

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

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

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **February 21, 2023 11:30 AM**

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

Attendees:

J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff
Pat Dringman, County Attorney
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager
Jennifer Chappell, Public Health
Cory Conner, SG Public Works
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief

Andrew Greydanus, Deputy Sheriff
Bob Culbreth, USFS
Angie Matos, USFS
Gunnar Hansen, P66 (virtual)
Kevin Langhus, SAR/SGCPW
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator

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 January 26, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Welcome and self-introductions: Done

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

Members indicated they would like to have the test of the Hazmat response plan this spring. Exact date to be determined.

Cliff reported that we have received on TIER II report so far this year. It's the same company each year. It is sent by AT&T

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

Cliff reported that he has been in touch with EM in Park County and they are interested in joining us for the TTX in April. That will be another attempt for the fire related evacuation of the Boulder Valley exercise that we scheduled for last year and we were unable to have due to flooding.

Cliff reported that the hardcopies of the SGC EOP updates were distributed. If anyone would like a hardcopy, please let Cliff know.

Shellie with ARC MT will attend next months LEPC and talk to us about emergency shelters. She will cover administrative topics about operating them, ADA requirements and training of volunteers. She would also be available to come back this spring and put on a 4-hour training class for volunteers.

A summary was given of the after-action review meeting that was held in connection with the Interstate closure. JV reported that he personally thanked Hanser's wrecker service for their assistance. They helped at road blocks and routing traffic. JV spoke with the Sheriff in Beach ND and asked him about Interstate closures as they frequently have closures in that area. The Sheriff reported that they have 3 big parking lots so that helps a lot. They also request assistance from county road crews to plow designated roads to assist with the dispersal of motor vehicles when the road opens up. He mentioned that you need to order portable toilets right away. They staff their road barricades for the first 2-3 hours then pull staff off of them. DOT will travel the closed area looking for stranded motorists that may have gotten around the barricades. They also experienced language barriers with truck drivers.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

Alan reported that he has not received any applications for dispatchers.

Public Health Topics:

Jenn reported no major updates. There have been no flue cases reported for this last month. There have been a few COVID-19 cases reported lately. An intestinal bug has been going around.

Fire Topics:

Kris reported that they have a training coming up on the 9th of March.

Bob reported that the FS is trying to finish burning the piles that have been collected. They are approx. 50% finished with that project. Bob requested that we schedule the cooperator's meeting in conjunction with the evacuation TTX. Everyone else agreed with that idea.

Public Works: No updates

National Weather Service: No report

Comments from Members:

Gunnar with P66 inquired if we received the updated protocol from them that complies with the new regulation requiring pipelines to notify the appropriate PSAP if an initial alarm is received. This is required before the pipeline staff even has eyes on. A follow up call will take place reporting to the PSAP if it was a valid alarm or not. Cliff report that this information was disseminated to dispatch. The Sheriff's office will be working with the dispatchers to update their P&P. This topic will be re-visited with the dispatchers.

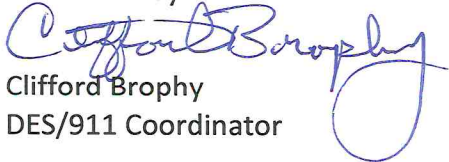
Gunnar reported that they have been holding the "811" meetings and are pushing that info out to the public and responders.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:08 PM

Submitted by


Clifford Brophy
DES/911 Coordinator