

CARBON COUNTY LEPC

Minutes

Meeting: July 7, 2016

Attendance: Hunter Bell, Christy Brenna, Jack Exley, Charlie Hanson, Stephanie Hanser, Julie Jones, Tom Kohley, Tom Kuntz, Josh McQuillan, Brent Oliphant

Announcements and Training Opportunities:

- Virtual Tabletop Exercise opportunity dealing with a Cyber focus – September 13, 14 or 15 (a four hour exercise). Discussion concerned the details of the exercise. Participation is required one day, four hours. Teleconferencing capabilities will be needed since there will be groups from around the country in attendance. It was also discussed that the topic is becoming a priority in funding and agencies will be asked to address cybersecurity in the near future. Tom will look for venues in the area that can accommodate the exercise.
- Beartooth Rally – July 15-17, Red Lodge

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Fire Restrictions: Carbon County is under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Tom gave an overview of the process used to determine the parameters for the regulations. The county uses a template developed by the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group that was designed for the Forest Service. The intent and wording of the document makes it hard to translate into a consumer friendly county resolution. Adding to the confusion are the specific rules of other state and federal agencies and the local ordinances of incorporated towns and cities. Tom would like to simplify the process and produce a document that includes all jurisdictions that can be distributed to the public. Support for this idea came out of the group discussion along with suggestions for the basic document and a timeline to develop such a product, if possible, before the commissioners would need to declare a Stage II alert. Tom will work on this and present a draft at the next Fire Council meeting.

New Incident Support Trailer: A new cargo trailer has replaced the stock trailer for use as a supply trailer. It will be designed to hold, tables, chairs, coolers, portable generator, tents, tarps, MREs, water, portable repeater, scene lighting and signage. DES now can roll out the incident command bus, the supply trailer and if need be the 35' gooseneck trailer that can be used for meetings, respite and overnight accommodations.

Depression Dam TTX Review: In 1968, the BLM built a depression dam on South Fork of Bridger Creek, 8 miles SSW of Bridger to control flooding. The 42' high earthen dam is designed to store water in high flow situations and is one of three high hazard dams in the county. A tour of the dam was included in the tabletop.

CodeRED Mobile Alert App: Tom would like to promote this app to visitors to the area so that when alerts go out, more people would be notified. This app would not replace the reverse 911 alerts, but is an additional service that delivers real-time emergency, community, missing person and severe weather alerts to users within the exact area of impact. Communities nationwide use the service. Tom would like to promote sign-up for the app in tourist info packets, at businesses and events. He would like to start the promotion during the Beartooth Rally.

June Incident Reviews: The first incident of the year was the Moisers Dome where Carbon County responded through mutual aid. Command change on the incident could have been smoother. Two fires near Cooney Dam were easily handled.

Radio Repeaters: The repeaters ability to synchronize degrades with time and they need to be reset by IC&E. The county will be looking into a maintenance contract with the company to reset the repeaters on a specific schedule. Tom and Josh are writing a new protocol to; notify IC&E when there are repeater problems, establish a county point of contact and disseminate operational status to emergency responders.

Agency or Citizens Report/Comment

Beartooth Rally – Discussion about enforcement and any anticipated issues.

Meeting Schedule and Adjourn:

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 3rd@1330; Red Lodge Fire Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 2100