

# Madison County Montana LEPC

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Minutes September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

EOP Review: Annex C Continuity of Operations (minor changes to Table C1.2A, and C2A)

Changes: Table C1.2A Madison County Government Facilities:

(Change of Address) Sheriff and DES Offices 5 Placer Loop, Virginia City

Table C2A Pre-Defined Alternate Facilities:

Primary Location (Addition) Core Government Authority – Annex Building

Primary Location (Delete) Dispatch Communications – County Courthouse until fall 2011

Primary Location (Change) Law Enforcement – 5 Placer Loop Virginia City

Primary Location (Change) Jail Holding Facility – Primary Location Neighboring County Jail

Alternate Location (Change) Sheridan Town Hall – Sheridan School

Alternate Location (Addition) Law Enforcement – Madison County Command Trailer

Alternative Location (Addition) Emergency Management – Madison County Command Trailer

Call to order: 6:03 pm

Introductions: list of attendees (see enclosed roster).

Approve minutes from July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Motion made by Lynda Holt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Wallingford no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion to approve minutes passed.

## 1. **Committee Reports:**

DES (Joseph Brummell): To date: 2 Structure Fires (TB Barn, Pony) 21 Grass/Wildland Fires 294.9 acres PCSR 98. Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Madison County Burn Ban in Effect Resolution 36-2019, last year's Burn Ban was rescinded on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. August 11<sup>th</sup> Micro Burst. August 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Fire Mitigation Inspections Mammoth. September 10<sup>th</sup> State DES Monitoring Visit conducted by Shari Pool and Bob Fry. October 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Briggs talk reference suicide prevention. October 16<sup>th</sup> AMR 136 Essentials of Community Cybersecurity Conference.

Communications (Lynda Holt): Be patient with us, the communications center currently only has 4 people working. We are conducting background investigations on 2 new hires. We signed a contract and are moving forward with our grant looking for implementation by next September. Bear Trap has a new antenna. We have had problems with the communications in the county. (Bonnie O'Neill) we have had problems with the "Sonic" server went out so for a few days most all of the services have been out at the county. This has affected voice and data but IT has been working getting things fixed and running tomorrow. The Sheriff office has moved and are up and partially operational at 5 Placer Loop. Most things are running except finger printing.

Public Health (Melissa Brummell): Melissa is currently in Salt Lake but there has been the first confirmed case of flu in Montana already. There are dates currently scheduled for the school and community flu clinics.

Forest Service (Jim King): Bear activity has been the largest issue for us. Especially in the Cotton Wood drainage. We had a couple fires one last Sunday evening in the southern part of the Snow Crest Range. Another down south in the Centennials. Both are in monitoring status. The Yellowstone tanker base is going through a transition. They will continue to service the single tanker aircraft, but the larger ones they will no longer be able to fill. Question (Scott

McClintic) “Is Billings and Pocatello set up now with the faster pumps to service the larger airdrops?” I don’t know the actual question but I would guess yes. The original intent of the West Yellow Stone Tanker Base was to serve the park. Where now they don’t use as much retardant there.

PIO (Bonnie O’Neill): I would like to thank the Sheridan Fire Department for the quick response on September the 11<sup>th</sup> with the gas leak at the Tobacco Root Care Center.

SVFD (Rahn Abbott): Fairly quiet in and around Sheridan. The gas call at the care center. We have had a mechanic look over our new engine we are just waiting now for a pump test. VC, Alder, and our new engine are all going to be tested at the same time.

Plans (Cody Marxer): Lots of new changes, mainly working with the addressing with GIS and DES. We have a new clerk that started today so now there is 3 in the Plans office.

GIS (Tommy Luksha): On the RSAR front not much. On the GIS portion, we are starting in our request for proposal process for our grant.

DES Deputy (Rob Wallingford): I want to reiterate your odor calls and gas calls please don’t be complacent and take it as a nuisance call. Keep on your toes with situational awareness and stay safe. If you go into an odor or gas call use your meters. If you don’t have one call for mutual aid.

MVRVFD (Scott McClintic): We have had an increase in new calls we have never experience before. From large airplanes going through the tarmac. The other was a live fire on a propane tank in a subdivision. Lessons learned from this incident will change in how we train and approach a live propane tank fire. The department is currently doing our annual rifle fundraising raffle. If you want tickets please see me or another member of the department.

## **2. Old Business:**

- Mass Casualty Trailer / Bus: The trailers are in, we are just waiting for Gallatin County to get the title transferred to us.
- NorthWestern – Public Service Commission Lineman Memo. Contact has been initiated with Paul Babb the NorthWestern Energy Communications Relations Manager, all the fire districts need to get us their reports of anything in the past that has to do with NorthWestern Energy. MVRVFD went back 10yrs on their reports. Paul would like to have these reports documented before he takes this up his ladder so there is concrete evidence that this needs to be changed and addressed at their level.
- Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Fire Service (MSFCA) Awards; Deadline Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **3. New Business:**

- DNRC Type 3 IC training: are we interested in another round? If so what areas would you like covered? We need to get this to Don as soon as possible so he can start planning. We would like to gear this training in mid-January before calving season starts. We would like to include Commissioners, Law Enforcement, and Dispatch.
- New Madison County EOP Annex’s coming soon! Cybersecurity, Response, Recovery; new mandates coming from FEMA

## **4. Training/Meetings:**

- September 24-25, 0800-1700 both days, Medical Countermeasures – Point of Distribution (POD), Salish Kootenai College, Pablo MT, Free, taught by Texas A&M TEEK. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/medical-countermeasures-point-of-distribution-pod-tickets-71214567689> For more information email Greg at [greg\\_gould@skc.edu](mailto:greg_gould@skc.edu)
- September 26<sup>th</sup>, Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Symposium, Williston State College, 1410 University Avenue, Williston, ND. \$89/person; walk-ins- \$129/person Register at [www.willistonstate.edu/trainnd](http://www.willistonstate.edu/trainnd) Registration is non-refundable, but can be transferred POC- Roberta Kavon 406-765-3763 or

[rkavon@sheridanmemorial.net](mailto:rkavon@sheridanmemorial.net)

- October 1-2, 0800-1700 both days, Strengthening Community Agrosecurity Preparedness (SCAP) Training, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings. We strongly encourage teams from jurisdictions that include emergency management, Public Health, and MSU Extension Service, and we welcome all elected and senior officials, responders and the general public. For information- Dr. Jeanne Rankin 406-465-5142 or [Jeanne.rankin@montana.edu](mailto:Jeanne.rankin@montana.edu) To register- Charlie Hanson 406-696-2039 or [chhanson@mt.gov](mailto:chhanson@mt.gov)
- October 3-4, Group Crisis Intervention (Basic CISM Training) Kalispell Regional Hospital, Glacier Conference Center, 1375 US 93, Kalispell. Registration fee- \$135 POC- Carol Burroughs 406-580-4443 or [carolatwork@montana.net](mailto:carolatwork@montana.net)
- October 10 Pandemic Full Scale Exercise, Yellowstone County, POC Dave Nordel 406-237-3757 [David.nordel@scfhealth.org](mailto:David.nordel@scfhealth.org)
- October 15-16, Montana EMS Association Conference, Yogo Inn and Suites Lewistown, POC Donnie Morton 406-670-8182
- October 16<sup>th</sup>, AWR 136 Community Cybersecurity, Two 4 hour sessions morning and afternoon, Gallatin County Coordination Center, 219 East Tamarack Bozeman. Register at: <https://bzncybersecurity.eventbrite.com> POC- Kevin Larsen 406-548-0111 or [kevin@readygallatin.com](mailto:kevin@readygallatin.com)
- October 17<sup>th</sup> The Great Montana Shakeout, POC Robert Wallingford, Robert Bates
- November 4<sup>th</sup> 0800-1700, AWR-232 Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities, Sheriff's Coroner's Office 121 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues S., Lewiston. To register: <https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2019-11-04-awr232-lewistown-mt-001/> POC- Benjamin Phillips 406-535-8118 or [des@co.fergus.mt.us](mailto:des@co.fergus.mt.us)
- November 18-21, SafetyFestMT, hosted by MT Department of Labor and Industry, Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mallowney Lane Billings. Complete agenda and registration link: <http://safetyfestmt.com/billings-2019> POC- Casey Kyler-West 406-444-5267 or [ckylwest@mt.gov](mailto:ckylwest@mt.gov)
- November 21-22 Basic Group CISM Training, Helena. POC Carol Burroughs 406-580-4443 [carolatwork@montana.net](mailto:carolatwork@montana.net)
- December 11-13 Peer Support Training, Shodair Children's Hospital 2755 Colonial Drive, Helena MT. Cost \$35.00 POC Val Cundall 406-444-7560 [vcundall@shodair.org](mailto:vcundall@shodair.org) or Carol Burroughs 406-580-4443 [carolatwork@montana.net](mailto:carolatwork@montana.net)
- January 31-February 1 2020, Basic Group CISM Training, Choteau MT. Location TBA Sponsored by Teton County CISM Team POC TBA

5. Next LEPC meeting November 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm Annex D Damage Assessment
6. Next Fire Chief December 19<sup>th</sup> DES Office
7. Next South Western Montana Fire Chiefs Council December 18<sup>th</sup>
8. Adjourned 7:57 pm