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**LEPC Minutes**  
**Meeting of August 9, 2012**

Geoff Billin opened the meeting at 9:05 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the June 14, 2012 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (22):

- \*Major Britt Vanshur, 101<sup>st</sup> Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team
- \*Mike Heston, Pullman Fire; Whitman County LEPC Chairman
- \*Dick Walser, Concerned Citizen, Latah County
- \*Elizabeth King, Security Officer, University of Idaho
- \*Patrice McDaniel, Asst Director of Emergency and Security Services, University of Idaho
- \*Brannon Jordan, Operations, Latah County Sheriff's Office
- Deborah Snyder, North Central District Manager, American Red Cross
- Joe Williams, Fire Marshal, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
- Richard Huggins, Volunteer, American Red Cross; Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- Dick Hodge, Vice-Chairperson, Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Geoff Billin, Amateur Radio Emergency Services; LEPC Chairperson
- David Duke, Police Chief, 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
- Laurel Caldwell, Director, Latah County Information Technology Services
- Fred Hutchison, Safety Officer, University of Idaho Environmental, Health and Safety
- Debi Ruppe, North Central Idaho Field Officer, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
- Tom Storer, Amateur Radio Emergency Services; Community Emergency Response Team
- Kayla Moehrle, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District
- Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services
- Sandy Rollins, Disaster Services/LEPC Coordinator, Latah County

(\* Indicates new attendees)

**1. 101<sup>st</sup> Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (Major Britt Vanshur)**

Major Vanshur provided two excellent power point presentations and a video. There are 22 full-time Army and Air Force personnel on the Idaho team, and 55 teams nationwide. CST is activated via requests for support through the StateComm conference call. Approval authority rests with the Commanding General and/or the Governor. Deployment options include ground and air. The CST is capable of tailoring assets to meet the Incident Commander's needs. In addition to this flexibility, it is important during suspected WMD terrorist events or unknown substance situations that consideration be given to deploying the CST at the same time as the Regional Response Team (Lewiston). Their goal is to respond

within four hours. They have very up-to-date equipment, some of which includes: decontamination; medical operations; weather station; lab to test chemicals on site; communications.

MISSION STATEMENT: “On orders, the 101<sup>st</sup> WMD CST deploys to support civil authorities at a domestic CBRN incident site by identifying CBR agents/substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures, and assisting with appropriate requests for additional support.”

The CST is required by Department of Defense to be recertified every 18 months.

Attached is the power point presentation.

## **2. Election of New Officers**

Debi Ruppe made a motion and Dan Carscallen did a 2<sup>nd</sup> on behalf of the new officers. All attendees approved. The Board of County Commissioners approved the appointment for the following:

Alan Allbee, Chairman  
Geoff Billin, Vice Chair

## **2. Meetings/Events:**

--September 8 = Juliaetta Blackberry Festival  
--September 13-16 = Latah County Fair  
--September 22 (10:00am – 4:00pm) = Living Ready Preparedness Fair, Orofino  
--October 4 (4:00pm – 7:00pm) = Latah County Wellness Fair, Latah County Fairgrounds  
--October 6 = University of Idaho Homecoming  
--November 10 (9:00am – 3:00pm) = Lewis and Clark Valley Preparedness Fair, Nez Perce Fairgrounds

## **3. Other Business:**

- a. Debi Ruppe said that the 2012 North American Emergency Response Guide (NAERG) has arrived in Boise. Once the guides make it to Latah County, they will be distributed accordingly.
- b. Debi also would like suggestions for other vendors at the Lewis and Clark Valley Preparedness Fair.
- c. Mike Heston said that Whitman County was updating their All Hazard Mitigation Plan. It's also being discussed to merge the Pullman and Whitman County LEPC.
- d. Joe Williams said that Moscow Fire Department purchased a new water tender. Everything in our area is very dry. The Pre-Season Fire Workshop held June 26 was a big success, and will be held again in 2013.
- e. David Duke said law enforcement has been busier than in the last decade attributed to prowls and drugs. Moscow Police Department is also getting an AlertID for internet and texting.

f. Deborah Snyder said that the ARC responded to 35 individuals in the last 30 days needing food, clothing and shelter. She stressed they need more volunteers, and ARC will provide training.

g. Kayla Moehrle said that Region II has no reported illnesses.

**THANK YOU Major Vanshur for taking time from your busy schedule to provide a very informative presentation about the 101<sup>st</sup> WMD CST.**

**The next meeting is October 11, 2012 at 9:00 am. The National Weather Service and American Red Cross will be providing the presentations**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins