

Butte/Silver Bow
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/
Citizen Corps Council (CCC)
Minutes for January 27, 2016

Attendees - *denotes LEPC member or proxy

Cameron, Marilyn*	EHS Director, MT Tech
Carey, Lisa	BSB Office of Emergency Management
Dennehy, Dan*	BSB Director of Office of Emergency Management
Helfrich, John*	NorthWestern Energy
Hoar, Todd*	Developmental Disabilities
Holland, Dan*	REC Silicon (LEPC Vice Chairman)
Lester, Ed*	BSB Sheriff
Maloney, Cathy*	BSB School District Superintendent
Marthaller, Kurt*	Butte School District #1
McPherson, Dave*	911 Manager (LEPC Chairman)
Miller, Jeff*	BSB Fire
Pewitt, Rodney	Amateur Radio
Phillips, Jennifer*	St. James Healthcare (LEPC Secretary)
Powers, Dan*	BSB Environmental Health
Eveland, Bud*	BSB Fire Council
Alne, Rod	15-90 SAR
Stickney, Mike*	MT Bureau of Mines & Geology
Holland, Pat*	BSB Buildings Manager
Sesso, Jon*	BSB Planning

Excused Absence:

Becker, Gary*	Montana Highway Patrol
Seys, Cinda*	BSB Safety and Risk Management
Maloughney, Karen*	BSB Public Health Department
Neal, Brad*	BSB Office of Emergency Management

Absent:

Gatz-Miller, Jeremy	B/SB Online Communication/PIO
McGree, Mike*	A-1 Ambulance
Casesbeer, Nicole	Red Cross
Ries, John W.*	Mayor of Walkerville
Schlichenmayer, John	Red Cross
Shaw, Cindi*	BSB Commissioner
LaBreche, Lee*	BSB Coroner
Shea, Pat*	Bert Mooney Airport

I. CALL TO ORDER- CHAIRPERSON DAVE MCPHERSON

LEPC Chairman Dave McPherson called the January 27, 2016 meeting of the Butte/Silver Bow (B/SB) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Citizen Corps Council (CCC) to order at 12:06 p.m. in the Butte Silver Bow Emergency Operation Center.

II. ROLL CALL

Attendance sign-in form was distributed and reflected in the attendee list above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-December 9, 2015

Chairman called for approval of December 9, 2015 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comments.

V. PRESENTATION- Missoula Hazmat Team- “Bring Assets to the Table”

Missoula Rural Fire Department Hazmat Team – Mike Bowman and Tim Sayles made a presentation to the LEPC explaining what types of support the 24/7 HazMat Technical Response Team can provide when an incident occurs. Their team includes 30 hazmat technicians, and over 100 emergency responders, and their response is not limited to exclusively the local Missoula area. Dan Dennehy asked how the hazmat team receives payment. Tim responded that the State of Montana DES has to activate in order for the HazMat team to be called out. But, Mr. Sayles noted that no matter what, if an agency were to call the HazMat team for assistance two hazmat team members will show up to assess the situation. If the State does not activate, the Missoula RFD will pay the team members for their time as part of a mutual aid agreement. If the agency needs something as simple as advice, the agency can be call the hazmat team directly-there’s no need to go through state. Mr. Sayles also noted that their regional response program is also a training program, which provides training at no cost to the agency. Mr. Sayles answered the question- How do you become a Hazmat training technician? He replied there is an annual 80 hour course and recertification with State that must be completed each year, and each member must participate in at least one training exercise per month to keep their certification valid. Jeff Miller asked if he could inform the LEPC about the equipment the HazMat team has available and what types of services do they provide? Mr. Sayles states that all 6 teams have response unit and trailers purchased by state with which they can test chemicals to determine type, can transfer gas from rig to rig, radiological responses, and although they don’t carry water their decontamination capabilities involve a sophisticated tent system- but they do not do clean up spills. They can identify unknown substances – chemicals, liquids, powders, etc. Pat Holland asked- How long does it take to respond if a hazmat situation occurs? Mr. Sayles responded that it would about 3 hours to get full team response. When Bud Eveland asked how much lead time was needed to fulfill a request for training, the response was about 1 month.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE/PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLANNING MEETING

***Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Dan Dennehy, Jon Sesso, Dan Powers**

The Planning and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Sub-Committees will meet on January 27, 2016 at 10:30 am in the EOC with Tetra Tech to begin planning for the public hearing process and identify quantifiable mitigation strategies for BSB. At the January 27th meeting, Shane Martin from the Forest Service will talk about wildland fire risk in BSB. **All members of the LEPC are invited to attend the January 27th meeting.**

B. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE

***Jeff Miller, Dan Dennehy, Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Cindy Seys**

MTDES is revising evacuation policy based on this year's fire season. Draft evacuation policy will be available at the District 1 quarterly meeting and will be discussed at the February LEPC meeting.

New protocols for evacuation of gov't buildings are being worked on by the Building Emergency Committee. Hope to have handout for LEPC meeting.

C. TRAINING AND EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE

***Jennifer Phillips, Mike McGree, Pat Shea, Dan Dennehy, Marilyn Cameron**

Dan Dennehy informed the group of the upcoming trainings and noted that the MTDES Training Program schedule was attached at the end of the agenda.

- February 2 -3, 2016 Montana Department of Disaster and Emergency Services Training Session with Montana Association of Counties. Great Falls, Montana
- March 22, 2016- Training and Exercise Planning Workshop, BSB EOC, from 8:00am to 5:00pm Table top exercise sponsored by FEMA and MTDES

D. COMMUNICATION /LEPC GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE

***Ed Lester, Jeff Miller, Dan Dennehy, Mike McGree, Dave McPherson**

- **911 Committee Updates**
Committee will meet with Leo Dutton, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff, to see how his system is working to determine if we can anticipate any problems before transferring to the new system.
- **911 Redundancy Center Equipment Purchase**
Dan reported that we should have updated budget figures in February to confirm that the grant award received will cover all necessary expenditures.

E. UNIFIED HEALTH COMMAND

***Karen Maloughney, Ed Lester, Jeff Miller, Jennifer Phillips**

This committee didn't meet in January- they will meet in February to cover communicable disease notification process. Jen Phillips reported that there should be information available from the State by the next meeting.

F. CITIZEN CORPS SUBCOMMITTEE

***Marilyn Cameron, Karen Maloughney, Todd Hoar, Dave McPherson, Jennifer Phillips**

No Report.

G. SHELTERING SUBCOMMITTEE-

Nominated Names –Selected by Chair

- Todd Hoar
- Kurt Marthaller
- Dan Powers
- Nicole Casebeer
- John Schlichenmayer
- Jeff Miller

Dan asked if all names listed are willing to participate with this committee. Responses indicated Jennifer Phillips should also be on the Sheltering Committee. Dan reported that he is still waiting for the 20/20 Sheltering information from state.

H. OTHER BUSINESS OR COMMENTS

Pewitt asked- What is the status of Nixle? McPherson responded- BSB system is already in place and that the Everbridge and Nixle merger had recently completed. The two systems might already be bridged together. Question- is it possible to text 911? McPherson responded- Not yet, but it's close, they are working toward that functionality.

VII. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- February 24, 2016

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.