

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

Attendance Record

1. Rich Cowger	CFR
2. Kevin Mitchum	SML
3. Bill Pronovost	SC DES/911
4. Marlo Pronovost	Stillwater County News
5. Hal Wentz	Sibanye Stillwater Mine
6. Natasha Sailer	Stillwater Public Health/SBC
7. Nick Jacobs	CFR
8. Travis Hansen	CFR
9. Cliff Brophy	Citizen
10. Randy Smith	Undersheriff
11. Brad Kimble	CHS
12. Jacob Ward	Columbus Police
13. Terry Brumfield	CFR #2
14. Leslie Price	Stillwater Billings Clinic
15. Charlie Hanson	MT DES
16. Jennifer Ketola	Stillwater Billings Clinic
17. April Limburg	Planning

Pledge to the flag

Introductions were made

Minutes approved as submitted

DES: Bill reported on the upcoming exercise next Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 0800 at the Fire Hall. All are invited to this exercise.

E-9-1-1 Randy reported the MDT project is complete and up and running. They are still having minor day-to-day issues with getting records through the CAD, however all groups are up and running. The Supplemental grant for the Fire Department was approved

and they will be working to get the program up and running for Fire/EMS.

- LEPC Bill noted that there will be a Training and Exercise Committee meeting that will be held in August following the next LEPC meeting. He will send out information regarding the meeting
- PHEP West Nile Virus season is upon us. Public Health notes to wear long sleeves and the use of insect repellent with DEET to help stop Information about safety from bites will be provided. Also, the CDC had awarded Stillwater Public Health \$10,000 to purchase AED's and Stop the Bleed Kits for distribution throughout the County. We purchased 11 AED's and Kits that will be placed throughout the County. This also allowed the 3 schools within the County that did not have an AED to now have one. We will be working with DES to get the AED's and kits to their final destination.
- Road names None at this time.
- Communications Bill reported that the Nye repeater is in negotiations as to where to place the 2<sup>nd</sup> repeater. They are looking at potential spots in the North portion of the County. The County holds the FCC license to this repeater as that was questioned in the past as to who will actually hold the license.
- Fire Warden None at this time.
- Discussion Kevin from Sibanye Stillwater noted that there will be an increase in activity by the complex/smelter over the next few month, to be aware of the increased traffic and construction in that area.  
Cliff Brophy noted that there is activity near Park City as there is an off-loading site that is being put in near the rail. There is potential for the new off-loading site to see up to 24 semi-trucks per day. Anticipated to be up and running by August.  
Terry Brumfield spoke regarding the drying of the grasses and to be aware of the wildland fire fuels. Notes increased drying in the Western/Northern part of the State that normally correlates with this time of the season and we are fortunate to continue to see

rain/moisture that has helped to keep our area greener than seasonal average.

Rich Cowger noted that Stillwater County has signed on for the NMAS system and is now in the implementation stages. Again, this is an All-Hazards approach to allow people from across the State to see real-time resources that are available. This will flow to the equipment needs only, not to people resources. Hoping to utilize Fire/EMS, Police, Sheriff, Roads and other groups to pool together all the resources we have within the County in order to best describe our current capabilities with equipment. The official “Go Live” is set for July 23, 2019.

Rich also spoke that DES at a State level is working on ways to manage EOC’s and help support resources. This would be supportive measure where a whole team is not necessarily needed, but part of the resource team can be utilized. Charlie Hanson spoke to the need to have resources that work together rather than siloed (Equipment, People, Hospital so forth.) Natasha did mention that the system rolled out for the Hospital sector will be rolled out to Public Health as well, which may assist with some of these issues, however, it is not a full blown system that is integrated at this time.

Bill Pronovost noted that DES has taken a Mutual Aid Agreement to Yellowstone County with Commissioner Crago and it was again turned down for the second time. Bill notes that Yellowstone is not willing to sign an agreement if the county requesting Aid is not directly bordering Yellowstone County. Yellowstone refused to sign as Sweet Grass County was placed into the same Mutual Aid Agreement. Bill notes that we do have this covered through the State Mutual Aid.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 am