

CARBON COUNTY LEPC

Minutes

Meeting: April 20, 2016

Attendance: Ralph Dawson, Jack Exley, John Fitzgerald, Stephanie Hanser, Matt Heaton, Lori Kane, Tom Kohley, Jeb Montgomery, Mike Nordstrom, Brent Oliphant, Jason Olson, John Prinkki

Announcements and Training Opportunities:

- Situation Analyst Training Webinars, April 21 & 27, 2:00 PM
- Mountain West VOAD Conference, April 24-26, Bozeman
- Carbon County THIRA, April 28 Red Lodge 9:00am
- Pediatric Mass Casualty, TTX, May 5, Red Lodge, Beartooth Billings Clinic 7-9:00pm
- Operation COYOTE 2016 POD Exercise, June 13-17, 2016 Billings
- Disaster Animal Shelter Management June 21, Billings
- ChemPack Opening, April 25, Billings Clinic 2:30-4:00

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting: Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Old Business

Joliet School Exercise AAR: Strengths identified were; 1) Carbon County has experienced responders who have successfully worked together in the past, 2) Both the school and first responders are well connected and know each other's resources, capabilities and experience levels, 3) Incident Command effectively addressed responder safety and 4) The school has a concise, well-written Emergency Procedure Manual.

The Primary Areas of Improvement identified were; 1) Flexibility when implementing Joliet School's Emergency Procedure Manual during cascading or multi-event incidents, 2) On scene coordination between Joliet School's Emergency Management Team and Incident Command, 3) Establishment and/or transfer of the Incident Command when law enforcement personnel is directly involved operations, 4) Identification and establishment of a Public Information Officer (PIO) early in the incident to disseminate timely and factual incident information and 5) Safe and efficient reunification of students and family at an offsite location.

Revised County Communication Plan: There are four new tactical repeaters in the county, Red Lodge TAC, Rock Creek TAC, Bridger TAC and Joliet TAC coming off of the Carbon TAC. There have been minor changes to channels in zones to support varying incidents and a new area-wide zone to support extended incidents supported by BLM-IAD. These changes will be brought to the Fire Council this Thursday and then back to the LEPC.

New Business

Exxon Mobile – Hydrostatic Pressure Test: Jeb Montgomery from the Exxon Mobil Pipeline Company reported that while the Billings refinery is in turn-around, the Silvertip Pipeline, originating in Elk Basin

near Bridger, will be emptied of oil and refilled with water for hydrostatic pressure testing. The test will take place the third week in April. Homeowners and businesses along the pipeline have been contacted as well as municipal, county and state agencies. Tom mentioned that in the past, the company gave a tour of the pipeline. In the discussion that followed, Jeb offered to host a tour and a table top exercise at a later date.

Review of Lock Down Situation at Beartooth Billings Clinic: Mike Nordstrom, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at BBC, gave a brief overview of the two day lock down at the clinic following a threatening phone call. The incident ended when the caller was finally located and arrested in Anaconda. Red Lodge Police Department provided perimeter security at the hospital for the entire incident. Both BBC and Billings Clinic stood up their HIC's. Although the AAR process is not complete, Mike thought that during the incident the strengths of the organization were that everyone acted quickly and calmly. The main area of improvement would be communication. There was a breakdown of communication with the satellite locations – Joliet, Children's Center and Public Health. Also EMS was not notified. Internally, one communication breakdown came with notification of staff who were not working the first day of the lock down. Mike mentioned that mass texting could help with that effort.

Review of County Evacuation Strategies: In preparation of fire season, the county evacuation strategies were reviewed. The "Ready, Set, Go" format will continue to be used. Tom is working on pre-canned messages that can be deployed through Carbon Alert Notification when the Set order is given – be prepared to evacuate, and the Go order is given – take immediate action. There will be a Search and Rescue Evacuation Training, 0900 May 22nd at Red Lodge Fire Rescue and anyone is welcome to attend.

Emergency Planning Grants: Tom reported on the grant awards for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). Three out of the four grant proposals were funded and Carbon County received the largest appropriations in the state. **CCSO – Security Assessment of Carbon County 911 Systems** was not submitted. **DES-Emergency Notification and Public Information in Carbon County** Requested \$110,706, Received \$100,000. **CCSO – Mobile Communication for Carbon County Law Enforcement** Requested \$191,397, Received \$51,054. **RLFR – Incident Management Team Development and Equipment** Requested \$381,914, Received \$381,914.

Meeting Schedule and Adjourn:

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 17th @1330; Red Lodge Fire Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 1415