

Storey County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Second Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, October 01, 2008, - 10:00 A.M.
Storey County Fire Department Training Building
145 North C Street
Virginia City, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL AT 10:06 A.M.

Present: Gerald Antinoro, Joe Curtis (voting), Trish Dament (voting), Shannon Gardner, Michael Hurick, Sarah Jensen, Angela Mann, Cindi Mitchell (voting), Cherie Nevin (voting), Fernando Ortiz (voting), Caroline Panches, Michael Streeter, Samuel Sturgeon (voting), Tom Taormina, Pat Whitten (voting), Al Wurth (voting).

Absent/Excused: Dave Ballard, Connie Butts, Paul Byrant, Cherie Jamason, Edna Cudworth, James Deane, Vanessa Dixon, Rick Eaton, Len Gilman, Vince Griffith, Eric Guevin, Gary Hames, Dean Haymore, Greg Hess, Holly Kiechler, Mark Markwell, David Matson, James Miller, Mike Nevin, Chris Parsons, Jerry Prentice, Darius Pique, Charman Plaughter, Jim Reagan, Rob Slaby, Paul Slocum, Harold Swafford, Tim Trout, Kathy Weeks, Dean Whitley, Dennis Williams

INTRODUCTIONS

Caroline Panches and Michael Hurick with the American Red Cross were present to share information in terms of what Red Cross does in the community. They distributed various forms of literature. Ms. Panches explained that the Red Cross is chartered by the federal government. President Bush signed a \$100 million appropriation from Congress to help Red Cross with Disaster Relief programs. Their chapter covers all of Northern Nevada. They have 11 staff members and many volunteers. Single Family Home Fires are the #1 disaster that Red Cross deals with. In the last 10 weeks they have assisted 125 families. They provide short term assistance and explained what type of assistance they provide. Media is critical partner to help them get the word out. Explained the resources that are available to the private industries.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve the October 1, 2008 Meeting Agenda, Action: Approve, Moved by Tom Taormina, Seconded by Al Wurth. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from July 9, 2008 regular meeting. Action: Approve, Moved by Shannon Gardner, Seconded by Al Wurth. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Curtis gave an overview of Nevada Online Hazardous Materials Reporting System- important to industries online data reporting for all organizations that have hazmat reporting. The system should be online by December 2008. Training sessions have been and continue to be held throughout the state for submitters and responders. There is a possibility for having a training session in TRI for private industries at a later date to be announced. The next training will be held October 27 and 28, 2008 at Truckee Meadows Community College.

Tom Taormina advised that he has been appointed the RACES officer for Storey County. This is the formal federal connection.

OLD BUSINESS

Al Wurth advised that Tahoe Reno Industrial Safety Group will meet on October 2, 2008 at Wal-Mart at 10:00am for their monthly meeting. The purpose is to network and exchange information in conjunction with the LEPC to provide training and vendor contact information. There are a total of 12 organizations participating at this time. They have a rotating chair for each month. This month will be Division Chief Tracy Curtis.

GRANTS

Chairman Curtis advised that the SERC Spring Equipment Grant will be due in March 2009. This grant has both equipment and planning categories. Between now and January 2009 members should be thinking of what items that would like to submit so that finalization can be made at the January meeting.

The HMEP Grant will be heard on October 2, 2008. Storey County submitted for 10 personnel to go to Hazmat Explo. Also submitted for NIMS Typing for all county equipment and for resource directory update of the Emergency Operations Plan.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

Chairman Curtis reported that the Emergency Operations Plan/NIMS Annex- have to review our Emergency Operations Plan annually for submittal to the State. The County Commission must also review the plan and if acceptable submit a letter of promulgation accepting the plan. Press Clevey, retired Emergency Management Director for Washoe County recently reviewed our plan to ensure federal compliance. The second review was completed last week for the NIMS Annex. The plan itself is up to date with the modifications requested for in the HMEP Grant. There are 32 different categories as part of the NIMS Annex and the plan is now at State Division of Emergency Management getting reviewed for appropriateness.

State DEM and legislative audit, one aspect was coordination and requiring all counties, casinos and resort industries to complete their Emergency Operations Plans. State law does not specify that the state has authority to require private industries to produce this plan.

NIMS Training submitted the NIMS Cast Online and was able to report almost 100% of county staff that were trained. There are several new staff members that need to complete training. Encourage private industry to get ICS 100/200 certification from FEMA online.

Will be traveling to Las Vegas this month for the State Wide Shelter in Place Program.

Storey County is approximately 75-80% finished with the Pre Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. Work on this plan started in November 2007 and is moving along. This plan will open doors for more funding.

COOPERATING LEPC MEMBERS REPORTS

ALCOA: Sam Sturgeon advised that operations are in an idle state. There are working to secure a sub contract jobs as well as solidifying their 2009 budget.

Comstock Chronicle: Chairman Curtis congratulated Angela Mann and the Comstock Chronicle on the recent award of eight state wide awards for journalism.

Food Bank of Northern Nevada: Cindi Mitchell reported that they moved into their new facility in July 2009. The Food Bank is very interested in the TRI Safety Group and offered the use of their facility for meetings and trainings.

Royal Sierra: Trish Dament had nothing to report.

Sierra Pacific: Al Wurth- power plant is going on outages when maintenance is being done and new retro maintenance and is impacting Tracy Station will go on through the end of November. Facility Rescue Team has more Hazmat Tech's certified and have 4 AED's at their plant. Storey will have 6 new specialist level hazmat techs in a few weeks are in class. Wal-Mart- 800 associates, getting ready for the holiday season. Just reached a million hours without a loss time accident. Thank SO for more patrol. Educate employees to be aware.

School District Review: No report was given as no school district representative was present at the meeting.

Storey County Recorder: Sarah Jensen reported that Record Retention Schedules were distributed to all county departments. Continue to work to get historic records digital.

Storey County Sheriff's Department: Gerry Antinoro reported that Thunder on Comstock went well with the exception of a few interoperability issues.

Storey County General Government: Pat Whitten- New TRI Facility will hopefully be named next Tuesday at the Commissioners Meeting. They are on schedule for the keys to be handed over by October 15, 2008. The first phase will be the fire department.

TRI Developers continue to ensure that they are working with state and federal sources for funding to extend USA Parkway.

The economy has begun to slow things down. US Ordinance will open in October. The county continues to work on accepting additional dedication of roads. Fire hydrants are being painted and numbered.

The new TRI Facility will house Public Works and road equipment. Sheriff's Office will be sharing some space with Fire Department at the beginning. Eventually the building will be an all services facility. There will be space to accommodate meetings and trainings for approximately 100 individuals.

Storey County Fire Department: Michael Streeter, Battalion Chief introduced himself to the group and advised that staffing for Station 5 is online three Firefighter/Paramedics and Three Firefighter/EMT Intermediates have been hired. Station 5 with be staffed with Fire Captain and a Firefighter/Paramedic. Work continues on numbering and painting hydrants in TRI. Also working to train new hires on ICS.

INCIDENT REVIEW

No incidents occurred in the last quarter requiring review.

DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at the Storey County Complex in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, McCarran, Nevada.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Hurick advised to call the Red Cross for fire displacement services. Their main number 856-1000 and the after-hours call center in San Diego is 800-951-5600. They have 100 Bed Trailers located in Reno, Minden, Carson City, Incline Village, Winnemucca and Elko.

Pat Whitten discussed the ongoing efforts to capture all sales and use tax for the county. Business in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center should make sure that they use McCarran, Nevada for their address.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted By:
Cherie Nevin, LEPC Secretary