

October 20, 2016
Jerome County Sherriff's Office
2151 Tiger Dr
Jerome, Idaho

Attendance

Clint Blackwood – Jerome County EMA, **Baldwin Camin** – JPP, **Gary Davis** – IDOEM, **Trish Heath** – St Lukes, **Jay Gardner** – LEPC/Jerome Police Dept., **Larry Goolsby** – Jerome County EMA, **Thomas Hughes**, Jerome City Fire Dept., **Bill Allred** – Jerome City Fire Dept., **Doug McFall** – Jerome Sherriff, **Dan Olmstead** – Idaho Power, **Eddie D Patterson** – The Salvation Army, **David W Becker** – The Salvation Army, **Cathy Roemer** – JC Commissioner, **Staci Schneider** – Intermountain Comm, , **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 Aug 2016 LEPC meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Old Business

Grant Update; we have completed all of the SHSP grant funding we had available in the 2015 grant year. We transferred the money we had for the EOC out into our radio communication equipment. The agencies agreed to a sub-committee which includes the City of Jerome, Police Dept., Fire Dept., and Jerome County Sheriff, Based on the needs for radio communication they allocated \$2000 to the sheriff's office to complete out the monies we had for current grant year and now moving forward to the grant year 2016.

Clint went over all the communication equipment in our new EOC. This includes a smart board and our drop down screen which we used today.

New Business:

Jay brought up the Great Idaho Shakeout and asked Clint if he planned on participating. Clint informed everyone that his phone alarm would be going off shortly and when it does we will respond for the earthquake drill. Everyone will Drop, Take Cover, and Hold On. Clint also gave us some pointers on what we should do in our own homes to keep us safe during an earthquake. The most important thing Clint stressed on is to make sure our water heater is strapped to the wall, top and bottom and very securely.

Presentation:

The time was turned over to Dan Olmstead from the Idaho Power Company for his presentation: He has been asked to speak on Idaho Power Security; winter preparedness, cyber security, and physical security.

First off Dan says this is Idaho Power's Centennial year, 100 years in business. He showed us a 9 minute video talking about the early days of Idaho Power. Dan says if you go to Idahopower.com you can view this video plus many more.

In this area they have a crew in Twin Falls, small one in Jerome, a full crew in Gooding, and a full crew in the Rupert area. They also have what they call a Storm Room, with 2 full time meteorologists on staff in Boise, watching weather every day, winter and summer. They are watching major storm events; storm patterns, major cold fronts, thunderstorms, lightning, etc., as they come through their system. They can predict weather systems so well that they know about when the storm will hit the Jerome area. That means we can ramp up way before the storm gets here. The Storm Room is an additional dispatch facility and when they know a major event is coming; Dan is called into the Storm Room to work with media, local county officials, managers that have other responsibilities, including their substation foremen, so they see how all the other substations are working. They have things pretty much all computerized now.

Dan says they have summer drills and winter drills to make sure they are prepared so they will be able to still serve their customers in the event of any power loss, whether it be a full time or minimal service outage. He says it is about time for their winter drill.

Dan responded to some questions: He says we tie into the National Weather Service every day; Idaho Power will have a second line running from Hailey up to Ketchum. The north valley has had only one transmission line to serve the north end, since 1962. The line has only been carrying 138,000 volts and if that line fails then everything north of East Fork to Galina go without power.

He then spoke of the physical security; we have substations, powerlines and power plants, there is a huge infrastructure out there. How do we protect that? It is hard to watch everything that goes on with transmission lines when it is out in the desert, for instance, teenagers shooting at insulators because they have nothing else to shoot at. Dan says there is one thing they can do; put cameras on all the substations and power plants. Since 9-11 we have had real tight security at our major infrastructure facilities. This is the mid-point substations between here and Shoshone. With cameras at substations we have people from Boise dispatch watching at all hours of the night.

He then mentions Cyber Security a little; this is a subject we don't know a whole lot about but is a great concern and so easy for hackers to get into your account. Dan says they would love to get ahold of our 535,000 customers accounts. He then gives a personal example of how easy it is for hackers to take over anyones account. Something we need to work on, be aware of and be careful where we put our personal information.

Great Presentation!

Training Opportunities / Exercises:

Upcoming 400 class is being offered at Rock Creek Fire Station in Kimberly;
ICS 400 – November 16th and 17th, 2016

Register for the classes on the LMS training calendar at: <https://www.idahoprepares.com>

Several exercise and training opportunities; register online at: www.idahoprepares.com,

- Many Independent Study courses are available at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/>
- FEMA – Consolidated Online Training Course Catalog for First Responder Training. First responders can access the consolidated course catalog by clicking directly at www.firtsrespondertraing.gov/NTE

Agency Reports:

Thomas Hughes – Reports on a car fire in the Ridley’s parking lot. It was a fire enhanced with an oxygen tank explosion with many others put in harm’s way. It took over 8 hours to complete the incident and make sure everyone was out of danger.

Major Patterson – Had an exercise last month, September 17th, in downtown Twin Falls as part of the South Central Community Action Event in the Park. Ed reports that everything went very well. They are looking for another unit to recondition.

Trish Heath – St Luke’s whole entire system is now on one documentation program. They are still providing the same amount of care but a little slow on the documentation for now. “Epic” is the most popular documentation program in the United States and if you go to another hospital with the same program, documentation history will be available quickly. St Luke’s just put in 3 years history into the system.

Our Next Jerome LEPC Meeting

Nov 17, 2016
1 pm – 2pm
New Sherriff’s Office
2151 South Tiger Drive