

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **6/23/2022 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Rob Farnum, Ambulance Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief
Matt Wolfe, Sibanye Stillwater Mine
Bob Culbreth, USFS
Shawn Tripp, USFS
Nadine Stosich, City Clerk/Treasurer

Hope Mosness, City Clerk/Treasurer
Casey Driscoll, MT Health Assoc. (virtual)
Josh Brown, P66 (virtual)
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
Shane Warehime, MHP Sgt.
Wyatt Duncan, MHP
Cory Mottice, NWS (virtual)
Jason Castillon, Triangle Comm. (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 5/26/2022 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions:

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

Cliff announced that Tony Bacino with MRL recently retired from MRL and subsequently his membership with the SGC LEPC. His regular attendance and input into the meetings was always greatly appreciated.

Update on CodeRED and IPAWS. Cliff reported that we have been using the CodeRED notification system rather frequently with bridges and roads going out. We also used it during the flooding.

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

Report on Tabletop Evacuation Exercise: Cliff reported that the tabletop exercise was cancelled because of the recent flooding event.

Cliff gave a brief **summary of the flooding event** for the Boulder and Yellowstone. One bridge damaged. It's back in service but needs long term repair. Several roads blocked by debris and those areas cleaned off for now.

Sweet Grass Fest preparation: Everything is ready.

Rodeo: Reserve Deputies will be assisting, message board available.

Boat Float preparation: preparation is in progress.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

MCC5500 used equipment: Stillwater County replaced their radio control systems in their dispatch center. They also had a MCC5500's like ours. They graciously donated their old system to us. These have reached the shelf life but they still work as long as we have parts and spares. These should keep us going for a few more years. It will require about \$300,000 to replace our two radio control systems in our dispatch.

Update on communications repairs. The primary UPS equipment in the courthouse radio room failed. It was replaced on Monday. The scheduled event took place at the same time as the Boulder River flood. The schedule was set about 4 weeks prior.

Equipment install: The Tin Can Hill repeaters are still scheduled to be replaced this September. That is a Homeland Security grant project.

Public Health Topics:

Jenn reported that we have about 3 **active COVID-19 cases**. There are more but it is believed that many area home-testing and not reporting.

Access and Functional Needs report: Jenn and Rob spoke about the requirements that we may have to follow when aware of those with access and functional needs. ADA has certain requirements that must be taken into consideration. Those with access and functional needs don't necessarily have to have a permanent condition nor is it required that they have a condition or disability that has been diagnosed. Jurisdictions are required to consider those with access and functional needs during the various phases of emergencies and disasters. Local health services may have a list of those that have access

and functional needs. Those individuals could have preexisting conditions, language barriers, or other factors that prevent them from acting on their own. A list of known individuals is sent out on a regular bases (possibly twice a year) to the local health agencies for their use. This information is usually confidential but must be known by the medical services.

Cliff pointed out that the topic of access and functional needs was addressed in our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) when it was updated last year and was a topic in our recent Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) that was just approved the first part of this year.

Casey also commented on the topic of access and functional needs. She has information that would could access if needed. She also has access to the list of individuals in our area with access and functional needs if we need the information.

Fire Topics:

Kris reported that we had our **first lightning caused wildfire** for the year. It was near Sourdough and the local ranchers were able to extinguish it before fire crews were able to reach it.

Bob reported that **USFS crews are busy** assisting with the recent flooding events. They will be gearing up for fire season.

Cliff and Kris reported that they are working on a grant made available to counties to **update their wildland fire plan**. Ours hasn't been updated since 2008. The grant application is due at the end of July. One of the requirements is that we have input from different individuals. Most of the individuals needed for this are currently on the LEPC membership. Heads up to all that we may bring this to the LEPC for input.

Public Works:

Flooding on roads: Cliff gave brief update on the two flooding events. One on Bridger creek that occurred just before bridge was to be replaced. The other event involved the Boulder River and Yellowstone River. Those roads were closed for a brief time due to water and debris. Those are all open now.

Bridger Creek bridge: It has been replaced.

National Weather Service:

Cory reported that a cool front will be moving in for the weekend then it will be warm and dry for the week.

Cory spoke about the recent flooding event. They will be studying the data to gather more info. He reported that the Boulder was just over 8'. The highest in the past was 9'.

Comments from Members:

Matt spoke about the major permitting project that the East Boulder mine is involved in. They are having a forum to allow public comment. This is for the East Boulder tailings facility. They are about halfway through the process.

Matt reported that the Stillwater side is still closed down due to the flooding on the Stillwater River. They are working on resolving those issues.

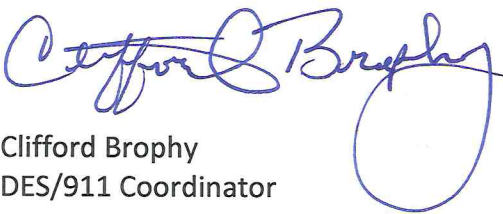
Rob announced that he was on his last days working for PMC as EMS manager. He will be begin working for the State. He will continue to reside in this area and will be filling in on the ambulance and on the LEPC. Rob was thanked for his service to the community and was given a nice round of applause as a thank you.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 28, 2022 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:25 PM

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
DES/911 Coordinator