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**LEPC Minutes**  
**Meeting of February 13, 2014**

Elizabeth King opened the meeting at 9:05 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the October 10, 2013 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (20):

John Livingston, Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service (Spokane)  
Richard Walser, Commissioner, Latah County  
Bill Ward, Amateur Radio Emergency Services and Concerned Citizen  
Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services  
David Duke, Police Chief, City of Moscow  
Elizabeth King, LEPC Chairperson/WSU Emergency Management Coordinator  
Geoff Billin, LEPC Vice Chair; Amateur Radio Emergency Services Coordinator  
Debi Ruppe, North Central Area Field Officer, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security  
\*Andrew Domras, Volunteer Firefighter, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department  
\*Sean Lunsford, District Manager, American Red Cross  
\*Casey Schooley, Exercise/Training Coordinator, Public Health-N Central District  
\*Kevin Renfrow, Commissioner, South Latah Highway District  
\*Mike Heston, LEPC Chair, Whitman County; Fire Chief, Pullman Fire Department  
Casey Strong, Assistant Fire Warden, Idaho Department of Lands  
Jason Svancara, Fire Warden, Idaho Department of Lands  
Penny Martinez, Security Services, University of Idaho  
Patrice McDaniel, Emergency Management Director, University of Idaho  
Ed Button, Fire Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department  
Matt Dudley, Planner, Public Health-N Central District  
Dick Hodge, Representative, Resource Conservation and Development Association  
(\* Indicates new attendees)

**1. Spring/Summer Outlook (John Livingston)**

John provided a very informative power point presentation. Check out the National Weather Service web site for current information. You can also see the snow/water equivalent on their hydrology site. Our area is in a moderate drought, and the Boise area is in a severe drought. We are in a neutral condition and have neither La Nina nor El Nino.

There's a weather shift coming bringing below normal temperatures and more wet conditions.

## **2. Safe and Well (Sean Lunsford)**

Sean talked about the American Red Cross “Safe and Well” program. Letting your family and friends know you are safe and well during/after a disaster brings great relief. The site is designed to help make communications easier, and anyone can register. Your personal registration information is not disseminated to anyone. You can register on their web site at <https://safeandwell.communityos.org> or call 1-800-RED-CROSS and someone will assist you with the process. During a disaster, you can also register on site to post your message or find family and friends. This program is for domestic incidents only. You need to contact International ARC to assist you with overseas connections.

## **3. Influenza Season (Matt Dudley)**

Matt said that flu season was fortunately slowing down. The H1N1 strain was predominant again. Public Health consistently monitors the various influenza types not only in the United States but worldwide.

## **4. Training/Events**

1. March 6 = 2014 Flood Discussion/Workshop, 12 noon – 4:30 pm (Brammer Bldg, Lewiston)
2. March 14-15 = Clearwater Fire Academy Training (Orofino)
3. March 22 = 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Palouse Community Preparedness Fair, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (LDS church in Moscow behind Staples)
4. March 26 = N Central Idaho Emergency Management Workshop (Lewiston)
5. May = Region II Hazmat Response Team will be conducting a decontamination exercise (will provide more information as it comes out)

## **5. Other Business**

1. FY13 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Application was available on February 18. Deadline for submitting applications is March 21, 2014.
2. There was mention that the region was interested in having moulage training. This teaches you how to make and apply makeup for exercises (such as blood, broken bone, etc.)
3. Idaho BHS supports the Fusion Center and there’s free training with grant funding available for transportation. Go to the Idaho BHS web site and search for Fusion Center. This will provide you with more in-depth information. It’s not just for law enforcement but EMS, fire, etc.

I could not pick up the end of the LEPC discussion on the recorder, so I apologize if I missed something that needed to be added. Also not everything was audible. Please let me know if I did, and I’ll do an amended minutes.

**The next meeting is April 10, 2014 at 9:00 am.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Rollins