

Madison County Montana LEPC

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EOP Review: Started 1700 Garnet USA EAP presented by Tim Jurgonski

Call to order 1802

Approve January 18th, 2018 minutes: motion made by Toni James, Melissa Brummell 2nd motion, all in favor, motion to approve minutes passed.

Introductions: list of attendees (see enclosed roster).

1. **Committee Reports:**

DES: Incidents; semi rollover in bear trap, semi was full of compost with nothing going in to Madison River. Ennis School had to conduct a lockdown due to received Threat.

Two properties completed fuel mitigation one in Cameron the other in Virginia City, both mitigations were over 8 acres.

A video has been made to explain the Code Red system. Video has been posted on social media. \$30.00 was spent on Facebook to increase targeting as of today; 3220 impressions, 1149 have people have been reached, 137 view of video have been made, and 332 people have either text or email an enrollment.

Grants: next week the VSAT Trailer will be picked up in California, a large amount of money has been saved due to the fact of the trailer being picked up rather than having the trailer shipped. So some extras have been added to the trailer; a 2yr extended warranty, a Motorola VHF radio, a set of handheld VHF Icom radios have been acquired from Harrison VFD, and an internet communications gateway (talk to dispatch through phone).

The 2018 Homeland Security MCI application has been submitted to Gallatin County.

The Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan has been approved by Madison County, Virginia City, Ennis, and Sheridan.

Reseeding of Moore's Creek in Ennis is waiting to be complete.

Joe is applying for a grant from NorthWestern Energy for gas meters for the fire departments of Sheridan, Alder, and Virginia City.

The Passport Accountability System is now in place with all but MVRFD, and Twin Fire departments.

A thermal imaging drone has been %50 funded, we are currently looking for other partners to fund the rest of the needed money.

The Harrison Fire Department has applied and received a \$7,000.00 grant to be used for a new command vehicle.

The Freeze dried meals have been delivered and inventoried. These are intended for the EOC, with enough for 10 people having 3 meals a day for 72hours plus snacks. The order was split with Ruby Valley SAR with a total of 408 servings.

The planning is ongoing for the Harrison Fire Academy. Registration is now active.

Jack creek road improvement planning is currently underway with the counties planning office, DES, and the Big Sky FD.

Initial planning has started for the annexation of the Twin Bridges Fire Department.

SAM Fire preplanning is underway.

AT&T FirstNet is up and running in the state, but there is still very poor AT&T service in the county.

We are working with the airport board and MVRFD for a fire protection station at the airport. A FAA grant has been reverted from Deer Lodge, with a short window to act upon. The fire protection building is a proposed 4 stall building to be designed and built this summer. 2 of the 4 bays will be used for a fire apparatus.

I have attended the state MACO/DES meeting in Billings where we discussed scenarios for damage assessments, SAM damage assessments, fatality management, and the importance of mutual aid and LEPC/Fire Council involvement.

I also attended the EMPG state working group where we discussed funding formulas, reverted funds de-obligated funding for grants (Alder EOC Proposal), the change to the EMPG fiscal year has been implemented to follow the county fiscal year.

Joe and I attended the Western Regional DES Coordinators Meeting in Butte. We discussed IMTs, the new regional organization consolidation, and AT&T's FirstNet capabilities and buildout.

Joe attended the Basic Wildland Firefighting course in Dillon hosted by the DNRC.

I attended the WUI Ops for Structural Officer Course, the TFLD T3 RPL Program (DNRC CAT Team).

I have been assigned to the Northern Rockies T2 RPL Program as the trainee in the plans section.

We meet with a member NorthWestern Energy regarding pipeline emergencies, where we discussed the pipeline annex that will soon be presented here to our LEPC.

We attended a tabletop exercise in Bozeman regarding the Vigilant Guard exercise, where we discussed the recovery steps needed to be executed after a large scale earthquake followed by the Hebgen Dam failure.

Joe attended the Basic Disaster Life Support class a 4 night webinar.

I completed the Advanced Burn Life Support webinar.

We instructed the new SALT triage system to the Ruby Valley Ambulance crew.

Coordination has been made for June 8th to have a DHS funded Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium to be taught here in Madison County. This is a crisis management class gearing towards school-based incidents with assistance with local law enforcement, first responders, and local school districts.

An ICS 100/200 course will be taught on June 22nd to bring new employees up to par with the ICS system.

In the near future we will also officer communications training with the new SATCOM trailer.

Communications: Contacted Borris reference the Bear Trap repeater setup, not sure when this will happen. We had a great open house in the dispatch center with a wonderful turnout.

Public Health: See enclosed Whole Community Approach graph...%14 (approx. 1700) people in our county are disabled. These figures came from DPHHS. This number covers a whole range of disabilities. We need to take this into consideration when we are discussing emergencies plans. A thought process has to be worked through to remember this during all emergencies especially during evacuations.

There have been some recent changes to the All-Hazard Transport Protocol (see enclosed for full plan). This plan details steps needed for transportation of all specimens/samples (blood, water etc.) to state labs. On page 3 the Influenza Specimen Collection & Transport Guidelines is used for odd strains of influenza or a massive flu outbreak in our communities. The Environmental Health Specimen Procedures starting on page 4 describes the usage of the CBAT kit (currently located in the counties sanitarian office). This has a special chain of custody that is used through the whole process of samples taken. The kit is designed to be an all in one self-contained with everything needed. Page 6 is the Drinking Water Emergency Sampling (DWES) Kit (also located in the sanitarians office). This kit is not to be used for normal testing; this kit is for use during a chemical terrorism threat. Page 7 references the Rapid Toxic Screening used for collection of clinical specimens i.e., blood urine from patients suspected of having been exposed to agents of chemical terrorism. This kit is located in the lab in the Madison Valley Medical Center. Page 8 deals with Packaging and Shipping Category "A" Infections Substances. The two closes facilities are Barret Hospital & Healthcare in Dillon, as well the Madison Valley Medical Center in Ennis. Page 9 shows a list of local agencies and their responsibilities of what they can do for this plan. Appendix A on page 10 shows a step-by-step list on the Protocols for Submission of Suspicious Substances for Laboratory Services Bureau Threat Testing – Guidance for Emergency Responders and Public Health Partners. This document needs to be signed by the LEPC Chairman. By doing so the LEPC has been issued document and is aware of its intent. Dustin Tetrault makes motion to sign document, Linda Holt 2nds motion, all are in favor, and motion passes for the signing of the All-Hazard Transport Protocol.

There is a set of stockpiles called the Strategic North Stock Pile from the CDC. The exact location is never made public, but if the need arises during a large scale incident, the county officials (commissioners) request the need for the stockpile through the state. Once the stockpile is on sight within the county, the Public Health Department initiates our PODS (Points of Dispensing). This is designed to dispense pharmaceuticals for large scale needs. Pre-security assessments have already been identified through previous planning. All supplies would initially come into Virginia City then dispensed to where needed. Plans are already in effect on the details of liability on who can administer doses to the general public. Once the need is identified for the stockpile, the system can be here within 19hrs of notification. A public information module comes with the stockpile package to assist the counties PIO with disseminating the right information to the general public.

There will be a tabletop exercise on April 18th in Anaconda. The exercise will cover a stomach virus outbreak in a Wildland Fire camp.

Sheriff: Things have been fairly slow. SAR was called out to assist a snowmobiler with a broken hip. A helicopter was sent to the location to assist the evacuation process. The weather cooperated with little to no winds making the extraction a bit easier.

There still is no release of any additional information on the shooting that occurred in Ennis. Evidence has been collected, and is currently with the crime lab. This should assist in clearing up everything. Resolution depends on the people involved, due to the varying stories so no determination is being made.

We have been called out on 3 storage burglaries in Ennis, Alder, and Sheridan. They have been going after storage units with cheap locks, so invest in a good quality lock!

The call went to the Gallatin dispatch regarding the lockdown at the Ennis Elementary school. A quick search was conducted and the call was determined to have been made from the Ennis area. The call was channeled from Gallatin to Madison then to John Moore. Cell phone signals hit the closest towers that are available. This makes tracking a bit difficult at times. All communications within the Bear Trap are horrible in and around mile marker 6.

Text to 911 is available.

Town of Sheridan: We are continuing having water issues. The town is now down to 1 producing well. We are currently drilling a test well with plans in place to design a place for another production well. Due to the proposed location it is going to take close to ¾ of a million to get things on line.

Ruby Valley Hospital: We are still on target for the end of July to early August for the new hospital! Plans are being worked out for preparedness for the new facility. There will be a new helicopter pad so the use of the Sheridan Fire Department will no longer be needed for every life flight that comes in and out. Further Pediatrics and nursing training is ongoing, as well as training with the new paramedics. We are looking into the STOP the bleeding campaign, and soon will be looking into training for distracted drivers.

Virginia City Fire: Plans are being worked out on the expansion of the fire hall. Upcoming training will be on the new passport accountability system.

US Forest Service: The vacant position we had has been filled. Off season position will be filled throughout May, along with some prescribed burning scheduled in May as well.

Town of Ennis: Moore's Creek is starting to fill up. The town is putting together a new planning board.

Madison Valley Medical Center: The new EMR system was implemented on February 20th everyone seems to be doing very well with the new system! Discussions are currently being taken for an alternate site.

SVFD: There is a structural burn training this Saturday morning. Everyone is welcome to attend. 4 conex containers have been delivered, with plans to construct them into a burn house. Our goal is to open this up to the entire firefighting community. Thank you to the Virginia Fire Department for filling out tanks. The new compressor should be

delivered in a week or two. New Motorola radios are coming soon with identification features on the push to talk. They will also give GPS location information.

Dan Allhands: Plans are in place for the courthouse renovation to include an elevator. We are also continuing working on the county fairgrounds water line issue.

MVRFD: Air evacuation system has been installed to clear the exhaust fumes out of the fire hall. The system works very well, come and see if you are interested. The system uses a filtration device that circulates the air inside.

Madison County CERT: There are 2 possible new members interested in joining the team. One member went to Great Falls to work with the Red Cross on shelter operation training. One member went to Great Falls to work with the Cascade County CERT during the Vigilant Guard Exercise. During the last meeting we trained on the new SALT Triage system. Equipment was donated to Cascade County CERT to assist with their upcoming CERT Basic Training Course. A mutual aid agreement is currently in the works with Cascade County CERT.

2. Old Business:

FY 18 Homeland Security Grant MCI Trailer Memo Approval: Grant is for a multi-county acquisition of a set of MCI trailers to assist county from being overwhelmed if a Mass Casualty incident occurred. LEPC voted and showed support (in previous LEPC meeting) for Gallatin County to go ahead and include Madison County in this grant (see attached memo for further details).

Elections:

Chairman: Scott McClintic volunteers to serve as Chairman for another term. Scott received a unanimous vote making him the LEPC Chairman for another 2year term.

Vice Chairman: Roger Thompson volunteers to serve as the Vice Chairman. Roger received a unanimous vote making him the LEPC Vice Chairman (a position that has been vacant).

Secretary: Joseph Brummell volunteers to serve as the Secretary. Joseph received a unanimous vote making him the LEPC Secretary (a position Doug Skillman originally held, he resigned due to a move in Nov of last year).

By-Laws: Madison County LEPC has adopted the by-laws from the guidance of the State of Montana LEPC Handbook Guideline dated October, 2016 Version 2.0.

3. New Business:

Tier 2 Submission Reports: Reports have been received from:

Verizon cell towers near Virginia City. Physical location Lat: 45-16-25.1 Long: 111-57-13.95.

Rocky Mountain Supply Inc., Ennis C-Store. Physical location 4997 US Hwy 287 N, Ennis MT. 59729

83rd WMD Civil Support Team is willing to come to a LEPC meeting to give a brief overview of their capabilities.

The Area Hazmat Team Letter of Support application is already closed.

Here is the Madison County Flood potential per National Weather Service briefing with Megan Steiner on conference call. Madison County is currently in good position with snow pack equivalent close to 2011 levels with the Tobacco Root Mountain Range having a higher snow pack. The northern part of the state is currently at 150-200% above average. The water year started on 1 Oct 2017 with averages for current soil moisture. The Madison Basin is sitting at 125%; while

the Jefferson Basin is sitting at 135%, with the peak of both basins have yet to be hit. We are looking for several large snow storms in the near forecast. The probability of river flooding in the Jefferson basin is 5%, the Madison Basin is 5-10%. In April-June chances are for cooler temperatures, with the next week to two weeks temperatures will be below average. 2-4" of snow are expected over the upcoming weekend. Flooding concerns; the Jefferson and Madison rivers currently have no ice formations. But there is always a threat each year with concerns of rapid snow melting. Any heavy rains above 1" will cause flooding issues. Continue to encourage people to get flood insurance. Please call the NWS office if you see any flooding in your area or ice jams.

4. Training/Meetings:

Harrison Fire Academy 27-29 Apr
SAR Rendezvous 22-23 Jun at the Fergus County Fairgrounds
Fire Chief Council 19 Apr 1800 in Virginia City
Ruby Habitat prescribed burn 4 April

5. Next LEPC meeting 5/17/18

6. Next Fire Chief 6/21/18

7. Adjourned 2007