



Douglas County Emergency Management

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Approved Minutes

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Date and Time: June 22, 2018 (9:03 a.m.)

Location: East Fork Fire Protection District
1694 County Rd
Minden, NV 89423

Attendees: Tod Carlini, EFFPD/DCEM-Chair
David Fogerson, EFFPD/DCEM-Vice-chair
Jim Caughron, Public Restroom Company
Jim Freed, Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center-Alternate Member
Jill Hemenway, American Red Cross
Karen Ellison, Douglas County Recorder-Member
Brandon Swain, Douglas County School District-Alternate Member
Jeanne Freeman, Carson City Health and Human Services-Member
Randall Perry, Aervoe Industries-Member
Jamie Gower, Carson Valley Medical Center
Dan Coverley, Douglas County Sheriff Office
Ron Elges, Douglas County Sheriff Office
Matt Richardson, Douglas County GIS
Kurt Hildenbrand, Record Courier-Member
Cameron McKay, Kingsbury GID-Member
Scott Sneddon, GE-Alternate Member
Holly Megee, EFFPD-Associate Member
Jeff Prater, Carson Valley Medical Center

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Guests

Introductions occurred of all individuals present.

3. Confirmation of Quorum

It was confirmed that a quorum of members were present.

4. Approval of agenda (action)

MOTION: Kurt Hildebrand made a motion to approve the agenda as presented

SECOND: Jeanne Freeman
DISCUSSION: None
OPPOSED: None
ACTION: Motion carried unanimously

5. Approval of February 27, 2018 meeting minutes (action)

MOTION: Cameron McKay made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of changing Cameron McKay from an alternate Member to a Member in the list of attendees.
SECOND: Jeanne Freeman
DISCUSSION: None
OPPOSED: None
ABSTAINED: Kurt Hildebrand, Jim Freed
ACTION: Motion carried

6. Public Comment. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

Tod Carlini stated he has a meeting to attend so if the LEPC meeting is not over by 10:00 a.m. David Fogerson will be taking over the meeting.

No further public comment.

7. Discussion on the planning, preparedness, response, and recovery actions for the 2018 wildland fire season.

David Fogerson explained this item is on the agenda every year to discuss what LEPC is currently doing and what has been done in the past. This year the hazardous mitigation plan is being updated. Chief Tod Carlini and Chief Steve Eisele are working on the community wildfire protection plan which includes protection plans for different communities.

Tahoe Douglas, East Fork and Dispatch have been training to get ready for the upcoming fire season. The District has already had a few fire incidents this year. Chief Fogerson explained one of the reasons there are more grass fires is because of the change of fuel types. The weather forecast prediction is an increase in temperature and decrease in humidity which affects the fuel moisture. Most of the fire starts this year have been human caused. Public education on fire safety is very important.

Jeanne Freeman asked if messages will be sent out to the community in regards to the air quality. Jeanne stated most of the air quality monitors are located in Washoe County.

David Fogerson stated there is one air quality monitor in the Douglas County area. Since Douglas County is a rural county, the State Division of Environmental Protection is responsible for sending out those warnings. Chief Fogerson explained Douglas County LEPC has steps that are taken but it's a good idea to get those steps down on paper and meet with Melissa Blosser to put together prescript messages.

Tod Carlini gave an update on the Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan (CWPP). The past few years, the Fire Safe Council has gone away due to grant funding challenges at the State level. The Fire Adapted Community, managed by the Nevada Division of Forestry has been recently meeting. Six areas of the District are being put together to develop a CWPP. This is necessary to get grant funding for fuels projects. The end goal is mitigation and hazard identification. We are trying to

lump in together with the hazard mitigation plan for the County that needs to be complete by March of 2019. John Pickett from Tahoe Douglas is working on the wildland fire component of the plan.

Tod Carlini stated the fire in Smith Valley was 50% located in Douglas County. 1% was private land, which is what East Fork Fire Protection District was responsible for. Tod Carlini explained the grasses are going to be a serious fire hazard this year.

8. Discussion on the lessons learned from the March 29, 2018 Quad County Hazmat Team full-scale exercise that included a public health component held in conjunction with GE.

