LEPC/DES/E-9-1-1
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Columbus Fire Hall

Opening: Pledge to the Flag
Introductions
Approval of Minutes

DES/Fire Warden: Homeland Security Grant Project Priority:

1. Critical Operations Power System and Backup generator w/UPS and Batter Devices
2. Security System w/lighting

PHECP: Update from Natasha
Other: Open discussion and comment
PUBLICATIONS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE LEPC/DES/E-9-1-1 COMMITTEE’S JURISDICTION
PURSUANT TO § 2-3-103, MCA - Public comments will be accepted on any public matter that is not scheduled on the agenda. No action will be taken at this time.

**Required Plans**

- Emergency Operations Plan
- Hazardous Material Response Plan that is supported by the LEPC/TERC
- Distribution Management Plan

**Recommended Plans**

- Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan
- Continuity of Government (COG) plan
- Information Management Plan and Processes
- Donations Management Plan
- Volunteer Management Plan
- Debris Management Plan
- Identification and inclusion of Critical Infrastructure
- Pre-identified SHPO/DEQ Certified gravel pits
- Current Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Annual Review of Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
I. CALL TO ORDER
   a. Pledge to the Flag
   b. Introductions
   c. Shane motioned to approve minutes, Gaylen seconded. Minutes approved as presented.
   d.

II. DES/FIRE WARDEN
   a. Repeater Study Update
      i. Maureen—This project was kicked off earlier this month after being approved by the Commission in October. The Absarokee and Nye Fire board looks like the project is off to a good start. DES will touch base with Molt.
      The County is still in fire season with a few small grass fires over the last couple of weekends. Question was asked if we know the cause of the Rosebud fire. This is still under investigation.
      ii. Maureen stated we need to go over procedures and protocol for storm procedures and highways. Chris stated it is not MDT’s call to close the highway and the desire is to keep it open as much as possible. If it becomes a safety issue, it is the highway patrol’s call not MDT. Shane stated there has been some discussion on this and feels like the process is improving. Rich mentioned putting together a working group for interstate response. Other states have gates at interchanges that assist with interstate shutdown. Here, interstate shutdowns and detours are very labor intensive. Resources become a challenge for detouring traffic. Marlo inquired if the closure would depend on the incident. Rich indicated it would, and Chris confirmed that closure gates are planned in the future for west bound traffic, Columbus to Big Timer. There are not a lot of detour options.
Chris indicated that the CDM survey out of Helena is focused on traffic and where to direct traffic, however, during a large winter storm, most MDT resources are in snowplows and not able to respond to closure requests.

iii. Charlie stated that the Nov 11th LEPC meeting in Red Lodge was about winter roads. The same meeting will be in Bridger tonight if anyone is interested. Shane indicated most of that discussion focused on notification of people of road closure. MDT usually notifies people in our area. Shane inquired if the County had a portable sign. Kevin Ray stated that we do, but it doesn’t work. Bill said no one in the state of MT works on these signs anymore. Rich thought he may have a contact and would provide it to DES. Maureen inquired about the cost of a new reader board sign and Rich thought the cost was approximately $13K.

III. ROAD NAMES
   a. None

IV. PHECP UPDATE
   a. Natasha was not present

V. OPEN DISCUSSION AND COMMENT
   a. Cattle wreck discussion. How do we respond? Rich said it happens so fast that most of the response is taken care of by default of adjacent property owners, contacts, etc. Bill said the only time DES responds is if there are dead animals that need disposed of or if a vet is required. Rich said the truck wreck this weekend on I-90 did have a significant diesel spill. Bill contacted DPHHS and they did respond to the food truck inspection. Chris MDT informed the group that MDT cannot add to the environmental scene, so will not put sand on a scene that will require clean up as it becomes MDT responsibility.
   b. Randy inquired if a letter was written to the Commission regarding the IT technical person. Rich indicated that had not been done. Rich will write the recommendation letter.
   c. Hockey rink in Columbus is getting ready to be put up at Granite Peak. A request was made to Columbus Fire to fill it up.
   d. Hirschi inquired if there was an SOP of how these meetings are conducted and who does what. Randy stated the LEPC has have by-laws. Rich, noted nothing in particular from the LEPC body but individual agencies have SOPs. Mark mentioned getting a copy of the by-laws and review and we will respond to any questions. Maureen will provide Mr. Hirschi with a copy of the Emergency Operations Plan.
Mr. Hirschi from the Park City Ambulance District asked who should be representing the Park City District. Marlo indicated an appointment came forward for the Park City Fire District with no name attached. Mark stated the Commission approved the appointment of someone from the Park City Fire District. Mark said the LEPC recommendation that the appointment should be from the fire department or fire chief. Marlo said there was no an individual named. Mr. Hirschi stated it should be John Algeria being the fire chief. The desire of Park City is to appoint one from fire and one from ambulance district. Mark said it has to be a recommendation from the LEPC and the Commission will review and vote on making the change to the LEPC membership. Rich discussion on expansion of the LEPC becomes a challenge with quorums. Rich noted that the LEPC has no regulatory authority. Recommendations go to the Commission for review and approval. Marlo stated she does not believe that Park City is a member due to the way the appointment was made. Mark stated that the vote went through they have a position.

Regarding the truck wreck protocol, Mark stated the truck wreck protocol needs to be reviewed, however, he believed the order of callout was the sanitarian, then on-call which is Carbon County, then the public health nurse. Rich stated the challenge with some of the truck wreck responses are that they need to be checked on site. Bill said the sanitarian is not going to come to the scene. The sanitarian responds when the load is hauled off that is when it will be inspected. Bill stated the sanitarian has never responded on scene as long as he has been here. Kevin Mitchum suggested talking to DEQ about the 25-gallon regulatory requirement. DEQ does send DES a copy of the cleanup letters. Shane said as long as DES is notified, they will set it up properly. Bill noted DES will need the name of trucking company, how many gallons spilled, and the location. Kevin inquired if there is a form noting the information required. That would make it easier to report.

VI. Shane motioned to adjourn; Terry seconded