



Local Emergency Planning Committee

Gem County LEPC
August 16th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

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.

In Attendance:

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| Liz Boltz, American Red Cross | Curt Christensen, Emmett Fire Dist. |
| Rob Feeley, Idaho Office of Emergency Management | Liz Gochnour, LEPC Secretary |
| Tahja Jensen, Gem Co. Prosecutor | Del Gray, Messenger Index |
| Brent Leatherman, Emmett Police | Steve Kunka, Emmett Police Dept. |
| Joe Mayer, Member of the Public | Bev Martin, Gem Co. Sheriff's Posse/ Fire Dist. #2 |
| Dale Mock, Gem Co. Sheriff's Posse | Lorrie Pahl, Idaho Office of Emergency Management |
| Mark Rekow, Gem Co. Commissioner | Dave Timony, Gem Co. Sheriff |
| Margaret Romiti, Valor Health | |
| Jeff Ulmer, Gem Co. Emergency Mgr. | |

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

Approval of June 21st, 2022 and July 19th, 2022 Minutes:

- Motion to approve June 21st, 2022 and July 19th, 2022 minutes by Chief Kunka. 2nd by Dave Timony. Motion passes, minutes approved.

Brent Leatherman, Emmett Police Dept. – Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (Overview and Experiences):

- The ALERRT Center at Texas State University was created in 2002 as a partnership between Texas State University, the San Marcos, Texas Police Department and the Hays County, Texas Sheriff's Office to address the need for active shooter response training for first responders. In 2013, ALERRT at Texas State was named the National Standard in Active Shooter Response Training by the FBI.
- ALERRT Mission: To provide the best research-based active shooter response training in the nation. ALERRT Vision: Training and research that saves lives and protects communities.
- Since 2002, ALERRT at Texas State has been awarded more than \$72 million in state and federal grant funding and has trained more than 130,000 law enforcement and fire officials nationwide in dynamic, force-on-force scenario-based training. They have also trained more than 200,000 civilians in their Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Avoid-Deny-Defend awareness program.
- There are 14 courses which make up the ALERRT category. Active Attack Integrated Response, Basic Active Shooter Response – Stop the Killing, Level 1 Train-the-Trainer, First Responder Medical & Breaching, Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events (ERASE), Solo Officer Rapid Deployment (SORD), Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), Civilian Response and Casualty Care, and Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) are some of the courses available.
- Brent has 14 years of experience in law enforcement and has attended the Basic Active Shooter Response, Active Attack Integrated Response for Fire and EMS, and has recently become an instructor for the

Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events. He has learned the skill sets that will assist him and other officers that he will train in mental and physical preparation.

- Chief Kunka: This is law enforcement's response to active shooter events in schools. The Gem County Sheriff and Emmett Police Departments have instructors in different parts of these training. The new SRO officer is going through the ALERRT training that is specific for her role. The ALERRT program has gone through events of the recent school shooting and has compiled a report of how things went and how things could have been better. They have sent out the report to law enforcement agencies.
- These ALERRT trainings are available to Fire, Medical, EMS, and all First Responders.

Public Comments:

- **Joe Mayer:** Has anyone watched the "60 Minutes" segment about substation vulnerability and would Idaho Power come and talk about it?
- Laurie Boston sent the link and QR code to watch the segment via email to the group in April.
- **Curt Christensen:** Please contact Idaho Power with any specific questions you may have for them. Dave Timony, Jeff Ulmer, and Curt Christensen will meet to further discuss and will respond to Joe.

General Reports:

- **Lorrie Pahl, Idaho Office of Emergency Management:** The agencies involved in the All Hazard Mitigation Plan should start thinking about meeting to update the plan.
- **Rob Feeley, Idaho Office of Emergency Management:** Lemhi County is the only County that has a Local Disaster Declaration in place due to the Moose Fire. They are keeping an eye on the Four Corners Fire. The grant application period is open and they will be working with all the Counties to get their projects developed for the next year's grant funding.
- **Mark Rekow, Gem County Commissioners:** They continue to have land use hearings. The County is also experiencing an employee crunch. The pink duplex behind the Public Defender's Office is scheduled to be demolished due to asbestos. They are getting ready for their budget hearing.
- **Dale Mock, Gem Co. Sheriff's Posse:** They are continuing to train and will be attending an ISSAR training in Idaho Falls.
- **Tahja Jensen, Gem County Prosecutors Office:** The County has a request for a proposal for Public Defender services due to the current Public Defender leaving. No new orders have been issued regarding jury trials.
- **Jeff Ulmer, Gem Co. Emergency Manager:** He is training, developing processes, and meeting people that have been very helpful.
- **Chief Kunka, Emmett City Police:** Emmett Police have been touring schools and meeting with school officials to help improve emergency response and security at the schools. Fire, Dispatch, and Law Enforcement have also been touring Valor Health with their security team in order to have a better response in an emergency at the hospital.
- **Chief Christensen, Emmett City Fire:** The Fire Department held a car seat clinic on July 22nd. If you know of anyone that has been in an automobile accident, tell them to call the Fire Department to make an appointment to get their car seat replaced with a new one and installed properly. They held a fire safety training to teach them how to properly use a fire extinguisher at the airport with hospital staff from Valor Health. The Fire Department has received a new burn prop and a new children's fire prop. They will be conducting a school safety upgrade inspection. They received \$3800 in grant money for the training facility at the Waste Water Treatment facility. Gem County Fire District #1 also qualified for this grant.
- **Liz Boltz, American Red Cross:** The Red Cross has smoke alarms available if more are needed. They are also available to do smoke alarm installation. They also have bed shaker alarms available for those individuals that are hearing or visually impaired.

- **Bev Martin, Gem Co. Fire #2:** Fire #2 is on high alert and monitoring the Four Corners fire.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Timony. 2nd by Chief Kunka. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th at 8:30 a.m. Direction will be provided at a later date on whether the meeting will be in person or remote.