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LEPC Minutes
Meeting of February 9, 2012

Sandy Rollins opened the meeting at 9:05 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the December 8, 2011 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (20):

*B.J. Swanson, Executive Director, Latah Economic Development Council
Richard Huggins, Volunteer, American Red Cross/Amateur Radio Emergency Services
*Joseph Karl, Government Liaison, Inland NW Chapter American Red Cross
*Helen Karl, Volunteer, Inland NW Chapter American Red Cross
*Keith Nelson, Volunteer, American Red Cross
Jason Svancara, Fire Warden, Idaho Department of Lands
Matt Dudley, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District
Kayla Moehrle, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District
Ed Button, Fire Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
Geoff Billin, Amateur Radio Emergency Services; LEPC Chairperson
Laurel Caldwell, Director, Latah County Information Technology Services
Charles Craig, Life Safety Coordinator, Gritman Medical Center
Joe Williams, Fire Marshal, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
David Duke, Police Chief, City of Moscow
Dave Glasebrook, Commercial Pilot/Concerned Citizen, City of Moscow
Alan Martinson, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Latah County
Mike Doherty, American Red Cross/Community Emergency Response Team, Latah County
Dan Carscallen, Clerk, North Latah County Highway District; Council Member, City of Moscow
Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services
Sandy Rollins, Disaster Services/LEPC Coordinator, Latah County

(* Indicates new attendees)

1. Preparing for the Great Cascadia Earthquake

Richard Huggins provided a very informative presentation on this topic. The Pacific Northwest is past due and the questions are: how big? how soon? how many? There are several plans that should be in place: Local Damage Plan; Supply Line Contingency Plan; Plan for Refugees. The risk of radiological exposure is a very low probability. Washington formed a resiliency committee to address the subject of earthquake. Attached is the Cascadia Earthquake Time Line.

2. Latah Economic Development Council (LEDC)

B.J. Swanson provided a very informative power point presentation on what is happening in Latah County. The County is looking for strong companies that are sustainable and provide living wage jobs.

The Mission Statement for LEDC: “The Latah Economic Development Council is dedicated to the creation and implementation of a coordinated, comprehensive program of economic development, to improve the future of Latah County in a manner compatible with local values.” LEDC is funded by contributions coming from the private sector, Latah County, City of Moscow, Idaho Department of Commerce, and our other rural communities.

Some of the projects and/or business growth include, but not limited to:

- Potlatch Industrial Park
- PNW Arms which is a weapons science company and will be located in rural Potlatch
- Idaho National Guard would like to build a new armory in Latah County
- Greg Kimberling Insurance is the largest farmers insurance in the northwest
- Viral Science tests animal products that go into animal vaccinations; located in Moscow
- Alturas Analysis does pharmaceutical testing in Moscow
- I-Minerals Inc near Bovill is a mining company
- Book People have new owners and located on Main Street in Moscow
- Moscow Food Co-op and Farmers Market promotes locally produced food

Unemployment in Latah County civilian workforce: 17,548
Unemployed: 1,193
Rate: 6.8%

The presentation is too large to email, but if you would like a copy I'll be happy to mail one.

3. Other Business

Gritman Medical Center: Made top 100 list for critical access hospital; which means they need to maintain at least 25 patients in bed. **Charles Craig is going to email more information on this, then I'll distribute.**

6. Meetings/Events:

- a. April 21 = LDS Preparedness Fair (Moscow); need volunteers
- b. April 24 = Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions (Latah County Courthouse)
- d. May 11 = Points of Distribution (POD) Exercise (Moscow); need volunteers

The next meeting is April 12, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins