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LEPC Minutes
Meeting of April 12, 2012

Geoff Billin opened the meeting at 9:05 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the February 9, 2012 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (24):

*Steven Lee, Asset Protection Manager, Pullman Wal-Mart
*Alan Allbee, Asset Protection Manager, Moscow Wal-Mart
*Cathy Mabbutt, Coroner, Latah County
*Mary Alderman, CERT Volunteer
Richard Huggins, Volunteer, American Red Cross; Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Dick Hodge, Vice-Chairperson, Local Emergency Planning Committee
Alan Boe, Maintenance and Operations, Good Samaritan Society of Moscow
Wayne Rausch, Sheriff, Latah County
Kara Lichti, Deputy Clerk, Latah Board of County Commissioners
Tom Trail, District 6 Representative, State of Idaho
Donna Reisenauer, CERT Volunteer; Latah County Employee
Chris Bailey, CERT Volunteer; Amateur Radio Emergency Services
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
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
David Pierce, City of Moscow Representative; Health and Environment Committee
Sandy Rollins, Disaster Services/LEPC Coordinator, Latah County

(* Indicates new attendees)

1. Latah County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):

Several CERT volunteers provided a presentation as to what the program means to them and emergencies/events they have participated in.

Emergencies

- a. Flash Flood: Volunteers helped remove 6 feet of mud and debris in the basement of a residence.
- b. Genesee Fire: Since the fire was considered a crime scene at the time, the Sheriff's Office asked for volunteers to provide perimeter control from 5:00 pm – 8:00 am. They worked in teams of two on 4 hour shifts.
- c. Search and Rescue: The Sheriff's Office called and asked for volunteers to assist with searching for a lost hunter.
- d. Flooding: Volunteers were asked by the Moscow Police Department to assist with sandbagging efforts.

Events

In 2011, CERT volunteers participated in various events (throughout the county promoting emergency preparedness and fire safety (with Smokey Bear): Provide traffic control for Troy Day; participate in Deary Day; Juliaetta Blackberry Festival; Latah County Fair; U of I Homecoming.

Sheriff Wayne Rausch said that he appreciates CERT efforts and it's a very important program in assisting first responders. Geoff Billin said that SAR would like to do training with CERT. Ed Button also said that when we have our pre-fire season meeting this June, he would like CERT to attend because they can be used in various capacities.

All CERT volunteers are National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant. They DO NOT self deploy unless they are already at an incident such as an accident. They are called out by law enforcement or fire departments.

The volunteers have taken away very beneficial information from their training in preparing themselves, family and neighbors to be better self-sustainable, and being able to assist others.

2. Meetings/Events:

- d. May 11 = Points of Distribution (POD) Exercise (Moscow) by Public Health Idaho North Central Health District

3. Other Business:

- a. Public Health Idaho North Central Health District has a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program with about 250 signed up. The group includes medical and non-medical personnel.
- b. Ed Button said that the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department has an internal support group for fire/EMS.
- c. Alan Allbee (Moscow) and Steven Lee (Pullman) of Wal-Mart, Inc. said that they are here to be part of the community and provide assistance when available for non-profit organizations such as CERT.
- d. Tom Trail said the legislature was more enjoyable due to more dollars showing the economy is staggering upward. The extra revenue is being used to replenish some reserve funds. The state had a balanced budget which overall was less damaging and more good.
- e. Alan Boe said that there are new duplexes now at Fairview (Good Samaritan Society of Moscow).
- f. Geoff Billin said 14 SAR members are now trained at the management level.

g. Latah County declared a disaster on behalf of the City of Kendrick and South Latah Highway District due to the 2012 severe spring weather.

h. Dan Carscallen said that North Latah County Highway District was looking at other sources of funding to replace some bridges.

i. Sheriff Wayne Rausch said their office is functioning without the support services administrative position, and they have two new dispatchers.

The next meeting is June 14, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins