

Old Business

Grant Update: The first part of the grant discussion is for the 2015 grant. We have two active purchases being made; the security fence at the tower site with a few issues that may or may not be resolved. The Contractor accepted the bid but coming up with materials could be an issue in getting the project completed. Waiting for an email with a proposal to see where we stand. Second part of grant report is a submittal for authorization to purchase a metal detector for the Court Facility and has been accepted under the grant. This has needed to be replaced for some time and will cost a minimum of \$3000 of the grant funding.

New Business:

Clint takes a few minutes to go over 2016 SHSP Priorities/Program. They say we have to establish priorities and based on the state of Idaho's priorities which is a sub set of the National Priorities. Clint apologizes that because the computers were down in the courthouse he was unable to make copies of the priorities for the SHSP to share with the LEPC group. We turn to the EMPG Subaward guidance for 2016; Mission Areas and Core Capabilities Investment Guide; Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Respond and Recover. The FY 2016 SHSP State of Idaho Specific Priorities is:

- RealID
- Countering Violent Extremism
- Cybersecurity
- Infrastructure Systems
- Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction (one vulnerability mentioned was the Midpoint Substation/California transmission line)

Clint says we need to address one of these in our priorities and also need to address some of the priorities on the federal side. Specifically, what do we need as Jerome County and where do we spend the monies we have allocated to do the most good?

The next item is;

- We must have a 25% Law Enforcement, so whatever we do have to be tied into Law enforcement.
- 5% M&A
- Indirect Costs
- Equipment Purchasing, Typing & Identifications
- Training
- Exercises
- Allowable Costs
- Grant Modifications
- Monitoring

Clint says we do not have a specific vulnerability list based on individual businesses but we have a generic risk assessment, and Clint says, maybe perhaps that should be something we should take a look at and develop. He says it would be a massive undertaking and didn't know if we would have the resources to do it. Jay asked how much we had in the budget.... \$40,090.00 and training and Exercise has to come out of that as well. Clint would like to see the EOC training in our new facilities used with new equipment and get familiar on how that is going to function. No timeline on it until we are in the new facility and it could be Aug, Oct, Nov before funding is established and application has to be in by mid-May before anything can happen. Clint will be looking into bringing the training here and we would have to have at least 25 signed up and that would be funded under other federal grant programs.

Clint says the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) monies would be transferred over to help pay for part of management and administration.

Bill Allred gave his concerns on the communication radio issues, upgrading and how we need to talk to each other more and communicate so we are all on the same level of concerns and enhancing communication.

LEPC groups discussed the radios, the different kinds and how many needed and the cost.

Stacey from Intermountain Communications let the LEPC group know what she had to offer in Apex Radios.

Jay asks the LEPC group, "Out of the 5 areas on the list in the Idaho Specific Priorities; "Which way do we want to go? Clint suggest that we have a communications committee come together and look at what we have, what we need to have, where to go from here and how we are going to do it. Clint says they don't have to be our priorities, they can be the states priorities but we have to pick at least one if not more. Clint has a deadline to address that application by May 15th and in the hands of the commissioners by June 1st. So Clint asked the LEPC; do we need to have a sub-committee to address this issue? We should have representations from the Police Dept., Sheriff's Dept., and Fire Dept., anybody that is actively involved in communications.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

There will be an EOC, Emergency Operation Planning class held in May in Pocatello Idaho on 24th 25th and 26th

Agency Reports:

Rick Bernsen – Announced that the “*Home Fire Preparedness Program*” on Sat, May 14th 2016, the Jerome City & Rural Fire Departments and the American Red Cross, along with local partners, will install **FREE** Smoke Alarms in Jerome. They need local volunteers to help with these installs. You can go to <https://jeromeinstall.eventbrite.com> to register to volunteer for this life saving community event or call 208-324-2323 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri.

There was a fire a few nights ago in the area and luckily it was in the attic and not much damage. They had a smoke detector but no batteries, and are finding that this is the case in many homes or they are installed incorrectly. Since they started installing these detectors, it has been identified that many lives have been saved because of them.

Cathy Roemer – She discussed and passed out the agenda from “The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site and Environmental Management (EM) Citizen Advisory Board (CAB)”. One thing on the agenda was the Settlement agreement Idaho entered into with the Department of Energy to remove nuclear fuel from the State of Idaho. The citizen’s advisory board group is an arm of the Department of Energy and they get continual updates. The Idaho clean-up project reports how the progress is going. The IWTU, (Integrated Waste Treatment Unit), is within the Department of Energy that has been put in to rectify the liquid waste, and has been doing that for 8 years and still not working. If interested in more information on the nuclear waste issues and more, get ahold of Commissioner Roemer. She can furnish you with a website.

Clint Blackwood – On May 18th in Twin Falls, there is a full scale exercise being held. The co-sponsors are Public Health and Twin Falls County.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

May 19, 2016

1 pm – 2pm

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