

CARBON COUNTY LEPC

Minutes

Meeting: January 6, 2016

Attendance: See Attached

Announcements:

Upcoming training: MT Liquid & Gas Pipeline Assoc. first responder & local gov. officials training will be in Red Lodge 1/19, Edgar 1/20 and Billings 1/21; Basic Disaster Life Support Web-X classes – 3 classes each with 4 sessions; Animal Disaster Responder Training in Bozeman 1/21 (Charlie noted local jurisdictions are federally mandated to consider pets in emergency planning) and Incorporating Whole Community Inclusive Planning in the EM Process – Billings 2/25.

Joliet School Mini-Tabletop exercise and facility tour 2/10 @ 1900. Discussion on the topic of the tabletop determined a threat to harm students/faculty would be the scenario.

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting: Minutes of last meeting (11-19-15) were read.

Old Business

Meeting Schedule: Schools and Law Enforcement attend the Child Protective Services meeting the 1st Wednesdays at noon and a 1:00 LEPC meeting is too close time wise. They agreed that if the LEPC meeting was moved to 1:30 it would fit into their schedules. The permanent meeting time will be 1:30 the 1st Wednesday of each month except December will be the LEPC meeting time. Meetings will be held at the Red Lodge Fire Hall or with notification will rotate through the county in spring and summer.

Burn Permits – from Oct. to Dec. 382 permits were issued. The \$5.00 fee is in effect. Permits can be acquired online or walk-in at Red Lodge, Joliet and Bridger.

Aaron mentioned that he has given warnings to people. The sheriff would like Aaron to share those names so that he can update the county information system to help with issuing citations.

Alon Stivi “Hit, Run, Fight” video was shown as a follow up from the Patrick Hoy Presentation on active shooters - Group comments: Chief Hibler commented that he has acquired and modified Indiana’s train the trainer program for the Hit, Run Fight to use in the community. Because this is a new tactic, he is attempting to introduce the concept in stages. He will start with all law enforcement and first responders, move to schools and then to businesses and other entities. He is also introducing the training in the Citizen Academy coursework and contacting past participants to offer them the training. Ralph mentioned that he is a certified ALICE instructor, which is a similar program and has implemented the technique in Fromberg. Jon attended a course that covered the topic of preventable death in victims of mass shooting. The Hartford Consensus determined that many people were bleeding to death and that if survivors knew to react they could save lives. He suggested a tourniquet – new product that the general public could use, Linda suggested a new clamp that also is extremely effective in stopping bleeding. Alex and John discussed the lack of even first aid kits in classrooms. Charlie mentioned that CERT training might also be a forum for this type of information.

New Business

County-wide “all call” of the Emergency Notification System. Tom is planning another call out. These calls go to registered cell phones (ENSregistration@CarbonAlert.org). There will be advertisement in the Carbon County News and PSA’s on radio about the call out. He ran one for the Bike Yellowstone event this summer alerting people to the added congestion of bicycles on the roadways. One result of that

test was the realization that many people did not listen to the message, but called dispatch instead. Tom is working to alleviate that outcome this time. Alex suggested a flyer in the Friday envelopes sent home with the students could help with advertising.

LEPC membership roster: Tom would like to formalize the voting membership of the LEPC to come up to statewide standards. Even though LEPC is a public forum, he would like only one person representing an agency to have voting rights. A draft LEPC membership list was passed out for attendees to take with them to review before the next meeting. There are LEPC bylaws in place that probably need a revision. Tom suggested that voting members would have non-expiring terms and would serve until another representative from that agency was appointed.

County Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) Review for threat and hazard identification and risk assessment was postponed due to time constraints.

Carbon County Shelter Review: Tom and Stephanie presented the Shelter 2020 initiative and explained the need to identify not only disaster shelters in the county, but a compliment of facilities that could serve as disaster feeding, volunteer reception (VRC), family assistance(FAC) and reception(FRC), multi-agency resource, disaster recovery and respite centers; in-kind donation warehouse, commodities and medical points of distribution (POD); medical and pet shelters; first aid stations, temporary morgue and alternate EOP. The state had requested that local LEPC groups work on the identification project. To complete the exercise, working groups were formed and tasked to discuss possible shelter and facility locations in the county using a blank Disaster Shelter and Facilities form and the Shelter 2020 Facility Selection Tool. The discussion following compared of the group's selections to the selections Tom and Stephanie had previously identified.

Some discussion highlights:

- Charlie mentioned that the Humane Society regional group out of Billings has the equipment and volunteers to set up a pet shelter in any open areas such as the park in Joliet or field next to the RL Civic Center.
- The Roosevelt School might make a better people shelter than the Civic Center although would not hold as many people, it also does not have a kitchen facility available. Other shelter sites suggested were the Church of the Rockies (Old Round Barn);the Christian Alliance Church; the Legacy Church which has bunks and showers; the Fairgrounds if the EOC and other staging would not be interrupted. The Roberts school will have two sectionalized gyms and could host a shelter on one side and continue with school on the other.
- The Boys and Girls Club in RL could be used for Feeding, VRC and FAC. Perhaps the day care next door also involved in those roles. Other sites suggested were St. Agnes and Belfry Senior Center.
- Post office might be used as a commodities POD.

A working draft of the Disaster Shelter and Facilities form with group suggestions will be available at the next LEPC meeting. It will serve as the planning document for the county as the Shelter 2020 project moves forward. The formal Shelter 2020 document is found at the following link:

[https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/publichealth/documents/PHEP/A%20FN%20Documents/DPHHS_Shelter%202020-Facility%20Selection%20Tool%20\(Final\).pdf](https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/publichealth/documents/PHEP/A%20FN%20Documents/DPHHS_Shelter%202020-Facility%20Selection%20Tool%20(Final).pdf)

Meeting Schedule and Adjourn:

Next meeting: February 3 @1330; Red Lodge Fire Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm