

June 16, 2016
City Council Chambers
100 E Ave A
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Clint Blackwood – Jerome County EMA, **Gary Davis** – IBHS, **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA, **John Hathaway** - IDHW, **Thomas Hughes** – Jerome City Fire Dept., **Doug McFall** – Jerome Sheriff, **Cathy Roemer** – Jerome County Commissioners, **Dan Schaffer** – SCPHD, **Staci Schneider** – Intermountain Comm, **Chris Taylor** – Fastenal, **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 May 2016 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Grant Update, we are currently in 2015 SHSP Grant and have just completed construction on the fencing around the Radio Tower project site. We still have the generator that needs to be installed but pretty much finish that series of the project on the Radio site. Currently we have \$7,225.00 available funding in the 2015 grant in Interoperable Comm and \$11,090 for the EOC Radio Base for the new facility.

We have also completed the application process for the upcoming 2016 grants, EMPG as well as SHSP. Clint says the upcoming grant for new year won't be much different that this year and then Gary gave us some good news that the latest new is; Congress has brought the budget back up overriding the President and doesn't veto it, then it will be about the same.

Clint says that what we need to do to move forward, is to get all his first responder agencies together with him as soon as possible so they can start evaluating the long term and current inoperable communication needs and start translating equipment needed and status at this point.

New Business:

Clint takes a few minutes to go over the training he attended in Pocatello for the Emergency Operations 346 class on May 24th, 25th and 26th. It was a very interesting training, and a level of class he would like to see brought to Jerome County once we get our EOC up and running. Then we can run through and utilize many of the concepts it takes to actually perform a fully functional within Jerome County.

Clint asks the question; what is the authority we are acting under? Do we have a proclamation? What does it take to get that proclamation? What jurisdiction needs to be made by the

command in control group which is the planning group? The different agencies heads, Commissioners, majors, all and more would be involved because they are the ones that control the strings. In the meantime we have to be ordering supplies, tracking the supplies, looking at the finances and if possible get reimbursement. If an incident or disaster we will have to utilize those tools. As a group we need to evaluate where and what to do from here.

Clint then goes into the Cascadia Rising exercise held June 7-10th of June. The whole Cascade Mountain Range fault line consisted of 9.0 earthquakes. Clint says it was a good exercise and what they were dealing with is they were limited and all landline were down for a limited time. It really opened up the eyes for all the Emergency Operation in Idaho. They had a good group of participation and it went over very well with a strong communication group.

The group mentioned how important it is to be consistent in keeping track of what goes on every single day and how hard it is to try and get local jurisdictions out of the old and get them in good practices. They should have good standard accounting procedures in place and if you do that then when all this comes around it won't have to be recreated. It is mentioned that if you expect to be reimbursed for anything you have to have documentation. You have to follow the procedure.

Clint says at the end of the Cascadia Rising training, they trained people that would be functioning in a disaster situation without knowing they would be called to do those functions, especially as administration and financial areas. A lot of that will be turned over to personnel in the clerk's office, the treasurer's office and even the assessor's office. Everyone else will have too much of a heavy load and will have to be turned over to outside help. We will have to expand the operations to meet the needs and then contract it down as time goes on. Clint says we have to have the full docking on what is going on or we will not be reimbursed.

Presentation: Chris Taylor from the company '*Fastenal*' presents on how their equipment comes into play with any disaster. Fastenal started in 1967 as an industrial company that primarily takes care of construction companies but they have expanded their role in the last few years. Chris says as he researched and dug into the database, a number of different items including Law Enforcement equipment needed on a job site like finger printing, hand cuffs, etc. Chris said when speaking to his boss about coming to do the presentation he asked what the LEPC was and Chris realized that there is a big hole that needs to be filled. If they don't know what is going on then other branches won't either and Chris would personally like to change that. He would like to get the word out to everyone involved as to who the main manager is and to get the process going and communicate so certain needs such as; gloves, mask, safety glasses, helmets or whatever the case may be and maybe cater towards the needs if the possible.

During the Oklahoma Tornado almost 60 people from 5 different states represented Fastenal, many hours spent in serving food, handed out supplies including personal protective equipment and water, all donated by Fastenal, and helped the victims throughout the area to dig out their belongings.

After the 9-11 terrorist attack, Fastenal was the only supplier to drop a recovery container in the Pentagon to start building it back up.

The 2011 tornado breakout; Fastenal helped the first responders any way they could.

The Hurricane Irene; the local stores in New Jersey worked alongside local supply stores and helped distribute needed supplies. Katrina; local store managers set up cots and made sure customers had the resources they needed.

Chris says there is no reason at all that this couldn't happen for Jerome. The nice thing about Fastenal we use a supportive inventory system, meaning, we can call upon places like Burley, Twin Falls, and Utah if needed. Fastenal has their own trucking system and helps with not having to bring it in with UPS and Fed-ex.

Chris says he would really like to communicate with his general manager and those who would be involved, to sit down together and discuss this in the case something like this happens and can provide as much help as possible.

Fastenal is located at 374 American Ave off of highway 93, across from the flying J. Chris says they have a lot of traffic from the dairies and construction.

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

Clint says there is not much going on locally but he is looking very seriously at Emergency Operation Center training when we are moved into our new facilities and can utilize the equipment.

Agency Reports:

Cathy Roemer – Updates us on the budgeting process and right now the biggest request they will be dealing with are the employee rate increases, how to be fair and equitable to all employees and make sure we are paying them what they are worth. Cathy will be bringing forward a compensation and classification proposal she received from a company in addition of a human resource director for Jerome County that will serve over 100 employees.

Thomas Hughes – Large fire here in Jerome with the help from Wendell fire department and St Luke's available as stand by if needed. Thomas appreciated all the help that was rendered at that time. The County gave them one of the old Ambulances to use as an extra vehicle. Thomas says they also have just finished a class they sponsored to increase their ability to do fire excavations. The brand new fire truck should be delivered next week.

John Hathaway - Reports the issue with Food stamps and the loading of food stamp cards on the 5th of July. Everyone was contacted and depending on birth dates as to when it would be loaded.

Doug McFall – The table and chairs were delivered for the new EOC class room in the new Sherriff's office. Out of 25 tables 23 were damaged in the move so replacement tops had to be ordered. Doug just got an email that the generator has been shipped and hopefully will be here by the 27th. They have been given the go ahead to start moving into the new facility with the 11th being the day to open for business.

Staci Schneider – They reactivated **the** Motorola APX 4000 Promo for Rural Counties and should be available through September/October.

Dan Schaffer – NVS Exercise in August for the Anti-viral responders.

Gary Davis – Going to Florida to the National Homeland Security conference and when he comes back on the 2nd of July we will be known as the “*Idaho Office of Emergency Management*”.

Gary looked up some training in the area, not much going on but there is one called ‘*The Event Security Planning*’ for Public Safety Professionals. It is a 2 days course and will be held in Meridian Idaho Aug 18th and 19th and in Idaho Falls September 13th and 14th.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

July 20, 2016

1 pm – 2pm

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