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LEPC Minutes
Meeting of October 10, 2013

Elizabeth King opened the meeting at 9:01 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the August 8, 2013 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (14):

Dave Reynolds, EMS Division Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department

*Bill Tensfeld, Emergency Management Director, Whitman County

*Richard Walser, Commissioner, Latah County

Bill Ward, Amateur Radio Emergency Services and Concerned Citizen

Laurel Caldwell, Information Technology Services Director, Latah County

Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services

David Duke, Police Chief, City of Moscow

Dan Carscallen, North Latah County Highway District Clerk/City of Moscow Council Member

Michael Doherty, American Red Cross/CERT Volunteer, Latah County

Elizabeth King, LEPC Chairperson/WSU Emergency Management Coordinator

Charles Craig, Life Safety Coordinator, Gritman Medical Center

Wayne Rausch, Sheriff, Latah County

Geoff Billin, LEPC Vice Chair; Amateur Radio Emergency Services Coordinator

Debi Ruppe, North Central Area Field Officer, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

(* Indicates new attendees)

1. Zombie UFO Crash Disaster Full-Scale Exercise Review (Dave Reynolds)

Highlights:

- a. There were political issues regarding the “zombie” theme.
- b. Grants and supporters were used to fund food and t-shirts.
- c. The press was invited and encouraged.
- d. During the planning process, participants identified problems with policies and procedures, and changes were made.
- e. The training Incident Action Plan will be used as a template for real events.
- f. Providing day care for participants helped. Dave said that a large event might include day care.

Exercise:

- a. Standard practices were used for triage.
- b. The effort needed to move 70 patients was far above what was expected.
- c. The planned ambulance staging and movement worked well.

- d. American Red Cross provided a canteen.
- e. For the first known time, horses were used in the raising system for a rope rescue.
- f. Man trackers were utilized in the morning.
- g. MedStar and LifeFlight visited.
- h. Unplanned communications failure was handled successfully.

Training:

- a. The planning paradigm was to train for success (rather than failure). Exercise planning (hundreds of hours) started six months before, and training started four months before the exercise so that participants were prepared. Dave was asked if six months was enough time to do a good job of planning. He responded that it was sufficient, given the resources available. With more resources the planning time could be shortened.
- b. Table top training sessions are good training, yet the real education comes from a full-scale exercise.
- c. Incident Command System (ICS) training was not as good as may have been thought. Although participants had attended IS-100 (and maybe others), there were times when the documentation wasn't understood or used.
- d. Dave reported that low frequency, high impact events are a challenge. The event helped identify areas in which the response to a mass casualty event can be improved.

Lots of feedback was obtained. The "Lessons Learned" can be found in Dave's power point presentation. If interested, please contact him at: dreynolds@ci.moscow.id.us

2. Influenza Season (Matt Dudley)

There was no report on influenza by District Health. It is unknown as to whether District Health has flu vaccine. It appears that most drug and grocery stores have stocks.

4. Training/Events

- November 2 = FunRaiser for Becky Reisenauer Weidert (heart/lung transplant (Latah County Fairgrounds), (4:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- November 2 = Annual Amateur Radio Emergency Service Simulated Emergency Test
- November 9 = Lewis-Clark Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair (Nez Perce County Fairgrounds), (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)

5. Other Business

- a. The regional Public Information Officer (PIO) group meets quarterly in Lewiston. Training in November will be on the Joint Information Center (JIC). An exercise is planned for January 22, 2014.
- b. THANK YOU Geoff Billin for taking notes at the LEPC meeting.

The next meeting is December 12, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins