

LEPC Meeting Minutes
Columbus Fire Hall
May 1, 2019
7:30am to 8:30 am

Attendance Record

1. Chip Kem	Sheriff
2. Mark Schreiner	Road and Bridge
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. Jim Hicks	Town of Columbus
9. Nick Jacobs	CFR
10. Travis Hansen	CFR
11. Cliff Brophy	Citizen
12. Randy Smith	Undersheriff
13. Mark Crago	SWC Commissioner
14. Jerry Friend	Treasurer
15. Brad Kimble	CHS
16. Tom Frieders	National Weather Service
17. Jacob Ward	Columbus Police
18. April Limburg	Planning
19. Shawn Palmquist	National Weather Service
20. Terry Brumfield	CFR #2
21. Nancy Rhode	SC Attorney
22. Leslie Price	Stillwater Billings Clinic

Pledge to the flag

Introductions were made

DES: Carol, Bill and Charlie are at the State DES conference.

E-9-1-1 The Absarokee Repeater has been down. Industrial is aware of the repeater being down and is actively working to get the problem resolved.

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PHEP Reminder that influenza is still being reported and there are still active cases of influenza within the State and County. Immunizations are not available for influenza at this time. We will be working on information to prepare for summer communicable diseases (West Nile, Increased Rabies, Campylobacter, and so on) and will be communicating those. Also, we do have information ready for flooding as we assume that we will be faced with flooding issues in the near future from the run off.

Road names None at this time.

Communications Randy reported on the MDT Grant and that they are nearing completion of the program. Noted that dispatch has the cad loaded and they are working with the Columbus Police Department and CFR to try and close the grant within the next month. He reported that there will be vehicle locators for all EMS vehicles and that they are working to get the communication set up between dispatch and the vehicles.

Fire Warden Chief Cowger reported that there was the Montana Fire Warden Conference last week in Bozeman. They are working on a program that would allow for tracking of all resources across the State for better disaster preparedness following an “All Hazards” approach. The program, National Mutual Aid System, will provide real time tracking of all resources available in the State and will also be able to help with cost per hour analysis to better help with the financial aspects of planning and response in the disaster. This is specifically helpful for DES and DNRC groups. There is some money from Homeland Security to help fund this

system and Stillwater will be considering purchasing of the system.

Discussion

Tom Frieders noted that the NWS can help with any public messaging surrounding flooding and to keep him in the loop with any needs we may have. He noted that we had reached the peak snowpack and that he anticipates high flows later this month and into next month. As always, he reminds us to watch for any notable precipitation as that can always increase flows and increase risk for flooding.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 am