



Gem County LEPC
September 19th 2023
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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| Staci Carr, Valor Health | Chief Curt Christensen, Emmett Fire Dist. |
| Chad Dutcher, Gem Co. Fire/EMS | Liz Gochnour, LEPC Secretary |
| Luke Gunderson, Gem Co. Fire/EMS | Tahja Jensen, Gem Co. Prosecutor |
| Mike Knittel, City of Emmett | Chief Steve Kunka, Emmett Police |
| Officer Leatherman, Emmett Police | Joe Mayer, Member of the Public |
| Chief Len McCaulou, Gem Co. EMS | Renee McDaniel, Valor Health |
| Mayor Petrie, City of Emmett | Mark Rekow, Gem Co. Commissioners |
| Officer Rohr, Emmett Police | Margaret Romiti, Valor Health |
| Molly Smith, Southwest Dist. Health | Chief Deputy Dave Timony, Gem Co. Sheriff |
| Jeff Ulmer, Gem Co. Emergency Mgr. | Chief Mike Welch, Gem Co. Fire/EMS |
| Kirk Wille, Gem Co. Commissioners | |

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

Approval of August 15th, 2023 Minutes:

- Chief Christensen: Would anyone like to make a motion to add at 17:43 discussion of “secret stuff”, at 17:56 discussion of “not tipping off the bad guys” and at 18:07 of “gamers have knowledge of this”? No motion was made to add to the August 15th, 2023 minutes.
- Motion to approve August 15th, 2023 minutes as presented by Chief Welch. 2nd by Chief McCaulou. Motion passes, minutes approved.

Public Comments:

- Joe Mayer: I don’t see a need to go into Executive Session today and not allow people to see what’s going on.
- Chief Christensen: We have determined, as a group of First Responders, that we do not want the general public to see how we would respond to an incident even if it is a walk through or a run through and it is part of the ALERRT training.

Executive Session:

- IC 74-206(1)(d) Consideration of Records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in IC 74-101, Idaho Public Records Act from Disclosure per IC 74-105(4)(b).
- Idaho Code 74-105(4)(b) Exempts certain records from public disclosure “Records other than public expenditure records, related to proposed or existing critical infrastructure held by or in the custody of any public agency only when the disclosure of such information is reasonably likely to jeopardize the safety of persons, property or the public safety. Such records may include emergency evacuation, escape or other emergency response plans, vulnerability assessments, operation and security manuals, plans, blueprints or security codes. For purposes of this subsection, “critical infrastructure” means any system or asset, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the state of Idaho, including its political subdivisions, that the

incapacity or destruction of such system or asset would have a debilitating impact on state or national economic security, state or national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.

Motion to move into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-105(4)(b):

- Motion to move into Executive Session by Mayor Petrie. 2nd by Chief Mike Welch. All “Aye” votes for those participating. No “Nay” votes. Motion passes. Moved into Executive Session at 8:43 a.m. Non-participants excused.
- Motion to move out of Executive Session by Chief Kunka. 2nd by Mayor Petrie. Moved out of Executive Session at 9:35 a.m.

General Reports:

- No General Reports

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Petrie. 2nd by Jeff Ulmer. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.