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LEPC Minutes
Meeting of October 11, 2012

Alan Allbee opened the meeting at 9:10 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the August 9, 2012 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (22):

Mike Heston, Pullman Fire; Whitman County LEPC Chairman
Dick Walser, Concerned Citizen, Latah County
Elizabeth King, Graduate Student at University of Idaho; CERT Volunteer
Alan Allbee, LEPC Chair; Moscow Wal-Mart Asset Protection Manager
*Rachelle Burrup, ASPR/Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator, Public Health Idaho North Central District
*Shawn Kriebel, Latah County Search and Rescue; CERT Volunteer
John Livingston, Meteorologist in Charge, Spokane National Weather Service
Matt Dudley, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District
Charles Craig, Life Safety Coordinator, Gritman Medical Center
Patrice McDaniel, Asst Director of Emergency and Security Services, University of Idaho
Deborah Snyder, North Central District Manager, American Red Cross
Richard Huggins, Volunteer, American Red Cross; Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Dick Hodge, Concerned Citizen, Local Emergency Planning Committee
Geoff Billin, Amateur Radio Emergency Services; LEPC Vice-Chair
David Duke, Police Chief, City of Moscow
Dan Carscallen, Clerk, North Latah County Highway District; Council Member, City of Moscow
Fred Hutchison, Safety Officer, University of Idaho Environmental, Health and Safety
Debi Ruppe, North Central Idaho Field Officer, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Kayla Moehrle, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District
Dave Glasbrook, Commercial Pilot/Concerned Citizen, City of Moscow
David Pierce, Health and Environment Committee, City of Moscow Representative
Sandy Rollins, Disaster Services/LEPC Coordinator, Latah County
(* Indicates new attendees)

Due to computer issues within the Courthouse, the power points could not be shown.

1. National Weather Service – Spokane (John Livingston)

John said that the last measurable rain was July 20, and it was a second all-time record for Lewiston.

--Weak El Nino conditions are in place now and expected to remain into this winter.
--Transition to neutral conditions are just as likely.

--For this Fall/Winter “on average”

Temperature: equal chances of above, below or near average

Precipitation: increased odds of below average

Snowpack: may get off to a quick start then slow in December through the rest of winter

--Expect an active late Fall and then “slower” Winter season.

--Can always expect some significant winter weather in the Pacific Northwest.

Attached is the presentation.

Andy Brown is the new Warning Meteorologist for the NWS.

2. Ready Rating – American Red Cross (Deborah Snyder)

Deborah provided the presentation via power point. She said there are over 2,000 members nationally and it’s a free program.

How it works: (1) commit to preparing; (2) conduct a hazard vulnerability assessment; (3) develop or enhance an emergency response plan; (4) implement your emergency response plan; (5) help others.

The question was asked what is the difference between Ready Rating and the Public-Private Partnerships that Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (www.bhs.idaho.gov) has committed to. Below are the important differences:

1. The RR program has a 123-point self-assessment
2. RR member organizations receive a quantitative measurement of their level of preparedness (their Ready Rating score)
3. RR members have access to a comprehensive web-based tool that assist them in building a complete Emergency Response Plan that is customized for their organization.

2. Meetings/Events:

--November 10 (9:00am – 3:00pm) = Lewis and Clark Valley Preparedness Fair, Nez Perce Fairgrounds

3. Other Business:

a. Debi Ruppe said there are at least 50 different areas of expertise are participating in the Lewis and Clark Valley Preparedness Fair. One note is if you bring grain it will be put in a #10 can for you.

b. Geoff Billin said that Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) did a simulated test for Idaho, and everyone who received a message was to pass it along and see how the message comes out at the end.

c. Debi also mentioned that the InciWeb is an excellent site to see what fires on going on in Idaho. For 2012 there were 46 fires in Idaho with 36 still active. Over 1.5 million acres lost.

- d. David Duke said the Moscow Police Department participated in terrorism training. MPD is focusing on good police work.
- e. Matt Dudley mentioned the new Region II Public Information Officer program that is being formalized for the five counties and tribe. He also said to get flu shots.
- f. Charles Craig said the Gritman Medical Center as a mobile MRI on the southside of the building.
- g. Patrice McDaniel said that the Uof I has a Vandal Alert which will be for emergency text messages, public outreach events, and on facebook with emergency preparedness information.

The next meeting is December 13, 2012 at 9:00 am.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins