

# **Storey County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**

## **First Quarterly Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 9, 2008- 10:00 A.M.**  
***Storey County Fire Department Training Building***  
***145 North C Street***  
***Virginia City, Nevada***

**CALL TO ORDER Roll Call. 10:00A.M. by Chairman Joe Curtis.**

**Present:** Al Wurth (Not voting), Angela Mann (Not voting), Cherie Nevin, Chris Parsons (Not voting), Darius Pique, Dave Ballard, Dean Haymore, Eric Guevin (Not voting), Fernando Ortiz, Gary Hames, James Deane, Jerry Prentice, Jim Reagan, Joe Curtis, Pat Whitten, Rick Eaton (Not voting), Samuel Sturgeon, Tom Taormina (Not voting), Jesus Leanos (Not voting), Jim Lopey (Not voting), Hugh Gallagher (Not voting).

**Absent/Excused:** Charman Plaughter, Cherie Jamason, Cindi Mitchell, Connie Butts, David Matson, Dean Whitley, Dennis Williams, Donnamarie Milazzo, Edna Cudworth, Gary Greenlund, Greg Hess, Harold Swafford, Holly Kiechler, Jim Miller, Kathy Weeks, Len Gilman, Leon Gill, Mark Markwell, Mike Nevin, Paul Byrant, Paul Slocum, Rob Slaby, Sarah Jensen, Tim Trout, Trish Dament, Vanessa Dixon, Vince Griffith.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Rick Eaton- Director of State Homeland Security was present and provided those present with an overview of the functions of his department. There are various Fusion Centers throughout country and state. Spoke about the Communications Interoperability Steering Committee headed by Dennis Cobb. This project will provide 38 sites to be improved or created, 25 sites of which may come this year. Homeland Security funds increased, real ID. Mr. Eaton has been on the job for 11 months and is retired from federal DHS. Spoke about Silver Shield, a critical infrastructure database,

Jim Lopey- Terrorism Liaison Coordinator was also present. Chris Parsons advised that Storey County has one person dedicated to this task to disseminate and receive information. Will be a great asset to this area. Please report any suspicious activity immediately.

Joe Curtis spoke about terrorism and infrastructure. Pay close attention and realize that this is out there. Would like to spend time with Homeland Security in TRI. Fusion Centers receive daily updates from the feds.

Gary Hames questioned the flow of information. Eaton explained that they can compile lists to send information out. Parsons can send out information that he thinks would benefit Fire Department. Lopey stated that there will be dedicated site for Fire responders. Eaton stated that DHS can host a presentation for emergency responders.

### **APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2008 MEETING AGENDA**

Motion to approve the July 9, 2008 Meeting Agenda, Action: Approve, Moved by Dean Haymore, Seconded by Al Wurth. All in favor.

### **APPROVAL OF APRIL 2, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes from April 2, 2008 regular meeting. Action: Approve, Moved by Tom Taormina, Seconded by Samuel Sturgeon. All in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Joe Curtis- Release of Tier II/EPCRA Information to Public- Inquires to review hazardous response plans and EOP. Hazard response plan is a confidential document. The EOP is public document and can be reviewed on site by the public. Developing a policy relating to release of Tier II and EPCRA Information.

Jim Reagan- ensuring that there is compliance with community right to know act. Trying to find an answer through NRS 239C. How to make accessible and what paths to get information. Flow of information to fusion center if suspicious inquires.

### **GRANTS**

#### ***United We Stand-***

Chairman Curtis reported that tentative approval was given for this grant on July 7, 2008. Final approval will be on July 10, 2008. The total grant request was \$29,786.00 and included a Generator of the Public Works facility as well as items for mobile communications/command bus which includes three (3) 800mhz handheld radios.

#### ***Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation-***

Chairman Curtis reported that progress continues on this grant. The project is moving along effectively, about halfway through the process at this point. Hazards have been identified and ranked. Information regarding the hazard ranking was discussed.

#### ***Fall SERC Grant (Planning & Training)-***

The next grant cycle will be come out in fall 2008 for Planning and Training funds. Will explore NIMS typing/Resource updating and sending personnel to Hazmat Explo for this grant cycle. Would like to get six (6) to eight (8) slots to attend Hazmat Explo. This direction was acceptable to the LEPC. When this grant is issued we will make application for these two items at the direction of the consensus.

Motion to approve for the submission of 10 personnel to attend Hazmat Explo and NIMS Typing and Resource Directory Updated for the SERC Planning and Training Grant. Action: Approve, Moved by Gary Hames, Seconded by Sam Sturgeon. All in favor, motion passed.

Joe Curtis reported that Press Clevey completed his review of the County Emergency Operations Plan and made a few minor recommendations which will be addressed. Key positions within plan should be ICS trained. Jim Reagan suggested that Storey County may want to look at a contractor to look at EOP

and make changes. Joe Curtis reported that the LEPC will need to work with the county to develop a resolution accepting the EOP.

There will be a Hazmat Technician Class commencing in fall 2008. Storey County Fire Department will be sending personnel to the training.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS REPORT**

Joe Curtis provided an overview of the activities of Emergency Management.

- A. Emergency Operations Plan Review- discussed under grants.
- B. Vigilant Guard Exercise- Consisted of a Hazmat Exercise at Wal-Mart, Mass Casualty Incident in Virginia City, Emergency Operations Center Activation and deployment of a Preliminary Damage Assessment Team. A de-brief will be held towards the end of July.
- C. Evacuation Plan/Shelter-In-Place Plan is currently going through the review process. Reagan taskforce meeting, have counties take a real good read of the plan and make suggestions.
- D. Medical Surge Trailer- is in place and was utilized at Vigilant Guard exercise. The trailer is very well organized with appropriate equipment.
- E. Emergency Preparedness Brochure- received 3000 more with message from county commission.
- F. Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant- moving forward
- G. Homeland Security Rural Counties Task Force- met with Rick Eaton in Yerington gave presentation on agriculture terrorism.
- H. Emergency Management Directors Conference- cancelled and has not been rescheduled.
- I. Web EOC- state purchased for all counties, will be rolled out at directors conference
- J. NIMS Typing- already discussed

## **COOPERATING LEPC MEMBERS REPORTS**

### **Wal-Mart:**

Darius Pique appreciates the participation and looks forward to improved communication. All participants did great at the Vigilant Guard Exercise. Received approval for a \$5,000.00 grant for the school district to purchase exercise equipment.

### **Alcoa:**

Sam Sturgeon plant has shut down operations and is down to two (2) employees which will continue working to stay compliant.

### **Sierra Pacific Power Company:**

Al Wurth Tahoe Industrial Complex Safety Professionals Committee. Looking to have a meeting on July 24, 2008 at Wal-Mart or Petsmart. Mission is to network and collaborate for emergency response, security, etc. Jim Reagan gas operations group trying to coordinate training for Rainbow Bend with the Fire Department. New Power Plant is turn-key, close to 1,000mega watts out of site. 1 mega watt almost 1,000 homes.

### **Storey County Fire Department:**

Gary Hames September 1, 2008 is the target date for the new county complex in TRI. Staffing should be in place by the middle of September.

Eric Guevin also reported that the Fire Department is trying to get a Public Awareness Program (Safety Faire) launched. At this point they are looking for materials, equipment, and other various items.

**Storey County School District:**

No School District Representative present. Eric Guevin reported that all school district staff has been trained on the Automatic External De-fib and they are in place at each of the schools. Companies can get reduced rate through the state for AED's.

**Storey County Communications:**

Dave Ballard reported that enhancements have been made to the Pond Peak Repeater, as well as to the Como Repeater.

**General Storey County Government:**

Pat Whitten reported that Fire and Medical services will start in new facility and will occupy 25 percent of the building. Public Works will house their road equipment there. The rest of the building will be slow growth. Working to get Sheriff's substation in place. Pat Whitten thanked Rick Eaton and Jim Lopey for attending this meeting.

**Storey County Building/Planning:**

New Facilities in Storey County- Dean Haymore Sierra Pacific Power Company will have a grand opening on July 16, 2008. The Northern Nevada Food Bank will have their grand opening on July 18, 2008. Petsmart is now open and functional. There is a machine gun manufacturing plant coming in to TRI as well as tenants in the McShane and Prologis Buildings. A Pharmacy Distribution company is coming in. Naniwa Power Plant has decommissioned two (2) units to Las Vegas. Georgia Pacific moved plant to Storey. A Truck Stop will be opening soon. USA Parkway has been extended another four (4) miles to Comstock Meadows.

Dean Haymore asked for letters of support to obtain a separate for zip code for the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center. Letters of support should be addressed to the Storey County Board of County Commissioners. Dean also reported that the Building Department vehicle based in TRI has and AED on board.

**INCIDENT REVIEW**

No incidents occurred in the last quarter requiring review.

**DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be held on October 1, 2008. There may be special meeting called to approve the SERC Planning and Equipment grant.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Al Wurth reported that Truckee Meadows Community College will host a 40 hour Hazmat Class on August 11, 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn this meeting, Action: Adjourn, Moved by James Deane, Seconded by Al Wurth. All in favor motion passed.