



LEPC Local Emergency Planning Committee

Gem County LEPC
January 21st, 2020

In Attendance:

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| Liz Bolts, Red Cross/Middleton Fire Commissioner | Laurie Boston, Gem Co. Emergency Manager |
| Ricky Bowman, SWDH | Bill Butticci, Gem Co. Commissioner |
| Curt Christensen, Emmett Fire | Roger Folwell, Valor Health |
| Cristina Froude, SWDH | Ryan Hale, Emmett Stake Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints |
| Liz Gochnour, LEPC Secretary | George Gutierrez, Red Cross |
| Adam Gonzalez, Payette Co. Emergency Manager | Justin Hovey, Cherry Ridge |
| Tahja Jensen, Prosecutor's Office | Steve Kunka, Emmett Police |
| Brent Larson, IDOEM | Bev Martin, Sheriff's Posse/Fire Dist. #2 |
| Jessica McBride, 101 st WMD CST | Len McCaulou, Gem Co. Fire/EMS |
| Janet Monti, Friendship Coalition | Dale Nalder, IDOEM |
| Steve Nebeker, Emmett City Council | Lorin Price, Indian Meadows Home Owners Association |
| Mark Rekow, Gem Co. Commissioner | Paul Standley, ITD |
| Chuck Rolland, Gem Co. Sheriff | Terry Wilson, SWDH |
| Michaela Warner, Messenger-Index | Craig Woods, Emmett Schools |
| Steve Woodall, IOEM | Jay Jensen, Resident |
| Donnie Wunder, Gem Co. Sheriff | |
| Justin Yankey, USDA Boise Natl. Forest | |

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Gem County Local Emergency Planning Committee is an organized gathering of community members, response agencies, organizations, and public officials, sanctioned by Congress to work together prior to any emergency, natural or man-made disaster, or hazardous material incident, in an attempt to improve planning, response, and coordination as well as the mutual understanding of capabilities and resources to the situation.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Gem County Local Emergency Planning Committee is to enhance capabilities in order to successfully mitigate, respond to, and recover from emergency situations in Gem Co community.

Meeting called to order by Curt Christensen at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of November 2019 Minutes:

- Motion to approve November minutes as written by Bev Martin. 2nd by Terry Wilson.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Youth Appreciation Day, April 25, 2020 – Commissioner Butticci:

- The date and time will be: Saturday, April 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Location will be at the Gem County Sports Complex (The Island). Commissioner Butticci asked all participants to please stay set up until 3:00 when the event ends. Contact Bill Butticci if you are not able to attend.

Western Idaho Community Crisis Center – Cristina Froude, Project Manager, Southwest District Health:

- Cristina has a degree in Behavioral Health – Human Services and Psychology and has also completed an EMT course. She has worked as a Social Worker focusing on intensive case management and contract monitoring. Currently she is overseeing behavioral health contracts with Southwest District Health.
- The Western Idaho Community Crisis Center (WICCC) is located in Caldwell, which is in Region 3. Region 3 serves Adams, Canyon, Gem, Payette, and Washington Counties. It is open to all adults over the

age of 18, not just those in Region 3. Lifeways is an organization that provides behavioral health services in Oregon and Idaho. They manage the day to day operations of the crisis center.

- It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are 20 resting mats (beds). 10 male and 10 female.
- The goal of the crisis center is to prevent misuse of Emergency Room departments and Jails. The crisis center is for individuals that are too elevated for outpatient services, but that are not actively suicidal. If a person needs a safe place to become sober or has suicidal thoughts the crisis center has resources available for them.
- Criteria for Admission: 1. Experiencing mental health and/or substance use needs 2. Voluntary 3. Medically stable 4. Not a threat to self or others 5. Eighteen years or older
- WICCC Emphasizes: Stabilization, Recovery, Natural Support (Family, Friends, Community), and Community Integration.
- Community Crisis Model: Patient Presents – Screening & Assessment – Care Plan – Intervention – After Care Plan.
- A behavioral health crisis assessment must be completed within 30 minutes.

