

# **CARBON COUNTY LEPC**

## **Minutes**

**Meeting: November 19, 2015**

**Attendance:** See Attached

### **Announcements:**

- Training opportunities listed on the agenda. Of special interest is an ISC-300 course that will be offered in Red Lodge.
- In addition, Tom also recommended the Center for Domestic Preparedness trainings that are held in Anniston, AL. It is fully funded for state, local or tribal government emergency responders.

**Review and Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:** Minutes of last meeting were not provided for approval.

### **Old Business:**

- Radio upgrade for the County is progressing. An additional license has been requested to add a tactical channel on the existing repeaters. A generator addition is planned next spring for the Bridger tower.
- The new county burn permitting system has been implemented and 213 permits have been issued thus far.
- Tom would like to spread the LEPC meetings throughout the county. He proposed a schedule to meet in the smaller communities at least once a quarter. These meetings would be held at 7:00pm to accommodate the LEPC members who are volunteer responders and have commitments during the work day. Comments were favorable and it was agreed to start a rotation in 2016.

### **New Business:**

- Keith Meier, National Weather Service, brought packets of informational materials for the school officials in attendance. He highlighted the NWS webpage, the ability to call the Billings office with questions or concerns and the email distribution list the service uses for emergency notifications.
- Tom gave an overview of the LEPC in regard to the history of the organization, membership and committees. He mentioned that the committee has not been very active in the past few years and is in need of restructuring.
- Tom recently attended an OPI Workshop in Missoula. The content focused on the lack of interface between schools and first responders in regard to emergency planning and coordination. He suggested that perhaps the schools and responders could use the LEPC structure to address these issues.

### **Video Situational Presentations and Open Discussion:**

- Short news clips of active shooter practices at schools were shown to help open up discussion of issues surrounding the integration of first responders in school emergency situations.
- General Themes of discussion were:
  - Benefit in meeting school administration and LEPC members face to face.
  - Consideration of Mutual Aid between school administration staff in smaller districts.
  - A lack of Incident Command System in the schools.
  - Not all the schools have well defined emergency plans.
  - Need for a comprehensive inventory of alert systems and plans that are already in place.
  - Evaluate the types of protocol schools have in place to deal with an event before the first responders arrive.
  - Identify common formats for plans and sharing capabilities between schools and responders.
  - Coordinate school risk communications plans with responders and the public.
  - Include in school plans consideration of parents and public arriving on a scene.
  - Identify school board members, teachers and parents that could be used as resources in an emergency situation.
  - Consider emergency plans with student training component.
  - Consensus that there is a need for schools and first responders to develop and coordinate emergency plans that have a training capability.
- It was decided to work through the LEPC and design tabletop exercises with the schools.
- Training programs for active shooter scenarios were discussed. The ALICE training was considered cost prohibitive. A Homeland Security training given in Billings recently was cited as a very strong possibility to bring to Red Lodge.
- Although active shooter training was discussed. It was thought that schools and responders would need to train on smaller scale, more likely emergencies then work up to more involved response scenarios.
- The tabletops would be on a rotation, taking place at each school during the year so that the LEPC members can have a visual tour of the school facilities.

### **Meeting Schedule and Adjourn:**

Next meeting: December TBA

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm