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### LEPC Meeting Notes

Meeting Held in person and virtually with a total of 35 attendees.

#### **Meeting Notes**

Meeting notes from October 27, 2021 meeting were approved. Adam Crippen made the motion to accept, seconded by Lucas Pichette and Dan Ryan.

#### **Announcements**

First time attendees introduced themselves:

- Brett McDaniel, Hydro Safety Specialist with Avista
- Aurora Some and Justin Collins with Kootenai Health
- Robert Matue, Mica Kidd Island Fire Chief

Adam Crippen announced the move to quarterly LEPC meetings. Next meeting will be 4/27. Tiffany Westbrook said this change is due to the impact of COVID and the difficulty getting speakers. We can move back to monthly meetings should it be feasible to do so in the future.

#### **Election of New Board Members**

Adam Crippen nominated Dan Ryan for Fire Representative, seconded by Blaise Koep and Lucas Pichette.

Jason Clark nominated Bob Kesson as Citizen Representative which was seconded by Lucas Pichette.

#### **Program**

CdA Lake Management Overview was given by Jamie Brunner, ID DEQ (Dept of Environmental Quality) and Rebecca Stevens, CdA Tribe.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Training and Exercise** – Tiffany Westbrook announced two virtual trainings: ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents 2/15-18 (registration deadline 2/1) and G0191 Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System 2/23-24 (registration deadline 2/9). Email OEM for registration links. OEM hopes to host in-person trainings by Fall 2022. This year's Cascadia Rising will feature a tabletop discussion on 6/7 with the five northern counties. The scenario will cover how our counties will handle a sudden influx of people in a Cascadia-type event. If you are interested in participating in Cascadia Rising, please email Sarah Loffredo. The tabletop will be followed by a Communications Drill on 6/8 to test amateur radio's capabilities in the five northern counties.

#### **Regional Reports**

- **North Idaho LEPCs** – Jay Baker reported that with COVID Omicron LEPCs are working on COVID issues. Also, Boundary County has kicked off a rewrite of their All Hazard Mitigation Plan which may be ready in June/July.
- **American Red Cross** – Jessica Carlson reported that the Greater Spokane area, which includes CdA, has been selected by the Red Cross for the Sound the Alarm Campaign. This is planned to be a larger-than-usual installation of smoke alarms. A final “go” or “no go” decision as to whether to go forward with a community in-person event will be made by 3/1. The actual event will take place sometime between May 1-22 and include the installation of 902 smoke alarms. Wenatchee and other urban areas in the inland NW will be included in this installation.

### **Incidents to Report**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Around the Room**

- Jay Baker reported that the State has a healthy supply KN95 masks. A notice was sent to all Emergency Managers. If you are willing to be a distribution point, please coordinate with Tiffany Westbrook or IOEM.
- Larry Simms announced that ICS 300 is finishing up and an ICS 400 course will begin in a couple weeks.
- Jamie Brunner introduced Chantilly Higbee as ID DEQ’s environmental liaison.
- Chantilly Higbee of ID DEQ introduced herself. She is in the Surface Water Section and is part of the emergency response team for Idaho.
- Alana Anderson reminded everyone that COVID is still rampant. Interested parties can contact PHD for an appointment for initial or booster vaccine shots. PHD is also upgrading its phone system and has experienced some difficulty with calling in or out which should be resolved in a day or two.
- Jason Clark announced that the WA National Guard has established 8 new COVID support sites for the State to support hospitals and testing. These should close in February.
- Brett McDaniel of Avista said there will be a tabletop in Post Falls probably in May.
- Jerry Wilson said ITD will perform emergency paving this Friday at mile posts 33 and 48 to resolve severe deterioration of outside lanes in those locations along with a few other similar areas. There will also be closures on 41 to install signals. Work on the 41 interchange with I-90 will take place later this year around fall and go into next season.
- Adam Crippen said Racom will be attending the Idaho Emergency Management Conference in Boise next week.
- Rachel Irish announced this is her last LEPC. She will continue working with OEM part-time remotely.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Dan Ryan made a motion to adjourn and Adam Crippen seconded.