

Madison County Montana LEPC

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EOP Review: Pipeline Emergency Hazard Annex C

Call to order 1803

Approve March 15th, 2018 minutes: Roger Thomas notes a change from “text to 911 will be available soon”, to read “text to 911 already available.” Motion made by Shawn Christensen, John Bancroft 2nd motion, all in favor, motion to approve minutes passed.

Introductions: list of attendees (see enclosed roster).

1. Committee Reports:

DES: The recent Harrison Fire Academy went extremely well from our perspective (56) attendees. The command trailer and SAT trailer were set up. This being the first test of the new SAT trailer providing Wi-Fi and telephone capabilities during the academy with great results!

The new drone is in with continuing training and flying in preparations for the upcoming pilot exam (end of June). Early testing with the drone has achieved some good results. Great IR camera with the drone having a 2lb payload delivery capabilities.

There is an upcoming Wildfire Awareness briefing with station 3 in Madison Valley. I will attend the next homeowner’s association meeting to hand out more information.

We took a tour through the Jack Creek Basin in the hopes of getting pre-disaster funds to see if this could be used as a viable emergency evacuation route from the Big Sky area.

There are several burning issues going on, 8 controlled burns have gone out of control so far. Nearly 500 acres has been burned to date.

Sanitation: Assayer bldg. Norris. A call came to the Public Health Department in reference high lead levels in an employee’s blood samples. I took water samples from the area from several sources (normal levels). OSHA is currently taking on the investigation to check the structure and working conditions of all employees. The state is letting the owner go through a remediation process, if he remains non-compliant the EPA will take over. OSHA told 2 employees who worked and lived next to the assayer building to leave, taking nothing with them. The lab is shutdown. The adjacent house is contaminated with Arsenic, lead, and other contaminants. A cease and desist order has been issued now DEQ is thinking on having to dig up the septic tank. As of right now OSHA will not give up any findings for at least 6 months. All employees (going back 10yrs) are being contacted and advised to get blood checked. Now what about the mass contamination of the building.

Communications: We are waiting on the weather to cooperate so some people can get into the Bear Trap to find out what the best site maybe for the new repeater.

The Life Flight helicopter crew came to the dispatch facility last Thursday to give us hands on training. We were the 1st dispatch center in the state to have this company come and visit. We are also the 1st dispatch center to receive an application to be able to launch and track the requested flights.

We currently have one newer dispatcher going to the academy.

Sheriff: spoke about Big Sky 800MHz project

US Forest Service: Currently we are at 95% seasonal hired (fire/wildlife/fisheries). We are going to burn 150 acres next week if anyone wants to join.

HVFD: We had a great academy this year! Saturday being the busiest day 77 meals were handed out. We have our new command vehicle fully operational.

Town of Ennis: Plans are in place for a new subdivision (North 40) 40 lots. There are some minor changes that need to be addressed. We are wishing more people would come and participate in the meetings.

Madison Valley Medical Center: On the 22nd there will be an influenza TTX, to make the deliverable for the Ebola grants.

Plans: Spoke about the Jack Creek road Moonlight Basin ODP, there are continuing landslides. Building in the Jefferson Acres flood plain is not permitted. There are map updates happening soon (Jefferson/Beaverhead/Ruby/Madison). Whitehall area and Madison County are reestablishing housing advisory board keeping it affordable with Habitat for Humanity.

MVRFD: There was a chief's conference call this week. In reference to working relations between board members and chiefs. Lots of training is continuing. We request if there is a structural fire call to page out Virginia City Fire or Harrison if flames and smoke is visible.

2. Old Business:

Tier 2 Submission Reports: no new reports have been received.

83rd WMD Civil Support Team: waiting on team to contact us.

Madison County Flood potential: flooding will continue in lower areas close to rivers. Sandbags and sand have been made available to the Twin Bridges community.

3. New Business:

Assayers Building Norris: See above comments.

Livestock Transportation Annex adoption: The Livestock Transportation Annex (as it is) for approval; motion made by Roger Thomson, Scott McClintic 2nd, all in favor, motion to approve annex has passed.

Harrison Fire Academy AAR: a request has been made through the Dillon VFD on getting some larger vehicles for next year. There has been great feedback from the dispatch crew's class! Most responders stated this was the first face-to-face training they have had with a dispatch center. A request was made to have the Sherriff of Highway Patrol there to give a block of instruction. In the future we might change the name from Fire Academy to Emergency Services Academy to attract more of the EMT crews.

4. Training/Meetings:

5. Next LEPC meeting 9/20/18

6. Next Fire Chief

7. Adjourned 1947