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LEPC Minutes
Meeting of December 13, 2012

Alan Allbee opened the meeting at 9:10 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the October 11, 2012 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (21):

Alan Allbee, LEPC Chair; Moscow Wal-Mart Asset Protection Manager
*Bill Ward, Amateur Radio Emergency Services and Concerned Citizen
*Penny Martinez, Security, University of Idaho
*Tom LaPointe, Executive Director, My Own Home
Paul Kimmell, Regional Business Manager, AVISTA
Jason Boal, Associate Planner, Latah County Planning and Building
Alan Boe, Maintenance and Operations, Good Samaritan Society of Moscow
Ed Button, Fire Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
Laurel Caldwell, Information Technology Services Director, Latah County
Dick Hodge, Past Vice-Chair of LEPC and Concerned Citizen
Mike Doherty, American Red Cross/CERT Volunteer, Latah County
Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services
Joe Williams, Fire Marshal, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
Matt Dudley, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District
Patrice McDaniel, Asst Director of Emergency and Security Services, University of Idaho
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
Debi Ruppe, North Central Idaho Field Officer, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Kayla Moehrle, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District
Sandy Rollins, Disaster Services/LEPC Coordinator, Latah County

(* Indicates new attendees)

1. My Own Home (Tom LaPointe)

This program is a Moscow based 501©3 non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that people can remain in their own homes with security and independence. It serves Moscow and goes about 1 – 2 miles outside of city limits. It currently has 31 members. The annual membership costs are: \$450 for single; \$550 for household; \$250 for associate (supporting/no services). This program helps ease the nursing home/assisted living capacity; keeps seniors in their home neighborhoods where they continue to contribute to their communities; to name a few. Tom mentioned that they can also assist with local emergencies.

Attached is Tom's power point presentation which provides more in-depth information.

2. Idaho State Alert Warning System (ISAWS) (Debi Ruppe)

There are 20 counties in Idaho that do not have Enhanced 911, and at present there are none in Northern Idaho. Latah County Sheriff's Office received a \$196,620.00 to install the Enhanced 911 system. The City of Moscow has Enhanced 911 through Whitcom.

ISAWS is through My State, and currently there are 1400 users in Idaho. It's a free program and the information you provide is kept confidential. You choose how you want to be notified of an incident and types of emergency information you wish to receive, but if you're interested in child abduction that needs to be checked separately. Web site: www.isaws.org

The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) is a national system, and they are all interconnected.

3. Power Outage Management (Paul Kimmell)

AVISTA maintains a functional needs list, but individuals need to keep them informed of any changes. They offer energy saving programs. AVISTA coordinates with local authorities through sharing information; coordinating efforts; emergency planning committees; incident command system; assistance from other utilities. There are various types of power outages, but two that also cause large problems are traffic accidents and squirrels. Web site: avistautilities.com

Inland Northwest Partners is a program focused on enhancing the long-term vitality of a two-state region. The non-profit organization facilitates knowledge sharing to build strong economic bases among member communities. Web site: www.inwp.org

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Attached is Paul's power point presentation.

4. "Report Card" for Your LEPC (Alan Allbee)

Alan talked about setting goals and objectives for the future and is asking for input for the February 14, 2013 LEPC meeting. Possibly form subcommittees to work on such topics as Public/Private Partnerships and Map Your Neighborhood. Some training goes along with these responsibilities. It was also brought up what are the LEPC roles and the participant roles. The report card will be tweaked to fit our LEPC so we can accomplish the goals and objectives that will be set. There is also training and exercise that is available.

5. Other Business

a. District Health said the H3N2 is early this year and please be sure to get your flu vaccination. Matt also mentioned the newly formed Region 2 Public Information Officer (PIO) and Joint Information System (JIS)/Joint Information Center (JIC) program. The group is called "North Central Information Network." This program is working on improving communications by having a formal process to disseminate information.

b. Latah County received a grant for a generator at the Latah County Fairgrounds. This is a critical facility since it would be used as a shelter, backup Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and where the Sheriff's Office would take inmates if they needed to evacuate the jail.

THANK YOU Debi, Tom and Paul for your very informative presentations!

**EVERYONE HAVE A VERY SAFE AND WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY!**

The next meeting is February 14, 2013 at 9:00 am.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins