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LEPC Meeting Notes

Meeting held in person and virtually with a total of 26 attendees.

Meeting Notes

Meeting notes from January 26, 2022 meeting were approved. Dan Ryan made the motion to accept, seconded by Chris Schlothauer.

Announcements

Bob Kesson went over the announcements listed on the Agenda

- Have an idea for a speaker? Let OEM know.
- OEM Interim Contact. Will Klinkefus will be the contact while Tiffany Westbrook is out on maternity leave for anything pertaining to OEM notification, EOC activation, or a disaster declaration. For day to day operations please continue to contact the OEM office directly.

Newcomers were then invited to introduce themselves. The following introduced themselves: Tami Martin, Medical Reserve Corp., PHD; Jeff Sells, Medic, CdA Fire Dept.; Matt Jones, Exec Dtr Public Affairs, BNSF; and Caitlyn Solerno, Public Affairs, Spirit Lake PD.

Don Duffy, Director of PHD1 introduced himself. Per the governor, PHD does not have administrative rule over a number of areas they have traditionally held authority. Until this issue is resolved and PHD administrative rule becomes permanent, they are working with several area partners to take jurisdiction. I.e. Dept. of Environmental Quality will have temporary rule on lead mediation in the Silver Valley

Election of New Board Members

Ken Mitchell, board chair, has left the board. Bob Kesson opened the nomination for a new board member to replace Ken Mitchell and nominated Nick Mechikoff. Dan Ryan moved to close nominations. All were in favor of Nick's nomination to the board.

Program

Don Duffy introduction. See Announcements.

Matt Jones, BNSF gave the main presentation on supply chain disruption.

Andy Brown, NWS gave the weather outlook

Committee Reports

Training and Exercise – Sarah Loffredo, OEM, reminded everyone of Cascadia Rising in June. This will include a discussion based table top focusing on EOC coordination in the 5 northern counties. Contact Sarah if interested in participating. ICS 300 will be hosted at OEM next week followed by ICS 400 in June. If interested, go to Idaho Prepares to register.

Regional Reports

- **Regional Healthcare Coalition:** As many of you know, COVID is on a downward trend so not much to report there. The North Idaho Healthcare Coalition is currently taking funding requests to members to receive funds for equipment, supplies, and trainings within budget period 3. Please visit the NIHCC website to fill out the survey if interested. If you haven't already, please submit your HVA results to Justin and Aurora so the results can be presented in June coalition meeting. Please be on the lookout for invites for the June coalition meeting.
- **North Idaho LEPCs** – Jay Baker reported Benewah is still without a dedicated Emergency Manager, so Lynn Ragan in the Clerk's Office is handling calls. That number is 208. 245. 3212. Bonner and Boundary Counties have started two faith based organizations, 7B-CAREs (Bonner) and 9B CAREs (Boundary) that provide support during disasters and emergencies that don't reach the threshold for County or State involvement. The groups are very active and the opportunity exists for Kootenai County to establish something similar. Boundary County working on their mitigation plan. They expect to have their final draft finished by late June with implementation this fall. Shoshone County's EM, Dan Martinson has increased his hours from 20-30 hrs.
- **American Red Cross** – Tina Piaskowski reported that "Sound the Alarm" will take place 5/3 and 7 and is focused on the installation of free smoke alarms in homes. They are partnering with Spokane FD to install about 300 smoke alarms. Red Cross is also working with Robert Spaulding of CdA Indian Tribe re a MOU for sheltering in Plummer area.

Incidents to Report None

Public Comment None

Around the Room

- Brett McDaniels said Avista will be conducting a table top exercise for Post Falls on 5/24
- Jay Baker – His last day of employment before retirement is this Friday. IOEM hopes to have his successor chosen by early May and in place hopefully around June 1. Until then Ryan Bender in Lewiston will be the point of contact for N Idaho. OEM has Ryan's contact info. He also complimented the Kootenai County LEPC for being the most active of the local LEPCs.
- Bob Kesson thanked Jay for his service and for keeping the KC LEPC updated on LEPCs around us and news from the State level.
- Larry Simms – Added to Tina's report to let people know that if anyone needs a smoke alarm, they can contact their local fire departments who are happy to assist.
- Nick – Would like to put more of the "P" for planning back into the LEPC. He would like to talk about different plans that we have and will work with the board to do so. He would like to look at the ESFs and work our way through them beginning with the Mass Fatality Plan.
- Tami Martin – Shared that she was the new coordinator for the Medical Reserve Corp. Members are welcome to contact her should they have a need for Medical Reserve volunteers.
- Any Brown – NWS loves to help with table tops and is happy to provide injects. They are also considering hosting a table top in the future that would cover damage surveying. Feel free to contact him if members would like weather service assistance.
- Tiffany Westbrook – OEM is working with the Dept. of Lands on fire mitigation grants. There are active grants in Hayden, Tubbs Hill and Canfield. OEM would be happy to work with fire partners who have ideas for future projects as monies will forthcoming and available.
- Bob Kesson – Requested that the board remain after the meeting to select a new chairman.

- Tina Piaskowski – Congratulated Tami Martin in her new role with PHD and thanked Jay Baker for his time over the years.

Meeting Adjourned

Dan Ryan made a motion to adjourn and Chris Schlothauer seconded.