

May 19, 2016  
City Council Chambers  
100 E Ave A  
Jerome, Idaho

### **Attendance**

**Clint Blackwood** – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – IBHS, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA, **Rick Bernsen** – Jerome Rural Fire Dept., **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Dept., **Bill Allred** – Jerome City Fire Dept., **Eddie D Patterson** – Salvation Army, **David W Becker** – Salvation Army, **Dan Schaffer** – SCPHD, **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 April 2016 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

### **Old Business**

Grant Update: From last month we mentioned the difficulty the contractor experienced funding the security fence. Being unable to completely finance the project so he elected to withdraw from the project. We have now another vendor which is 'Taylor Made Fencing' and the adjustments have been made and accepted by the Commissioners. \$11,670 was committed to the fencing project.

The next item is the screening device for the court house. It has been purchased, received but not installed as yet. We are waiting upon a receiving document we need in order to get the purchase completed. The scanner came to the amount of \$3185.

The third item is the bid for the generator equipment for the radio tower site. It has been submitted for approval in the amount of \$5920.

The committed amount of dollars under the equipment category is currently \$20,795. There has been some training and exercise monies from our total, committed and set aside for and also monies in the equipment pack still available for our new EOC and until we are in the new center that is on hold. The new jail facility generator is not functional as of yet due to a manufacturer responsible defect is the issue. Working on the issue and until then we won't be moving into the new EOC.

The question was asked if we were going to have fiber connections in the new building. Clint said we should have all capabilities; Fiber, Wi-Fi, and Hard Wire and we will also have analog distribution in his Office.

## New Business:

Clint takes a few minutes to continue from last week, to go over 2016 SHSP Priorities/Program. Information has been taken from Appendix B-Program Priorities; addresses additional areas where funding can be applied to strengthen preparedness efforts. If you have established programs and need to continue with the programs.....it says there is potential for funding to continue the programs but not much funding to initiate programs other than listed. Clint says we have a CERT training program he would like to see continue and is one of those that were mentioned we can have a continuation of.

Clint opened it up to the group to review these priorities the state has; "What priorities does Jerome County need to establish so that we have the priorities where we can start looking what our projects are going to be and able to put money into our grant application?" June 1<sup>st</sup> is the goal to get the application completed and handed in.

The FY 2016 SHSP State of Idaho Specific Priorities is:

- **RealID** (scratched off the list, not much we can do with this)
- **Countering Violent Extremism** (Gary says they at the state level are trying to work things out). Clint says he doesn't know how to address this.
- **Cybersecurity** ( Unable to do this from the office) (Gary says there is a state wide committee and looking at maybe something in the future and far as training)
- **Infrastructure Systems** (suggestions were made from the group; power grid, water distribution, Telephone towers, Emergency services, evacuation routes, etc)

1. **Communication** is the most important; it is the first thing to fail during disasters. What do we need to do, how do we need to address it and be specific in addressing this issue of communication? We have got to make sure we have a system in place where we have the capabilities where everyone talks to each other continuously.

2. **THIRA** - Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment. If we get a better idea of what we need to do among the different agencies in Jerome County; what are the threats and what can we do to enhance our capability for response recovery.

3. **TR/EX** - Clint will be participating in the EOC training and exercise in Pocatello and thinking very seriously in bringing that level of training here to our new facility and learn how we are going to function and feel comfortable in case of an emergency.

Clint says as far as requirements, every county is supposed to have one major county base exercise. We will be meeting the requirements this year with the National Stockpile exercise being held in Jerome County, Jerome personnel will have a limited response because based on a foreign animal disease outbreak we have so little input. The EOC exercise we hope to bring here meets the requirements also.

If the Agencies don't come to the table there is no way of knowing their needs. It is up to the agencies to help Clint identify what their needs are.

Larry commented on and thought to be very vital in an infrastructure issue is the airport as a stationary transportation supply route. Jerome has a real asset and a capable airport with emergency capabilities and could be a vital location for Emergency response. Clint says we need to bring the Airport Manager back to the table and get them involved.

Gary lets us know what the proposal budget is for next year; last year we had \$40,090.18, this year we had \$40,090.00, the following year somewhere between \$14,000 and \$18,000, and eventually it will go away.

Bill Allred ask if it would be good to bring all the assessments that have been done in the past and put them in a current document to see what we have done in the past. Gary says it should all be incorporated currently in All Hazard Mitigation plan.

- **Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction**

The LEPC group came to the conclusion and has decided and all agree upon these three priorities; Communication, THIRA, and TR/Ex. These three priorities will be handed in as Priorities/Program on a local level for possible grant funding. (Fusion Center, Exercise/Training and Infrastructure Redundancies)

The time was turned over to Bill Allred to report on the Full Scale Exercise held 5/18/16. He says the Sheriff's department has 2 drones they use a lot during exercises and yesterday they used one for the exercise. We were able to see how well they work by viewing what the camera on the drone took and the advantage of using one during any exercise.

### **Training Opportunities / Exercises:**

#### **Agency Reports:**

**Dan Schaffer** – On August 10<sup>th</sup> we will be holding an Ebola KK Reduction Disease Workshop/Tabletop, location still pending, but will be from 9am to 3pm. Larry Troxell will be holding a tabletop in the Canyon Sage Room this coming Tuesday in Gooding about medical structuring, 12 to 2pm.

**Major Eddie Pattersen** – reports on the full scale exercise on their structure, held yesterday on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Minidoka, Twin Falls and Idaho Falls joined them. Good exercise, but hot, which makes it a challenge for all.

**Thomas Hughes** - Reports on the great success on the 14<sup>th</sup>; *Smoke Detector Home Installation Campaign at Home Fire Safety Preparedness partnership* with Jerome Fire District and American Red Cross and lots of community partners. They had gone into 109 homes installing 392 Smoke alarms. Still a lot more to go, people are on a long waiting list.

Hopefully within the next 30/60 days the City of Jerome will be a proud owner of a brand new fire truck. It has been ordered and will be delivered next month to 2 months but is still in need of another one. Thomas says they are still looking for corporate sponsors.

**Rick Bernsen** – Jerome Idaho beat Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Boise by quite a bit with the installation of the amount of smoke alarms. Rusty Devereaux has never seen a more enthusiastic Fire Chief than we have here in Jerome County.

**Clint Blackwood** – June 7-10, Cascadia Rising 2016 Emergency Operations and Coordination Centers (EOC/ECCs) at all levels of government and the private sector will activate to conduct a simulated field response operation within their jurisdictions and with neighboring communities, state EOCs, FEMA, and major military commands.

A 9.0 magnitude earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) and the resulting tsunami is the most complex disaster scenario that emergency management and public safety officials in the Pacific Northwest could face. Cascadia Rising is an exercise to address that disaster.

**Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting**

June 16, 2016

1 pm – 2pm

Jerome City Council Chambers