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LEPC Minutes
Meeting of April 10, 2014

Elizabeth King opened the meeting at 9:05 am. We missed approving the minutes as e-mailed for the February 13, 2014 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (22):

*Blake Richards, Life Flight Network
*Joshua Kimbrow, Palouse Area Care Transport
Richard Walser, Commissioner, Latah County
Alan Boe, Maintenance and Operations, Good Samaritan Society of Moscow
Dan Carscallen, Clerk, N Latah County Highway District; Council Member, City of Moscow
Laurel Caldwell, Director, Latah County Information Technology Services
Charles Craig, Life Safety Coordinator, Gritman Medical Center
Dave Reynolds, EMS Division Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
Kayla Moehrle, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District
Alan Martinson, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Latah County
Tom Storer, Amateur Radio Emergency Services and Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer
Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services
David Duke, Police Chief, City of Moscow
Elizabeth King, LEPC Chairperson/WSU Emergency Management Coordinator
Geoff Billin, LEPC Vice Chair; Amateur Radio Emergency Services Coordinator
Casey Schooley, Exercise/Training Coordinator, Public Health-N Central District
Mike Heston, LEPC Chair, Whitman County; Fire Chief, Pullman Fire Department
Casey Strong, Assistant Fire Warden, Idaho Department of Lands
Jason Svancara, Fire Warden, Idaho Department of Lands
Ed Button, Fire Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
Dick Hodge, Representative, Resource Conservation and Development Association
Sandy Rollins, Disaster Services and Local Emergency Planning Committee Coordinator, Latah County
(* Indicates new attendees)

2. Life Flight Network: What's New? (Blake Richards)

Blake provided a very informative discussion about Life Flight and what they offer. They are a non-profit medical service, and have been in business for 36 years. Membership is \$60 a year per household. Life Flight and MedStar honor the others insurance. They now have a new helicopter that can transport two patients, one nurse, one paramedic and on pilot. The pre-hospital provider and/or between hospital attending physicians will decide after assessment if air transport is required for a patient. In August 2014 they are going to be offering ride-along. Check out their

website: www.lifeflight.org. They also have a new base in Butte along with their current bases located in Pendleton, LaGrande, Sandpoint and Lewiston. In Lewiston there's one helicopter and one fixed wing. Here are some of the services:

- a. Carry 2 units of O-Negative blood and have a blood warmer before inserting.
- b. Balloon pump with surgical test tubes
- c. Advanced transport ventilator
- d. Can assist search and rescue with their night vision and lighting
- e. Do NOT provide ground transport in our area
- f. Provide the best medical care they can give you
- g. Response time from Lewiston to Moscow is 20 minutes or less

Blake said they are happy to come out and provide landing zone and proper patient loading training when asked.

2. 2013 A Fire Season In Review Video: The video would not work. Jason Svancara said fire season will be similar to last year. For this time of year it's a little wetter than usual.

3. "Report Card" for LEPC

The report card needs to be "all hazard" and not just hazardous materials. It was suggested to send pertinent information such as the resource typing list to each entity for review, changes, etc. This will be the first project to be undertaken. The next project would be each entity review their section of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan and see if changes need to be made and what's been accomplished.

4. Other Business

- a. Josh Kimbrow described a new business in Moscow called Palouse Area Care Transport (PACT). This is a private for-profit organization that opened in January 2014. Since they have been in operation, Josh said they've responded to over 50 transport calls. They have three ambulances with two being active, and are available 24/7. This is a cost effective option they're offering. **Please visit their web site: pactems.org**
- b. David Duke said that the University of Idaho was working on a Crisis Communication Plan. He also mentioned that Moscow Police Department was applying for funding to have landline and text emergency messaging available.
- c. Dave Reynolds said the exercise for April has been postponed due to weather. The new scheduled date is June 14, 2014 and it's a mass casualty full-scale.
- d. Ed Button said Moscow Volunteer Fire Department has been approved for a new emergency generator for Fire Station 1 (downtown). He's also requesting funding for a generator at Fire Station 2.
- e. Elizabeth King said that Washington State University has formed a task force for Oso Recovery Assistance. This is for support to the communities and people affected by the

mudslide. See web site: <https://news.wsu.edu/announcement/wsu-response-to-the-oso-slide-incident/>

- f. Elizabeth also talked about the City of Pullman, Whitman County and WSU Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) acceptance. This course puts public officials and emergency personnel in a realistic crisis situation within a structured learning environment. There are several tiers to this course. She will provide more details as available.

5. Training/Events

- a. April 29 = Public Health Winter Storm Tabletop Exercise (St. Joe's Regional Hospital, Lewiston), 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- b. May 31= Locust Blossom Festival (Kendrick)
- c. June 4 = Lewiston Fire Department Mass Decontamination Full-Scale Exercise (more information to follow)
- d. June 7 = Officer Newbill Safety Fair (Eastside Marketplace)
- e. June 11 = Community Points of Distribution (CPOD), WSU **(for more information, please contact Elizabeth King at e.king@wsu.edu)**
- f. July 12 = Troy Day
- g. August 2 = Deary Day

The next meeting is June 12, 2014 at 9:00 am.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Rollins