David Fogerson described in detail the Quad County Hazmat drill that was held at GE. The drill involved an illegal chemical that was used by a pest company and the chemical came in contact with some of the employees. The Hazmat team thought the drill went well and many lessons were learned.

Scott Sneddon explained when drills are done including GE employees and located at GE, the employees get a lot of good information from it. Scott stated the protocols for GE are written to support the first responder's protocols. Communication is very important. A lot is learned from these drills.

Jeanne Freeman stated public health was brought in on the Quad County drill because it oversees the CHEMPACK. There are several CHEMPACKs positioned throughout Nevada but their locations are not known to the general public. There are EMS packs and hospital packs. The difference between the two packs is the amount of people each type of pack can serve. The CHEMPACKs need to be kept temperature controlled. The Quad-Counties is the first jurisdiction to do an exercise like this with the CHEMPACK. The CHEMPACK is a prepositioned set of drugs from the federal government as part of a strategic national stockpile (SNS). Plans have been in place for years but the training showed there are things that need to be addressed. The CHEMPACK is expensive. Education needs to be done with first responders so they know CHEMPACKs exist and can order what is needed during an emergency. Transport of the CHEMPACK was quick once the resource request was put in. There are issues with the forms that are currently in place. Jeanne stated a lot was learned and expressed her thanks for attaching CHEMPACK to the Quad County Hazmat drill.

David Fogerson explained patients were taken from the scene to the medical center as part of the drill.

Jeanne Freeman stated the education on CHEMPACK is very important.

Scott Sneddon explained Battalion Chief Scott Fraser was part of the drill and did a great job at valuing others involved in the drill as a resource and assigned tasks out to get things done and keep things running smooth.

Tod Carlini asked if the EMS or hospital pack got deployed.

Jeanne Freeman stated certain drugs were deployed out of the EMS pack.

Tod clarified that the EMS pack can be used in a clinical setting.

Jeanne Freeman explained we don't need to send the whole container. It allows the pack to be broken up and sent to multiple facilities.

Jamie Gower stated now that the hospital knows about the CHEMPACK it has been put into the policy and can be used as a resource. Jamie also explained through the exercise, this was an external code orange, and the hospital was on a lockdown. Two of the doors didn't physically lock down, so people had to physically monitor those doors. Jamie stated there were a few other issues that came up during the training, so it was very beneficial.

Tod Carlini asked Jim Freed if CTH has does any training with the CHEMPACK.

Jim Freed stated the hazmat team does do bi-annual training. The next training is September. The CHEMPACKs have not been part of training.

Tod Carlini asked if the CHEMPACK program looks at the medical facilities regional.

Jeanne Freeman stated no. The State requires organizations to store the CHEMPACK, pay any costs and follow steps associated with overseeing them. Not many organizations are willing to do that. If we didn't have a CHEMPACK in the Quad-Counties the closest one would be in Reno. It's not a huge cost it's more of the upkeep.

David Fogerson and Jeanne Freeman have been talking to surrounding areas to make it available to share.

Tod Carlini stated it would be good if the medical facilities can come together with each other.

Jeanne Freeman stated there is also the potential to preposition the CHEMPACK when we know of a big event coming to an area. There are guidelines that need to be followed to have this happen, but this can be done if between 6-8 weeks of advanced approval is sought from the CDC.

Tod Carlini thanked GE for letting the drill take place at their facility and for their participation.

9. Discussion on lessons gleaned from a presentation by Clark County Fire Department on the 1 October Event in Las Vegas.

Tod Carlini stated this item could almost occupy an entire LEPC meeting and so many lessons were learned from the 1 October event in Las Vegas.

David Fogerson stated between all the regional agencies here there are 250 firefighters on duty between 15 agencies.

The 1 October incident 151 fire firefighters responded to the scene and still handled day-to-day business without any impacts. The Las Vegas valley is quicker to get to incidents then in a rural area. The attendance at the event was 22,000 people in 17.5 acres. When the incident was over there were 800 patients, 482 gunshot wounds and the rest were other injuries. The incident that took place in the 17.5 acres ended up being 3.5 square miles from people running and leaving. First responders not only had to handle the scene at the incident but also the people that ran ½ mile away.

Metro had many officers there. Clark County did not have a stand-by policy so there were no Clark County firefighters on scene. Metro Police Department had 51 on scene to manage the event. Private Ambulance Company had 16 people there. There were some initial responders but there was no joint incident action plan (IAP). When we do major events we have an IAP in place. Since the incident Las Vegas has been doing things that East Fork, Tahoe Douglas and the Douglas County Sheriff's office are currently doing.

There were 31 people dead on scene and a total of 58 died. Part of the problem was 250 were transported and the rest took their own vehicles. Most of the people that arrived at the hospital were in their own vehicles. Law enforcement and fire focused on the event not the hospital. Supplies at the hospital were low. 13 different hospitals took in patients.

A family assistance center was opened for 24 hours to start with for victim identification. They used the center to help patients get their personnel property back and help with other things. The facility will be open for 3 years if any of the victims or family needs help.

The after action review should be available soon. This is the first after action review that was written jointly by fire and law.

David Fogerson stated it was a really good presentation. We are working on a state terrorism annex and the scenario will be built on what we could face locally.

Dan Coverley stated Douglas Country Sheriff's office is working with the casinos at the lake to change some of the internal procedures to help identify a threat earlier. There have been a lot of changes on the hotel side. The casinos are constantly communicating with the sheriff's office in regards to suspicious activity.

10. Discussion on the federal guidance for Local, State, Tribal, and Territorial Jurisdictions on NIMS Implementation Guidelines.

David Fogerson stated the Feds came out with new guidelines on what they're looking for to be adopted on National Incident Management System (NIMS). Locally a lot of what is being asked has already been done. I would like everyone to look through these to see if there is anything that can be fixed, changed or updated.

11. Staff reports. No action may be taken on this item.

David Fogerson stated all funds have been spent from last year's grants. 4 out of the 5 grants for next year have been approved. Items should be purchased within the next month for the United We Stand and SERC grant that was approved the last LEPC meeting.

David Fogerson commended the CERT for a successful safety day at Lampe Park. CERT has been moved to Station 2 located in Gardnerville.

As a region, there has been a logistic section, plan section, training section and finance section class for all 4 counties. When fire season is over there will be an operation section, situational unit leader class and a plan section regular class.

The Topaz Volunteer Fire Department bought East Fork an evacuation trailer. There are now 3 evacuation trailers. One trailer located in Lake Tahoe, second trailer at Fire Station 4 in TRE and the last trailer will stay at the Gardnerville volunteer fire station.

There have been meetings with FirstNet. FirstNet gives law enforcement and fire better cell phone coverage so when there is an emergency, the network is cleared so first responders have service.

Jim Freed stated another lesson learned from the 1 October incident is that cell phones went out during the incident.

Jeanne Freeman stated Public Health Preparedness has been meeting with the Sheriff's office to meet a grant objective related to first responder safety and health. The next step is how we can do protection for K9 officers.

Jeanne Freeman explained they are preparing to do the Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) which is a door to door survey. This will be done in Carson City in September and Douglas County in the spring 2019.

Jeanne Freeman stated she is sitting on the State Community to rewrite the State Mass Care Plan. Jeanne recently participated in the mass care exercise in Phoenix.

Jeanne Freeman participated in a radiation drill. A lot of lessons learned.

David Fogerson stated there is a lot of radiation material that gets transported through our community.

Jill from Red Cross stated she went to the 1 October review and it was great. Red Cross is trying to do a lot of things within the community.

Jamie Glover stated Carson Valley Medical Center has a new CEO, Jeff Prater.

Matt Richardson stated updating some of the wildland fire maps.

Randall Perry stated the mention of the drop of humidity has placed a problem at Aervoe regarding a small fire. Be aware when humidity drops it makes a big difference in the way things burn.

Scott Sneddon stated GE has installed Knox Boxes.

12. Adjournment

MOTION:	Kurt Hildebrand made a motion to adjourn
SECOND:	Cameron McKay
DISCUSSION:	None
OPPOSED:	None
ACTION:	Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Holly Megee
East Fork Fire Protection District
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