

ADA COUNTY

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

****Meeting Summary****

March 13, 2014, 3:00P.M.

Ada County EOC

ATTENDING:

Doug Hardman, ACCEM
Crash Marusich, ACCEM
Debbie Hanson, ACCEM
Dale Nalder, BHS
Shanna Kittell, Boise City
Dennis Lawson, Amateur Radio
Brian Terry, Micron
Joe Lombardo, ACCEM
Kimberly Corwin, BSU

Gary Compton, ARC
Kirk Bantz, Saint Alphonsus
Joe Rossi, CWI
Don Huffman, 124th FW, Gowen Fld
Robert Diaz, NWS
Jessie Roberts, VAMC
Brooke Green, CTAI
Myla Jeffries, BHS
John Matthews, SIACH

Heidi Parke, VAMC
George Langdon, Boise Centre
Sue Axtman, ACCEM
Ray Carino, ACCEM
Collin Bonner, ISP
JoAnn Gilpin, BSU
Natalie Bodine, CDHD
Mark Haigwood, CDHD
Bruce Sacron, VRT

CALL TO ORDER

Doug Hardman called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM and thanked everyone for coming.

ACTION ITEMS

A. June 13th 2013 Minutes. Doug dispensed with approval of the minutes in order to devote more time to the information and exercise portion of the meeting.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ada County Threat/Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) Results & Capability Building Exercise.

Doug started the meeting and went around the room for introductions. Next he introduced Joe Lombardo. Joe talked about Threats, Hazards and Risks and how capability building efforts are the purpose of THIRA. Planning, training and exercising are the means of increasing capability. At the last LEPC meeting in December, the LEPC prioritized local hazards. Joe talked about mass care and sheltering, mass casualty, public information, infrastructure protection, and operational coordination. Joe also mentioned an opportunity to participate in an upcoming BCLE-2000 course. This course is for Business Continuity professionals. Then Joe talked about the Waffle House Index. These waffle restaurants are popular in the southeast. FEMA Director Craig Fugate observed that if these restaurants are functioning fine, then the community is probably fine. But if these restaurants are having problems then a disaster of some sort must be present. Joe then turned the meeting over to Crash Marusich.

B. LEPC Workshop Exercise

Crash facilitated a tabletop exercise. The object of the exercise was to address facility access

control and notification during an emergency or disaster incident. The exercise scenario focused on an extreme weather event that might cause flooding, or power loss, etc.

Bruce Sacron said if transportation is impacted then the public, in particular dialysis patients, would not be able to clinics and other important locations. Kirk Bantz stated if Saint Alphonsus was closed trauma patients would have to be sent to Salt Lake City. Shana Kittell said flooding could impact wastewater treatment plants. Brian Terry shared that certain lines carrying fluids could freeze without power.

Crash asked about internal communications for an event at 11:00 AM on a Tuesday. Heidi Parke said at the VA their security people have a list of authorized personnel, who also have identification badges.

If telephone systems were overloaded then communications with the EOC may have to be by amateur radio operators.

Then Crash changed the timing of the incident to 1:30 AM on a Friday. It was observed that many facilities are not staffed overnight. Facility emergency response teams would need clearance to get through emergency responder barricades. Brian Terry noted that if Micron emergency teams are not allowed into the facility then the danger may escalate.

Kirk Bantz said it may be possible to communicate via a phone bridge. The public can sign up for ISAWS. Dale Nalder pointed out that at the local level dispatch centers can activate phone dialing systems more effectively.

Joe Lombardo said that the goal is to develop operational capability, operational communication, and operational awareness. Those things also require some redundancy. Dale Nalder stated the best help is that which is close at hand, because of the need for speedy assistance. Then Joe wrapped things up by noting that he would develop an after action review of the exercise.

C. General Discussion

Doug Hardman then asked the group if there were any announcements.

Heidi Parke noted there was an earthquake exercise scheduled for April 1. She also announced that this was her last LEPC meeting since she would be retiring before the next meeting scheduled for June. Heidi requested to know when the next ICS-300 class would be held.

Bruce said there would be an exercise for responding to natural gas powered buses on March 17-18, 2014. Dale Nalder noted there would be a COOP exercise in May in Wilder ID. Bob said National Flood Safety Awareness was in March and that the governor had signed a proclamation to that effect. He also said the Boise River flood risk looked low to medium.

Doug informed the group that the foothills sirens had outlived their useful lifespan and had been removed. They are being donated to surrounding counties.

ADJOURNMENT

Doug adjourned the meeting at 4:40, thanked everyone for coming and reminded them that the next LEPC meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2014.