

LEPC Meeting Minutes  
Columbus Fire Hall  
April 3, 2019  
7:30am to 8:30 am

Attendance Record

1. Chip Kem	Sheriff
2. William Pronovost	DES
3. Kevin Mitchum	SML
4. Marlo Pronovost	Stillwater Co News
5. Rich Cowger	CFR
6. Hal Wentz	Sibanye Stillwater Mine
7. Natasha Sailer	Stillwater Public Health/SBC
8. Charlie Hanson	MT DES
9. Nick Jacobs	CFR
10. Travis Hansen	CFR
11. Cliff Brophy	Citizen
12. Randy Smith	Undersheriff
13. Josh Juarez	SWC EH
14. Jerry Friend	Treasurer
15. Brad Kimble	CHS
16. Tom Frieders	National Weather Service
17. Jacob Ward	Columbus Police
18. April Limburg	Planning
19. Robert Setzenfand	National Weather Service

Pledge to the flag

Introductions were made

Minutes were approved as submitted.

DES: The discussion about the new sub-committees was presented by Bill. As presented, there is a potential need for 3 new subcommittees through the LEPC including a Training and Response Committee, Planning Review Committee, and an

Executive Committee. Appointments to the committees were made by Natasha as follows:

**Executive Committee**

Rich, Chip and Carol

**Planning Committee**

\* will appoint for EOP review in November

**Training and Exercise Committee**

Randy, Bill, Josh, Natasha, Travis, Jacob, and Hal.

Bill requested a Training and Exercise Committee meeting to be held immediately following the conclusion of the LEPC meeting.

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None at this time.

LEPC

Flooding in the county was reviewed. Currently, it is noted that the flooding has pretty much ceased. Tom notes that we will still watch for rises in the streams with the runoff as we do yearly, but there is no indication of heavy rain events in the immediate future. Tom did state that we will watch for short term heavy rain events over the next 3 months and will update the county as needed if flooding is a potential issue. He went on to state the February's cold temperatures contributed to a deep frost in the ground which was directly related to the water over the road issues. Bill reported that there was damage to 12 roads, 9 closures, and there is still 1 road that remains closed (Grove Creek.)

PHEP

Measles tabletop at the hospital was a success. Anyone needed a MMR vaccine or unsure about their vaccination status can contact public health. Influenza is still in circulation. Earlier last week a HAN was issued regarding the high impacts that this strain of flu is having on individuals, allowing a reoccurrence and longer period of illness.

Road names

None at this time.

Communications

Industrial is doing maintenance on all repeaters in the county, minus Nye as that is no longer under a county contract. Randy

reported on the computer grant that the Sheriff's Office received and noted that they have received the patch for the CGen and hope to have it up by the end of the week, anticipating a full go live in the coming weeks. Rich spoke on the MDT supplemental grant for the computer programs.

Bill noted that they received 3 portable radios from Kenwood to test vs. their traditional Motorola. Initial reports from usage are not good from the Sheriff's office, noting that there is significant static making communication nearly impossible. It was noted that sometimes there can be programming issues, and they would like to investigate if the programming is correct or not before making a final decision. The radios will be here until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April.

Fire Warden           None at this time.

Discussion           Brad Kimble noted that it was National Digging Month. He provided the group with "Call Before You Dig" information and reminded us all to call for locations.  
Charlie noted that May 1<sup>st</sup> is the State DES meeting in Helena and that DES agents throughout the State will be attending that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 am