

CARBON COUNTY LEPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 17 2012

PRESENT:

John Prinkki, CC Commissioner; **John Grewell**, CC Commissioner; **Darrel Krum**, DES; **Gina Bruner**, Public Health; **Roberta Cady**, Public Health; **Quentin Thompson**, CCSO; **Tom Rieger**, CCSO; **Jill Washburn**, AMRC of Montana; **Wanda Kennicott**, Citizen; **Barb Beck**, **Thomas Kohley**, Map Murals; **Linda Barbee**, RLF; **Chris Benton**, Beartooth Billings Clinic,

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Tom Kohley called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There are several opportunities for training listed on the DES web-site training calendar that was shared at the TT Exercise by Lindsey Shafer from the state DES office. Tom passed a copy of the calendar around for anyone who might be interested.

Jill Washburn announced that there will be a "Psychological First Aid" program at Rocky Mountain College on May 22nd. She will send more details and a brochure to Gina for distribution to LEPC partners.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tom submitted a proposed LEPC membership list for review. Some additions suggested: SAR, Red Lodge Mountain, MDU, Humane Alliance, and Media/Public Information representative. The plan is to eventually send a formal invitation to these groups or individuals and solidify the membership contact list. This would not prohibit other individuals attendance, but would establish a core working and voting group.
2. The need for working committees has been identified through the strategic planning process. Tom suggested developing two committees as we move through the planning: 1) Communications, and 2) MADD (Multi-Agency Disaster Drill) Committee. Tom will be asking LEPC members to participate to participate on these committees as they develop, as well as any additional committees that may be formed.
3. **Table Top Exercise Review.** The strengths and weaknesses identified by the exercise participants were reviewed. (See attached) It was decided that two of the weaknesses are communication issues and could be addressed by the soon-to-be-formed LEPC Communication Committee. The two weaknesses are in public communication and social media utilization.

Charlie Hansen will be contacting Darrel in the next week to set up a meeting to do an After Action Report on the exercise. Gina will also be included to satisfy public health reporting requirements. Charlie will then present the report to the LEPC committee, hopefully at the May LEPC meeting.

It was proposed that Linda put together a simple evaluation to send to exercise participants to get their feedback and suggestions for future exercises. She will do this, as well as write a

“Thank You” and get both to Gina for email distribution. Darrel will also get the participant’s contact information to Gina to update the LEPC contact list.

It was also suggested that the County Commissioners consider putting something in the local paper recognizing the level of local volunteer participation and the status of preparedness in our communities. John Prinkki said he would see what gets published in this week’s paper and consider doing a letter to the editor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The County has been pursuing some grants for mass messaging of emergency communications. Some funding has already been received and work has been completed for land-line messaging. Additional funding is being sought for messaging to cell phones. The cell phone messaging would require voluntary registration of cell phone users through a web-site porthole. It is possible that the system will be available for registering by late summer. Tom will keep us posted.

2. A suggestion was made that we bring in someone to do some social media in-servicing for LEPC members. Tom will make arrangements for this.

3. Gina submitted a copy of the CHEMPACK plan that public health would like to have annexed into the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The plan identifies CHEMPACK contents and contact numbers to deploy the CHEMPACK and transport it from Billings to Carbon County. Gina will follow-up with Darrel to make additional copies of the plan and get them added to existing EOP manuals.

4. Quentin Thompson shared some ideas for burn permits. He suggested making burn permits more of a registration and education process. Individuals wanting to burn would obtain an annual permit, register and receive burning instructions and guidelines for safety. The permit could be good for a year or longer and the individual would still call in each time they burn. This could get more safety information out to people burning, as well as provide contact information for responders. The commissioners will take the idea under consideration as they address this issue.

5. Coming Events:

- **April 24th** 1:00pm
LEPC Strategic Planning Session,
Red Lodge Fire Hall

- **May 15th** 1:00pm
Regular LEPC Meeting
Red Lodge Fire Hall

- **May 9th** 1:30pm
“It’s Your Choice” Event
Bridger High School

- **May 31st** 10:00am
Boating BUI Exercise
Cooney Dam

- **May: Distracted Driving Awareness Month**

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

County-Wide Tabletop Exercise Outcomes

Red Lodge Senior Citizens Center

April 12, 2012

IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS:

- Strong mutual aid
- Good communication
- Creativity (good solutions)
- Staying in our lanes
- NIMS well used
- Great community resources
- Great exercise kick-off by Dispatch

IDENTIFIED WEAKNESSES:

- Lack of PPE for Haz-Mat
- Need work in the area of Public Information
- Operational limitations in responding to Haz-Mat
- Social Media – not using it at this point
- Need to broaden scope of training
- Environmental containment issues