



LEPC

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Gem County LEPC
February 18th, 2020

In Attendance:

Chris Acosta, Bureau of GMS
Mike Bolts, Red Cross
Bill Butticci, Gem Co. Commissioner
Quincy Chung, USDA Boise National Forest
Del Gray, Messenger-Index
Justin Hovey, Cherry Ridge
Tahja Jensen, Prosecutor's Office
Bev Martin, Sheriff's Posse/
Fire Dist. #2
Steve Nebeker, Emmett City Council
Mark Rekow, Gem Co. Commissioner
Lisa Resinkin, Gem Co. Dispatch
Dennis Weaver, Ola Community
Donnie Wunder, Gem Co. Sheriff

Liz Bolts, Red Cross/Middleton Fire Comm.
Laurie Boston, Gem Co. Emergency Manager
Curt Christensen, Emmett Fire
Bryan Elliott, Gem Co. Commissioner
Liz Gochnour, LEPC Secretary
Ryan Hale, Emmett Stake Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Steve Kunka, Emmett Police
Len McCaulou, Gem Co. Fire/EMS
Dale Mock, Gem Co. Sheriff Posse
Lorin Price, Indian Meadows Home Owners Association
Paul Standley, ITD
Terry Wilson, SWDH

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 am.

Approval of January 2020 Minutes:

- Motion to approve January minutes as written by Bev Martin. 2nd by Dale Mock.

Public Comments: No public comments.

ITD Traffic Incident Management Training Brief Overview – Neal “Murph” Murphy:

- Neal is the Emergency Manager for the Idaho Transportation Department as well as one of the State of Idaho Traffic Incident Management Coordinators.
- The goal is to reach out to all incident responders to save lives, money, and time during scene set up for incidents and to increase communication.
- The training is 1 hour 45 minutes with a table top exercise after.
- There have been 19 deaths Nationwide this year responding to an incident on the roadway.

The American Red Cross Disaster Action Team in Gem County – Mike and Liz Bolts:

- The American Red Cross Mission Statement: “The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.”
- Over 90% of the workforce for the Red Cross are volunteers. In 2018, there were 423 volunteers working over 30’000 volunteer hours in this region, which includes Idaho and Montana.

- The Red Cross is not government funded. Funds are largely provided by donations. They do charge for some classes, training, and certifications.
- The Disaster Action Team (DAT) falls under the Disaster Services of the American Red Cross.
- Across the Country, there is approximated to be a disaster every 8 minutes.
- The DAT team responds to anything that makes a home inhabitable. Fire, flood, wind, etc. The most common disaster that the team responds to is a house fire.
- The DAT team responds to 100% of incidents that are reported to them. They can be notified by calling phone # 1-800-853-2570, Option #1. Response time is within 2 hours with 2 people responding.
- The duty officer will want to know: Is the home livable? Are there any injuries or fatalities? Is the fire still active? Please provide any other relevant information that the client will need assistance with.
- A debit card can be provided based on what the client qualifies for. Prescription assistance can be provided for a 30 day supply of medications. Disney has donated Mickey Mouse dolls for children. A blanket and a comfort kit will also be provided for each person involved.
- Self Rescue Manuals for Ada and Canyon counties will be provided for help with resources outside of what the Red Cross can provide.
- Sound the Alarm is a program where the Red Cross will come to install up to 3 smoke alarms in a home. On April 24th and April 25th Nampa has been selected to focus on installing a goal of 250 smoke alarms into homes. Applications for smoke alarm installations can be filled out on redcross.org. They do not install the alarms that are hard wired into the home, only the battery operated alarms.
- For questions please contact George Gutierrez, the Disaster Program Manager at email: george.gutierrez@redcross.org.

General Reports:

Curt Christensen: March 17th from 6am – 9am will be a 1st responders breakfast at Heart and Home Hospice. The City Fire department has received some grant money to build a training facility. They have active programs for replacing smoke alarms and car seat installation. Please call to make an appointment for car seat installation.

Dale Mock: Gem County Posse held their ISOAR training in Weiser with 9 out of 11 members attending.

Bev Martin: Fire #2 responded to a possible chimney fire. With the use of a heat gun, they identified that the foot control of a sewing machine was being held down by some boxes and was starting to smolder.

Paul Standley: Plowing continues on highways 52 and 55.

Mark Rekow: The Idaho Association of Counties Legislative Conference was held 2 weeks ago. Hot topics included property tax relief and Medicaid expansion. Rep. Moyle from Star introduced legislation that would cap property tax.

Bryan Elliott: The Comprehensive Plan meeting has been changed to Feb. 24th at 6:30pm at the Jr. High.

Len McCaulou: EMS had 147 runs last month with 52 second out requests.

Steve Kunka: Youth Appreciation Day will be April 25th at the Island. The police department will be doing a canine demo and bike rodeo. Helmets and cones will be provided by the Rotary. Recently ITD, Gem County, and the City of Emmett came together to work out an agreement to provide break away signage in the event that the traffic light on Washington goes out.

Quincy Chung: The Forest Service will hold an open house at the Garden Valley Community Center on March 12th. National hiring is ongoing.

Terry Wilson: Corona virus cases have been rising at a steady pace. There are 11 DOD quarantine areas. Check the CDC website to get updated information. Get your flu shots. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38am. Terry Wilson moved to adjourn. Steve Kunka seconded the motion.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th,2020 at 8:30am.

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