

CARBON COUNTY LEPC

Minutes

Meeting: October 5, 2016

Attendance: Joel Anthes, Alex Ator, Linda Barbee, Christi Brenna, Jack Exley, John Fitzgerald, Stephanie Hanser, Charlie Hanson, Charlene Hollow Horn Bear, Lori Kane, Eric Kiltz, Tom Kohley, Tom Kuntz, Matt Martin, Aaron McDowell, Danielle Moore, Roger Steffan, Janet Trethewey

Announcements and Training Opportunities:

- FirstNet Meeting October 6, 1200 Hrs., Billings
- Great Montana Shakeout, October 19, 1019 Hrs.
- Carbon County Fire Council, October 20, 1900 Hrs., Belfry
- SERC (State Emergency Response Committee) Meeting and Training, October 24-26, Helena
- LEPC Training, October 26, Helena
- ICS-400, November 7-8, Billings Clinic, Billings
- Exxon Mobile Pipeline TTX, Bridger, Date?

*The new DES Training Calendar is now online at – <http://readyandsafe.mt.gov/calendar>

Old Business

A train derailment Table Top Exercise (TTX) is being planned for next spring. The design will try to incorporate as many agencies as possible. Anyone willing to help with the planning committee please contact Tom Kohley.

New Business

Cardiac Ready Communities: Janet Trethewey, Montana EMS & Trauma Systems, presented the Cardiac Ready Communities program. Along with the Lucas devices that have been placed at EMS and hospital locations throughout the state and increased training to those departments in cardiac resuscitation, the state is also working with communities to build a “system” of care that “aims to help communities in Montana improve cardiac emergency recognition and increase the chance that individuals suffering from cardiovascular emergencies will have the best possible opportunity for survival”. The push is to train as many people as possible in the county on hands-only CPR. Training kits were made available, RLFR has one, Alex Ator and John Fitzgerald each checked kits out for their respective schools. The self-instruction video which is contained in the kits allows anyone to facilitate the thirty minute training. Any agency can ask to borrow a kit for presentations and trainings. Janet will help any agency willing to take the lead to help develop a “Cardiac Ready Community”.

Homeland Security Grants: At an awards luncheon today, Eric Kiltz, Montana DES, formally presented Carbon County with three Homeland Security Grants. Red Lodge Fire & Rescue received \$381,914 for a Southern MT AHIMT Communication Vehicle; CCSO received \$51,054 for mobile data terminal upgrades and Carbon County DES received \$100,000 for enhanced public information and warning.

State Preparedness Report (SPR) Assessment and National Incident Management (NIMS) Survey: Tom completed the county’s annual SPR Assessment and NIMS Survey to be submitted to the state DES. These reports, which center on specific National Preparedness Goal 32 Core Capabilities, help identify grant opportunities for the upcoming year. Contact Tom if you would like to review the material submitted.

Telecommunications upgrade to EOC: Using a \$23,000 Emergency Management Performance Grant, CenturyLink upgraded from 6 to 50 pair wire lines to the EOC and Edgar Gruel Building to increase telecommunication/Internet capacity. This will support Incident Command Post functions as well as EOC

Operations. Future improvements identified for the building would be the installation of CAT6 cable/RJ4boxes/Switches.

Sheriff/Dispatch/Courthouse Needs Assessment: To address accessibility, security, office/storage space, departmental connectivity, parking, emergency egress and DUI processing, a needs assessment was conducted at the courthouse. It will be shared with the commissioners to begin conversation about improvements.

Summary of NWS Weather Briefing: The County is still behind in precipitation this year and is in a moderate to severe drought. Up to 2" of rain fell in the Red Lodge area during this week's storm, but was not enough to bring the area up to normal. The three month forecast for the County is for higher than normal temperatures and higher than normal precipitation.

CarbonAlert Webpage Reformat: The CarbonAlert webpage was started years ago and uses outdated technology. The current functions of the page are as a sign up for CodeRED, Facebook feed, readiness/prevention information, real time information for local incidents including interactive maps and resource links. Tom would like to reformat the page keeping current functions and also include it as a landing page for the LEPC much like the Ready Yellowstone Emergency Preparedness Portal (Ready Yellowstone.org). Future functions could include LEPC meeting agendas, minutes, exercise AAP/IP, orientation packet for new members, committees and other topics. He would also like to use it in emergencies as an informative, dynamic page to direct the general public away from 911. Anyone interested in helping with this project, contact Tom.

DES Usage of Carbon Tac/MA Channels: The State DES is requesting a MOU with Carbon County to use the Tac/MA channels in emergency situations for Helena and the Department Field Officer. No objections were raised from the group. Tom will work with the State on the documentation.

LEPC Structure – Discussion: In the interest in time, Tom postponed this discussion for the next meeting. He would like the group to begin thinking about revising the LEPC strategic plan and by-laws developed several years ago.

Agency or Citizens Report/Comment

Public Health announced it is flu shot season.

Meeting Schedule and Adjourn:

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 2nd @ 1330; Red Lodge Fire Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 1445