Services Provided at the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center:

- Basic medical screening for safety and stability
- Mental health assessments
- Immediate access to mental health and/or substance use stability supports
- Telehealth services – call 208-402-1044 for assistance.
- Brief and crisis interventions facilitated by mental health clinicians
- Clinical support and assistance for individual and loved one's in managing crisis
- Peer support specialists
- Recovery coaches
- Assistance and advocacy in accessing community providers to partner in symptom management, stability and recovery
- Closed food pantry
- Virtual Tour and additional resources available on the website. The website is <https://www.widccc.org/>

General Reports:

Curt Christensen: The 2019 focus for City Fire was aggressive firefighting (gallons per second). In 2020 they will be working on command and control (better communications) based on Blue Card. State EMS will be coming out to do a traffic safety train the trainer program. Contact the Fire department to check or install new smoke detectors.

Craig Woods: The school district is moving forward with a \$64 million bond. If you have a group that would like a presentation, please contact Craig Woods. Information will be posted on the Facebook page “Emmett Independent School District #221”. Please make sure you have accurate information. In April, a plan will be presented to the School Board to move 5th grade out of the Middle School.

George Gutierrez: The Red Cross is updating county resources and facilities for emergencies including emergency shelters.

Bev Martin: Fire Dist #2 responded to a ½ acre burn that started as a controlled burn. Remember that fires can happen in the winter. The new tanker truck for Ola needs sandblasting done before painting can be done. If

anyone knows anyone that can help with the sandblasting, contact Fire Dist #2. The Ola community Sweethearts dinner that is usually held in February will be rescheduled for April or May. The Sheriff's Posse will be participating in the Idaho Search and Rescue Association Winter Conference Feb 15th in Weiser.

Steve Nebeker: The City Council passed a Trash Receptacle ordinance. The City will be meeting with the County to discuss a cell phone/hands free option February 11th.

Bill Buttici: New cameras were installed in the jail and new lighting will be installed. The elm tree by the courthouse will be removed on January 29th.

Mark Rekow: Gem County hosted a District 3 meeting that included 9 different counties from Elmore to Adams. Discussions included Medicaid expansion, property tax relief, growth, and infrastructure. There were presentations from the Realtor's Association, Tiny Idahomes LLC, and the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC).

Paul Standley: Road work on Highway 52 (Washington) will start in March or April. From 12th Street to the bridge the road will be replaced and from Maverick to 12th Street will be a lighter repair.

Janet Monti: Cheer baskets were given to 356 families and 197 also received toys. Special thanks to all who assisted. All the money raised stayed in Gem County.

Ricky Bowman: Southwest District Health will be hosting their Spring Infectious Disease workshop from March 16th - 18th. The 16th and 17th will be for EMS or Prehospital transport partners. An expert will be brought in to train on how to care for infectious disease from the cradle to the grave. CEU's will be offered for this training. Flu activity is increasing.

Roger Folwell: Valor Health will be putting together Emergency Preparedness drills for 2020. The hospital has an Infection Prevention nurse that tracks the number of flu cases that are seen. There is a new Emergency Department manager.

Tahja Jensen: The Joint Planning Commission is having a public hearing for some revisions to the comprehensive plan. It will be held on January 27th at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Len McCaulou: There were 166 calls last month, 51 were second out calls. Very busy. No plans at this time to hold any EMS classes.

Justin Yankey: Katie Wood is the new Emmett District Manager for The Boise National Forest.

Terry Wilson: Southwest District Health will be having meetings regarding Jurisdictional Risk Assessments. These focus on the human factor of helping the people in our communities navigate through a disaster.

Steve Kunka: Thankful for all the assistance received for the accident on 4th and Johns involving two students. Called in by high school student. Middle School Principal and Superintendent Woods were on scene very quickly.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52am. Terry Wilson moved to adjourn. Bev Martin seconded the motion.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 8:30am.