

Jasper County LEPC

Minutes

Date: January 19, 2012
Time 0900
Location: Skiff Medical Center

Members present: Brenda Smith, Chuck Wagoner, Dave McClurg, Ed Roach, Gary Pickett, Jarrod Wellik, Jeff Hoebelheinrich, Jim Sparks, John Bartello, John Nelson, Kathy Ellis, Kevin Luetters, Kris Simbro, Mike Balmer, Rex Heisdorffer, Ron McCarthy, Steve Smith, and Whitney Baethke.

Also present: Pam Olsen (Jasper County Engineer's Office), Mary Swoboda (Skiff), Mike Anderson (Skiff CFO), Brett Altman (Skiff COO), and Jody Rhone (Newton Public Works).

The meeting was called to order at 0902AM by John Bartello, Vice Chair.

Introductions were made around the room including recognition of our newest member, Whitney Baethke, United Way Director.

A motion was made by Steve Smith and seconded by Chuck Wagoner to approve the agenda. Passed

A motion was made by Mike Balmer and seconded by Dave McClurg to approve the November 2, 2011 minutes. Passed

Old Business

LEPC Minimum Training Requirements sheet was circulated among those in attendance to update. Bartello stated the members would see today why LEPC members need to take these courses. Some of which are a federal requirement for LEPC membership.

New Business

A motion was made by Balmer to nominate Jim Sparks for Chair and John Bartello for Vice Chair and seconded by Steve Smith. Passed

A motion was made to cease the nominations and the ballot become the elective ballot by Steve Smith and seconded by Wagoner. Passed

The nominations ceased, the vote was taken and approved.

Workshop-"Parkersburg & Joplin: What if?"

Bartello shared the hospital does have an All Hazard Analysis Document with FEMA. Jasper County has All Hazard Plans through the 15 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs). The group discussed what type of hazards could occur in Newton. The following points were made to prepare ourselves for a major incident.

1. Need to have drills and practice them to minimize mistakes.
2. Companies need a written policy plan in case of disaster.
3. If your company has a call list, practice it!

4. Personally- you need to have family plan.
5. Individuals & Businesses need to be able to stand alone and provide for themselves for at least 72 hours. (Food, water, medicines, shelter, etc.)

The following scenario was discussed in the workshop. A tornado hits Newton north of I-80 leveling a path through the city including the high school, downtown area, hospital plus many resident's homes and businesses. Bartello referenced pictures of complete devastation from Parkersburg and what remained of the hospital in Joplin to start the discussion on the steps to take and the timeframe:

1. Sirens go off average of 15 minutes prior to tornado hitting.
2. Command Post initiated within 15-30 minutes.
3. One hour for the initial evaluation by fire department.
4. Concurrently in first hour, public works/law enforcement will cordon off the area.
5. No services-contact utilities for support.
6. Employees should take company ID badges home to be let into cordoned off area if they provide a vital service.
7. EOC setup within 2-3 hours by Jim and initiating responders within the county.
8. EOC support arriving within 3-4 hours and fully operational in 12 hours to request assistance from outside the county.
9. DOT/Public Works- what will streets look like?
10. Public Communication-EOC will have a Public Information Officer(PIO)
11. Communication-Local radio station (KCOB) and Ham radio operators.
12. Hospital, schools and the community work with own plans.
13. Security-everyone on their own.
14. Parents will be arriving at the high school. Need info from PIO.
15. Hospital will setup their second (backup) location.
16. 8PM dark without power. (need for flash lights/phone app)
17. Water available? (tower will empty fast)
18. How to feed people? Where will people go for rest? American Red Cross
19. Need to document everything in the EOC for accountability.
20. Needs- acquired through the EOC.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Jim Sparks, made the following points:

- Stress the need for internal plans within work and families.
- We tend to underestimate the amount of time to get things in place.
- Fire Chief is the Incident Commander.
- Law enforcement will be taxed for a long time before able to offer assistance.
- Schools need a plan for reunification of students with their parents.
- Internally-take care of themselves (schools, businesses, etc.)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:06AM.

The next meeting to be determined.