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LEPC Minutes
Meeting of August 14, 2014

AMENDED TO SHOW CORRECT SPELLING FOR AMATEUR IN TOPIC 1 BELOW

Elizabeth King opened the meeting at 9:00 am. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (16):

Dan Carscallen, Clerk, N Latah County Highway District; Council Member, City of Moscow
Dave Reynolds, EMS Division Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
Kayla Moehrle, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District
Penny Martinez, Campus Security Director, University of Idaho
Sean Lunsford, District Manager, North Central District American Red Cross
Debi Ruppe, North Central Idaho Field Officer, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Elizabeth King, LEPC Chairperson/WSU Emergency Management Coordinator
Geoff Billin, LEPC Vice Chair; Amateur Radio Emergency Services Coordinator
Bill Krick, Palouse Business Unit Manager, McGregor Company
David Duke, Police Chief, City of Moscow
Richard Huggins, Amateur Radio Emergency Services, American Red Cross Volunteer
Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services
Dick Walser, Latah Board of County Commissioners
Bill Ward, Amateur Radio Emergency Services, concern citizen
*Austin Cole, Amateur Radio Emergency Services, Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer
*Heather Acker, Amateur Radio Emergency Services, Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer
(* Indicates new attendees)

1. Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Bill Ward discusses how amateur radio like Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) can help during an emergency. Amateur radio can provide manpower to run a communication center to handle communications during an event which could free up specialty units like the Sheriff's Office. Amateur radio can also bring equipment to help in communication which bring with it radio band width larger than what Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is assigned to. Most amateur radio personnel have voice and a form of digital capability. Digital modes can be in the form of Chat (like text messaging) or Email. Amateur radio provided the ability to transmit information out of the disaster area and into other areas of the state, country, or other parts of the world that is not affected.

Amateur radio completed a simulated disaster throughout Latah County with American Red Cross (ARC). The scenario of the disaster was to overwhelm ARC at their shelters in the county. Information needed to be entered into ARC's national database. Amateur radio was able to send information over a Syntex

system with only 1 relay to enhance the communication system. This allowed communications between the shelters throughout the county and the lead shelter in Moscow.

2. Latah County Active Shooter Table Top Exercise

Debi Ruppe discussed the Latah County Shots Fired Tabletop Exercise that was conducted on July 25, 2014 at the request of a Latah County Judge. A plausible active shooter scenario was designed and presented to District Court personnel along with both local law enforcement agencies and EMS during a 3-hour exercise. The exercise used several core objectives to look at the current policy and the response of entities affected by the exercise. During the exercise, several areas of concern were noted and an After Action Report (AAR) and Improvement Plan would be completed in the next month.

3. Old Business or New Business

- a. American Red Cross is merging with Montana. But support will continue.
- b. Medical Reserve Corp
 - Conducting a joint training on August 26th with ARC for sheltering.
 - April 2015- Full-scale medical surge/regional exercise in Kamiah to be announced in the future.
- c. Moscow Volunteer Fire Department has placed their full-scale exercise on hold pending a new Moscow Fire Chief and a Latah County Disaster Service Coordinator.
- d. Discussion on who to contact about (1) a possible mass evacuation in the event of an unexpected event and/or (2) sending an emergency alert throughout Latah County.

4. Training/Events

- a. September 6 = Juliaetta Blackberry Festival
- b. September 11-14 = Latah County Fair
- c. September 21-23= Idaho Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, McCall
- d. September 25 = Region II Emergency Management Workshop, Lewiston
- e. September 27 = Mutt Strutt, Reaney Park, Pullman
- f. October 11 = Great Idaho Shakeout Workshop, (9:30 am- 12:00pm) Latah County Courthouse Room2B
- g. October 18 = UofI Homecoming
- h. November 4 = Elections, Latah County

Some of the recording was inaudible, so sorry for any inconvenience. If anyone would like to listen to the recording of the minutes, please contact me so we can set a time for you to do that.

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

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Rollins