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**AMENDED MINUTES TO SHOW CORRECT FIRST NAME (in bold)
for NWS PRESENTOR**

**LEPC Minutes
Meeting of February 14, 2013**

Geoff Billin opened the meeting at 9:05 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the December 13, 2012 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (23):

***Andrew Brown**, Warning Coordinating Meteorologist, Spokane National Weather Service
Elizabeth King, CERT Volunteer, Latah County
Charles Craig, Life Safety Coordinator, Gritman Medical Center
Dave Glasebrook, Concerned Citizen, City of Moscow
Alan Martinson, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Latah County
Wayne Rausch, Sheriff, Latah County
Richard Huggins, Amateur Radio Emergency Services/American Red Cross, Whitman/Latah County
Dave Reynolds, EMS Division Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
Deborah Snyder, District Manager, North Central District American Red Cross
Bill Ward, Amateur Radio Emergency Services and Concerned Citizen
Paul Kimmell, Regional Business Manager, AVISTA
Ed Button, Fire Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
Laurel Caldwell, Information Technology Services Director, Latah County
Mike Doherty, American Red Cross/CERT Volunteer, Latah County
Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services
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. Weather Outlook (Anthony Brown)

Andy provided a very informative power point presentation. NWS has several new links: Detailed Hazards (interactive map highlighting exactly where the hazards/impacts are expected) and Weather

Story. All NWS forecast offices have Facebook, Twitter and now Youtube. You can follow, like and subscribe for the latest information.

NWS needs your comments on a proposed alternative to simplify winter hazard headlines. You can go to: nws.weather.gov/haz_simp/ to view and make your comments.

According to Katherine Rowden, NWS Service Hydrologist, it looks like Latah County has about a 10 percent of flooding at this time.

The El Nino watch has been cancelled. Instead, neutral to very weak El Nino conditions are expected. Season snowfall for Moscow: average approximately another 10" mid February through April. Three out of the last four years measured at least 12" in March and April.

2. Influenza Update (Kayla Moehrle)

There have been 23 deaths reported in Idaho as of February 10, with 21 of those deaths being over the age of 65. There are no deaths in Region II. The influenza is decreasing in the east but holding steady here. Kayla said the A, B and H1N1 strain is a perfect match.

On May 1 there will be a statewide full-scale Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise at the Nez Perce County Fair Pavilion from 10:00 am – 12 noon. The exercise is to see how many individuals Public Health can put through the line for dispensing medicine. If Latah County can get 30 individuals to participate, Public Health will provide bus services to and from the exercise. Please email Sandy by April 15 and let her know if you're interested in participating and need bus service. Free sub sandwiches for all who participate.

3. LEPC Report Card (Open Discussion)

Below is a list of comments made during this discussion:

- a. Provide feedback to change/improve.
- b. Evaluate how we've done.
- c. Form subcommittees to establish goals and objectives for the LEPC.
- d. Push elected officials a little more. Ultimately they are the ones responsible.
- e. Host a luncheon for small businesses regarding public/private partnerships and continuity of operations. Get the Moscow Chamber involved.
- f. Feels like we're rearranging furniture on the Titanic. Need to look at what's going on in the country. Gear more for low frequency/high risk then current atmosphere of training for high frequency/low risk.
- g. A goal would be to get the school districts involved with the LEPC.
- h. Go out to them to educate; don't wait for them to come to us.
- i. See if Latah BOCC and Moscow City Council would buy "extra" items to prepare for a disaster, such as toilet paper and paper towels.

LEPCs used to be geared for hazardous materials, but are now all hazards.

Positive feedback:

- a. Our LEPC has done fairly well at being active.
- b. Good turnout; training opportunities.

- c. Our LEPC hasn't failed.
- d. Great networking and information, but could do more.
- e. LEPC doing a darn good job regarding public education, and everyone should be commended.

Geoff Billin, Dave Glasebrook and Bill Ward have offered some time to assist Alan Allbee in working towards the above.

4. Other Business

Sandy said she's been working on the Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan, and Deborah Snyder has offered to assist.

Seven CERT volunteers assisted with the search and rescue of the UofI student that was missing. It was discussed to do some cross training with the SAR group.

Six CERT volunteers are going to Hayden to take the Flood Fight Operations class in March.

City of Lewiston/Nez Perce County has a Catastrophic Plan. You can view it on their web site: www.co.nezperce.id.us/Departments/EmergencyManagement.aspx. Sandy will see if Mel Johnson is available to do a presentation at our next LEPC meeting.

5. Training/Events

- March 18-21 = Flood Fight Operations Class (Hayden)
- March 23 = LDS Community Preparedness Fair (behind Staples) from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- April 26-27 = Moscow Volunteer Fire Department Full-Scale Exercise
- May 1 = Public Health State-wide Full-Scale Exercise (Point of Dispensing) at the Nez Perce County Fair Pavilion
- May 13-16 = National Volunteer Organizations Active In Disasters Conference, Portland OR

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE HESTON. HE'S BE NAMED THE NEW CITY OF PULLMAN FIRE CHIEF!

The next meeting is April 11, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins