

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **4/28/2022 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

Bill Wallace, SG Commissioner
J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Melanie Roe, SG Commissioner
Ian Peterson, CEO PMC (virtual)
Rob Farnum, Ambulance Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Bob Culbreth, USFS
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Matt McManamen, East Boulder Mine
Gunnar Hansen, Phillips 66 pipeline
Leigh Suel, reporter Big Timber Pioneer
Linda Racicot, Red Cross (virtual)
Julie Arthur, NWS (virtual)

The meeting was called to order by Clifford Brophy DES / E9-1-1 Coordinator at 11:30 AM

The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag was recited

Minutes for the Meeting on 3/24/2022 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions:

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

Announced Tabletop scheduled for the next day. PMC signed up for a virtual Tabletop exercise on dealing with “burn victim” casualties. Anyone on LEPC is invited.

Cliff spoke about recent information stating that local public water facilities will have to start working with the LEPC’s to exercise the water facility emergencies operations plan. Further information will be sent out to water treatment facilities.

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

Triangle Tel Co. will be preparing for work in the Boulder River drainage this summer. In light of the fire dangers expected this year, the members of the LEPC requested that we invite a Triangle Tel Co. representative to our next LEPC to discuss emergency communications and other related topics with Triangle staff.

Cliff announced that the City of Big Timber and the County signed the Notice of Intent (NOI) agreement with the State of Montana to participate in the regional Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. The contract company will be contacting our stakeholders to let them know about upcoming meetings.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Stillwater County and Yellowstone County both lost 9-1-1 service last Wednesday. They were restored by the next day. We tested our 9-1-1 system and determined we could receive calls just fine. This had affected services in various locations throughout the country.

Public Health Topics:

Jenn reported that we have a slight uptick in COVID-19 cases. We have 5 active cases. She advised that she will be at a conference next month.

Fire Topics:

Kris reported that the fire department is ahead of normal this year for calls. Most of the calls are motor vehicle crashes and some grass fires. The roads were dangerous. His mirror was struck once and he was almost struck another time.

Bob reported that the Bozeman Dispatch is now closed. The Billings office is open but they are short-handed like everyone else. Bob also reported that the FS is short-handed.

Much of the problem is lack of housing for new staff.

Public Works:

The county is scheduled to replace the Bridger Creek bridge in May 2022. The county is also looking at replacing 4 bridges in the Boulder valley.

Kris reported that the water main rehab should be finished by the end of May 2022.

National Weather Service:

Julie reported that the short-term outlook will be wet and cooler. Long-term is looking hot and dry.

Comments from Members:

Matt reported that the East Boulder Mine has been busy with annual trainings.

Gunnar reported that Phillips 66 has been busy with digging and construction. He reminded everyone to call before digging and to get that message out.

Linda reported that the Red Cross assisted a male in Emigrant after a house fire. The alarms failed to sound but his dog woke him up. Linda announced that the Red Cross can assist people with fire alarms and installation of those alarms. Those interested may contact Red Cross for more information. Red Cross also assisted in the initial call involving a high-risk law enforcement incident in Bozeman. Though it wasn't a disaster, they assisted anyway.

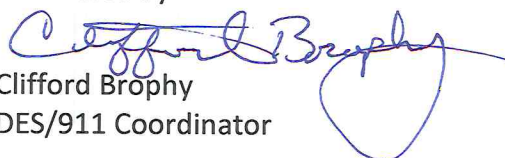
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Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:08 PM

A Tabletop exercise was held after the meeting to review and assign radio freqs. during a major incident. Rob Farnum, Kris Novotny, Bob Culbreth, Cliff Brophy, JV Moody and Matt McManamen identified various changes needed on the old list. Missing freqs. will be added and the updated plan will be added to the SGC Emergency Operations Plan.

Submitted by


Clifford Brophy
DES/911 Coordinator