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LEPC Minutes
Meeting of April 11, 2013

Alan Allbee opened the meeting at 9:10 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the February 14, 2013 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (17):

- *Mel Johnson, Director, Nez Perce County Office of Emergency Management
 - *Karen Johnson, Nez Perce County
 - *Richard Walser, Commissioner, Latah County
 - *Rachelle Burrup, Public Health – Idaho North Central District
 - Alan Allbee, Chairperson, Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - Tom Storer, Amateur Radio Emergency Services/CERT Volunteer
 - Elizabeth King, Emergency Management Coordinator, Washington State University/CERT Volunteer
 - Alan Martinson, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Latah County
 - Richard Huggins, Amateur Radio Emergency Services/American Red Cross, Whitman/Latah County
 - Bill Ward, Amateur Radio Emergency Services and Concerned Citizen
 - Laurel Caldwell, Information Technology Services Director, Latah County
 - Mike Doherty, American Red Cross/CERT Volunteer
 - Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services
 - Geoff Billin, Amateur Radio Emergency Services; LEPC Vice-Chair
 - David Duke, Police Chief, City of Moscow
 - Debi Ruppe, North Central Idaho Field Officer, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
 - Sandy Rollins, Disaster Services/LEPC Coordinator, Latah County
- (* Indicates new attendees)

1. Catastrophic Event Response (Mel Johnson). Mel provided a very informative power point presentation on this subject.

- a. When the Berlin Wall fell, the massive nuclear threat went away, and civil defense evolved into emergency management with an all-hazards focus. Globalization took off and soon major systems became increasingly interconnected, as computers and the internet became commonly used. Over time, the federal commodity program went away, and there is virtually no government-owned food service in the United States. The economic base shifted from manufacturing to finance and service.
- b. Indicators to watch = less supplies on store shelves.
- c. Key features of collapse events are: (1) failure in any system may impact others; (2) huge number of potential outcomes = impossible to predict event details and timing.

Present realities - complex systems in our daily lives include: finance, healthcare, fuel and transportation, food and energy. In business its supply chains, manufacturing processes and just-in-time inventory management.

The federal perspective is the Continuity of Government (COG)/Continuity of Operations (COOP) mandatory for all federal departments. It is recommended for state/local governments.

The plan objective is to assist citizens of this region safely through a major complex system degradation/failure or a catastrophic event of national significance.

General plan characteristics:

- Used only for catastrophic events.
- Response actions in checklist format for timely response in a high-stress environment.
- Writing style and format is concise.
- This is a transition plan only, for use between event onset until relative stability is achieved.
- Plan is unclassified. Sensitive and privacy-related information are intentionally omitted.
- Plan is adaptable for use by other rural jurisdictions.

General planning assumptions:

- Federal directives are expected for implementation.
- National Guard availability is unknown.
- No state or federal assistance/resources expected.
- Government services will be significantly curtailed.
- Specific local impact and timing is unknown.
- Local resources will be rapidly depleted.
- Prepared individuals will be a needed resource.

Policies:

- Local governments may form a regional consortium.
- Local government will not seize property in people's homes.
- Some private sector resources may come under government control.

Command and control:

- Sheriff and police chiefs of their respective jurisdictions have command and control over law enforcement and security activities.
- Chief elected officials of their respective jurisdictions have command and control over all other activities.

You can view the entire plan on their web site: www.CatastrophicResponse.org

2. Other Business

- The Amateur Radio Emergency Services had 27 attend their training.
- Latah County is working on the Continuity of Operations Plan.
- Fran Martin, Whitman County Emergency Management is retiring this May.

3. Training/Events

- April 18 = Weather Spotter Training, Brammer Building (Lewiston), 6:30 pm – 8:30 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 4 = Search and Rescue Training, Gritman Medical Center, 10:00 am - noon
- May 13-16 = National Volunteer Organizations Active In Disasters Conference, Portland OR
- June 18 = Region II Emergency Management Workshop, Latah County Courthouse, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
- June 22-23 = Amateur Radio Relay League Field Day, Latah County Fairgrounds

**The next meeting is June 13, 2013 at 9:00 am.
If you have any suggestions for a topic, please let me know.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins