

# SWEET GRASS COUNTY

## Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.)

### All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

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#### Minutes

Date of Meeting: **10/18/2021 11:30 AM**

Location: **Ambulance Hall, Meeting Room; 220 W 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE; Big Timber MT**

#### Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner

Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner

Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff

Corey Austin, SGHS Superintendent

Dan Tronrud, Community Health

Cory Conner, SG Public Works

Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

Collin Calhoun, USFS

Kyle Sturgill-Simon, MT DES FO (Phone-in)

Tom Frieders, NWS (Phone-in)

**The meeting was called to order** by Clifford Brophy DES / E9-1-1 Coordinator at 11:40 AM

**The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag** was recited

**Minutes for the Meeting on 9/23/2021** were approved as submitted.

#### **Welcome and self-introductions:**

#### **Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) Topics:**

Cliff reported that the SGC Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan has been published as a draft for public comment until the first part of November. The only update discussed was the corrected name of a ranch and the bridge near it. Commissioner JV will contact Daphne at TriTech and get that corrected.

Cliff gave a brief report on the active shooter exercise he attended in Absarokee last week. They were having the debriefing today. If anyone was interested in the out-come, he was sure that they would share their findings. It was well organized and went well.

Review of Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (THIRA) assessment draft. Cliff reported that he gathered information from: the recent MHMP process; the After-Action Review and Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) that was compiled by the DPHHS for

our COVID-19 response; as well as LEPC meeting conversations to compile this assessment. The draft copy was then handed out to the members and reviewed during this meeting. The group made several suggestions for changes. Those changes were: 1) Checkmark "equipment" on page 4 for "Public Health& Medical Services"; 2) List "Housing" on page 5 as a core capability that is at risk for decreasing; and 3) Naming the "Forest Service" "National Weather Service" and "Red Cross" as stakeholders on page 5. Sheriff Ronneberg made the motion to accept the document with changes. Chief Kris Novotny seconded. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

#### **Disaster and Emergency Services (D.E.S.) Topics:**

Update report on High School EOP: Superintendent Corey Austin reported that Deputy Ferguson and school officials recently updated the Emergency Plan. They will now train the staff with the new plan. Mr. Austin and Sheriff Ronneberg will then plan joint trainings to exercise those new EOP's. Mr. Austin also reported that he is purchasing fobs to be issued to responders and authorized personnel. These will be used to access all school properties in Big Timber.

Tabletop exercise for "evacuations" will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at our next LEPC.

Cliff reported that the East Boulder mine has posted two documents on their website. Those documents are for the emergency plan for the Tailings Facility.

#### **Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:**

The State is asking PSAP's to update the audit document funded by the State approx. 6 years ago. Cliff reported that it won't take much as there has not been a lot of changes in the SGC PSAP.

#### **Public Health Topics:**

Cliff reported that the clinic had requested masks several weeks ago. Their normal sources could not provide them. A request was submitted to the state. The masks were received in several business days. Many thanks to the State DES staff for that quick response.

Commissioner JV reported that the SG Public Health posting shows that we have 5 active cases of COVID-19. Cliff reported that Jenn has a helper in her office again. That has been a big help for Jenn.

Sup. Corey Austin announced that Jenn will be at the school today giving flu shoots if anyone is interested.

Dan reported that he and Jenn worked with DPHHS to complete a survey about certain topics of public health services in Sweet Grass Co.

**Fire Topics:**

Collin with the USFS reported that FS fire activity has slowed some since the recent snow. There is still some work on the Park County side of the American Fork fire. It is slowing down. FS is waiting for more snow so they can burn piles. Collin also announced that any FS training in this area will be open for local VFD personnel.

Kris reported that local fire has been slow also. They have some trainings set up with DNRC in the near future.

**Public Works:** No updates.

**National Weather Service:**

Tom announced that he will be accepting a NWS job out of state. This will be his last meeting with us. He thanked everyone for allowing him to attend the meetings and for all of their input over the years. He will have a contact name and number for us before he leaves.

Tom reported that short-term weather looks dry. The recent snow provided some moisture but we are still 5" to 10" behind. Long-term there is a chance that we could receive above normal moisture. It just depends on the flow patterns.

Tom was thanked for all of the years of service and for his dedication in attending the meetings. We appreciated his input and professionalism. The group responded with a round of applause.

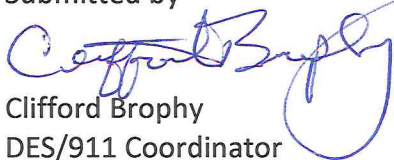
**Comments from Members:** None

**Select Next Meeting Date:** November 18, 2021 11:30 AM at the ambulance hall

**Public Comments:** None given

**Adjourn:** 1:00 PM

Submitted by

  
Clifford Brophy  
DES/911 Coordinator