



## STILLWATER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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### STILLWATER COUNTY LEPC

#### MEETING MINUTES

**MARCH 2025**

#### **Meeting Summary:**

The Stillwater County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting addressed several key topics related to emergency preparedness and resource management. David Stamey highlighted concerns regarding localized flooding and the necessity for updated bylaws, which he plans to circulate for review. He also discussed the CWPP grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), emphasizing collaboration with neighboring counties to secure funding and technical writing services.

Updates on the DNRC County Co-op Program were shared, focusing on enhancing resource sharing during incidents, particularly in light of anticipated federal resource delays. The group also reviewed the E911 CAD upgrade, with a go-live date set for December 15, and the need for updated equipment lists from fire departments.

The discussion included challenges related to timely notifications for interstate shutdowns, especially during adverse weather conditions. The importance of improved communication was emphasized with suggestions for providing 30-minute to one-hour notices for better planning. The meeting also covered updates on new equipment purchases by Molt Fire Department, including a Type 1 engine and a water tender, as well as advancements in communication technology.

Nick reported on potential consolidation discussions with Park City Ambulance, while Albert Mendoza (DHS/ CISA) shared insights from a security assessment for a school and an upcoming active shooter exercise. Additionally, the group agreed to change the DES meeting time to 11:00 to improve attendance, with plans to implement this change starting with the next meeting on May 7th.

#### **LEPC Meeting Overview**

The annual LEPC meeting featured introductions from attendees. David Stamey discussed recent localized flooding issues and the revision of bylaws for review. He also highlighted the CWPP grant from DNRC, detailing the partnership with Carbon, Gallatin, and Park County for funding and technical writing services.

\* Status of the DNRC County Co-op Program and its contract renewal.

#### **E911 Updates and Agency Reports**

Randy Smith reported on the progress of the E911 CAD upgrade, noting that the servers are set up at the Sheriff's Office and that he will contact fire departments for updated equipment information. He highlighted new features that will enhance communication during medical and fire calls, including automatic email and fax capabilities. The go-live date for the new system is set for December 15.

\* Discussion on the CAD upgrade and its implications for fire departments.



### **Discussion on Interstate Shutdown Notifications**

The conversation focused on the difficulties of notifying relevant parties about interstate closures, especially during unexpected accidents. Members mentioned that while a planned shutdown could allow for advance notice, accidents often occur too quickly for timely alerts. The group acknowledged the importance of improving communication to better manage these situations.

\* Coordination and communication regarding interstate shutdowns during emergencies.

### **Updates on Park City Ambulance Consolidation**

Nick Jacobs shared updates on the formation of a working group aimed at exploring the consolidation of Park City Ambulance with local fire districts. The process will involve obtaining approvals from elected boards and notifying taxpayers, with a timeline of approximately one year for completion.

\* Planning for the upcoming fire season and associated funding.

### **MDT**

Chris mentioned upcoming road construction projects in Park City, including new crossovers and chip sealing in front of the fire hall.

### **DHS/ CISA**

Albert Mendoza discussed his collaboration with Lewistown PD on a school security assessment and announced a full-scale active shooter exercise planned for Bighorn.

### **Hospital Preparedness**

Jude Waerig highlighted ongoing training efforts, and the initiation of a five-year grant cycle focused on hospital preparedness, including hazard vulnerability assessments and aligning emergency operations plans among counties, EMS, and fire departments.



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**Discussion on Changing DES Meeting Time – David Stamey**

David Stamey suggested changing the DES meeting time from 7:30 AM to 11:00 or 11:30 AM to enhance participation, especially for those traveling from farther locations. He mentioned that other local LEPCs have found success with lunchtime meetings. The group discussed the potential benefits and agreed to implement the new time for the next meeting on May 7th.

**Action Items:**

- \* David Stamey will send the revised bylaws and vision and mission statement out for review and discussion at the next LEPC meeting.
- \* David Stamey will update the calendar invite to reflect the new meeting time of 11 o'clock for the next LEPC meeting.