

**Carbon County LEPC  
Meeting Minutes  
Bridger Town Hall, 108 S D St.  
Wednesday, 4/3/2019 @ 1900 hrs.**

**I. Attendance:**

**II. Trainings, Exercises & Meetings:**

- a. Active Shooter FSE 4/9 MSU-B & Venues in Billings
- b. Weather spotter training? April/May-Clarks Fork Valley
- c. ICS 300 4/29-30 – Billings Clinic
- d. EM Forum 4/30-5/2 - Helena
- e. Mystic Dam FE – Northwestern Energy 5/7-8 Rock Creek Resort
- f. ICS 400 5/21 – Billings Clinic

**III. Announcements**

- Tom Frieders- gave a brief over view of the Weather Spotting Training. The county would like to offer the training in the Clarks Fork Valley in May.
- Tom Kohley- Active Shooter Exercise – Tabletop June 6<sup>th</sup> in the evening, followed by a full-scale exercise June 15<sup>th</sup> in the morning, involving school staff and emergency responders. This exercise will focus on emergency response and after math situations.
- Mark reposted that Steve Fendler is the new Fire Chief for Bridger
- Tom Kohley stated that there was some residential flooding in the Joliet area. Joliet Fire Department helped the residents fill and place sandbags
- Bill Bullock reported that Red Lodge Creek is having bank erosion and the Red Lodge Road crew is working on bank stabilization
- Tom Kohley shared that there are 3 different locations in Carbon County to pick up/fill sandbags. Red Lodge Road Shop, Joliet Road Shop, and Bridger Road shop.

**IV. Old Business**

- a. County Radio System Cutover-  
Installation of new Codan Repeaters at Rock Creek, Greeno, Bridger and Shane Ride are completed. Initial reports system quality and stability are good. Possible coverage issues around the Joliet area. There are more drive tests and tuning planned. System priorities moving forward, microwave links and Warren area. Bridger tower is operating out of a lower tower, which reduces the radio coverage. Demolition of the upper tower will happen sometime this spring.
- b. Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan -  
The county received four proposals- Tetra Tech, Wood, Two Rivers, and Great West Engineering. The contract was awarded to Wood. The kick off meeting will be sometime in April. The project will take approximately 1 year. LEPC members are encouraged to be a part of this process.

Flood Mitigation project – there is some grant money out there to do some flood mitigation projects. Sand Creek canal in Bridge may be a potential project. In years past the canal has over flowed and flooded the town of Bridger due to it being packed with snow or not being able to handle the volume of melt off. Charlie recommended to do this project in phases. The first phase would be to hire an engineer to do a study.

**V. County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Review**

No Review this month

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- a. Spring Flood Potential – Tom Frieder reported temperatures prior to February were normal to high range. February was 20 to 23 degrees colder than normal, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> snowiest February and the 6<sup>th</sup> snowiest month of all time on record. The factors in snowpack causing highwaters/Flooding include – Rate of Warming, Day/night temperatures, and a large volume of rain.
- b. Mutual Aid with Big Horn Wyoming – County working to have mutual aid agreements with Wyoming to cross the state line to help with fires, and EMS calls in the Southern part of the county.
- c. Pre-Green Fire Season - Rangeland Fire Danger Statements

Criteria (Flexible based on events)

-Prolong dryness/lack of snow cover

-Relative humidity <25%

-Winds > 25 mph

Burn Permit Service will more than likely be shut down when Rangeland Fire Danger Statement is issued

**VII. Opportunity for Agency or Citizens Report/Comment**

**VIII. Meeting Schedule and Adjourn**

Adjourned @ 20:05 hrs Next Meeting Scheduled for May 8th, Red Lodge Fire Station, 13:30 hrs