

Butte/Silver Bow
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/
Citizen Corps Council (CCC)
Minutes for April 26, 2023

Attendees

Carey, Lisa	BSB Office of Emergency Management
Fleege, Jeremy	Montana Resources, Environmental Engineer
Janosko, Dan	BSB GIS
Marthaller, Kurt	BSB School District #1 (LEPC Vice Chair)
McGrath, Kaitlyn	Safety Manager, Jeffery Contracting
McGree, Nick	A-1 Ambulance
Millspaugh, Steve	REC Silicon, Emergency Response Coordinator
Morgan, Marissa	Environmental Health & Safety Director, MT Tech
Osborne, Zach	BSB Fire Department, Fire Chief
Pewitt, Rodney	Amateur Radio
Phillips, Jen	St. James Healthcare, Emergency Management & Safety
Rolich, John	BSB Health Environmental Department
Schlichenmayer, John	American Red Cross Volunteer
Seys, Cinda	BSB Safety and Risk Management
Sparks, Bandi	Northwestern Energy
Steilman, Eileen	REC Silicon, Environmental Engineer

Absent:

Ale, Rod	15-90 SAR / The PEAK, Inc.
Brinkley, Krysten	MT Western Health Coalition
Chamberlin, Pam	Bert Mooney Airport
Crowley, Jeremy	Montana Bureau Mines Geology, Hydrogeologist
Cozby, Kelly	REC Silicon, Process Safety Management Lead
Helm, Erin	American Red Cross, Disaster Program Specialist
Hoar, Todd	BSB Disability Council
Hollingsworth, Tonette	BSB Public Health Department PHEP
Johnson, Stephanie	BSB County Library
Kambich, Jim	BSB Chief of Staff
Kenison, Kathy	BSB/IT, Director
Lahey, Liz	BSB GIS
Lester, Ed	BSB Law Enforcement, Sheriff
Maloughney, Karen	BSB Public Health Department, Director
McPherson, Dave	911 Manager (LEPC Chairman)
Merrifield, Jim	BSB Office of Emergency Management
Parish, Jason	BSB IT/ PIO
Ries, John	Mayor of Walkerville, MT
Riordan, John	BSB Council of Commissioners, District 8
Ryan, Rick	Bert Mooney Airport
Smith, Mike	Montana Standard, Reporter
Steilman, Pete	Montana Resources, Safety Manager
Stickney, Mike	MBMG, Director of Earthquake Studies
Sullivan, John	BSB Facilities Manager
Walleaser, Audrey	MT DES
Whitmore, Marty	National Weather Service

I. CALL TO ORDER- LEPC Chairman Dave McPherson

LEPC Chairman Dave McPherson called the April 26, 2023 meeting of the Butte-Silver Bow (BSB) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Citizen Corps Council (CCC) to order at 12:00 pm.

I. ROLL CALL

Attendance sign-in form was distributed for the in-person attendees, and virtual attendees were noted. Both are reflected in the attendee list above.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman called for approval of the March 22, 2023 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA

No Public Comments.

V. PRESENTATION – Zach Osborne, BSB Director of Fire Services, gave a presentation on the new Engine the department recently acquired. The Engine was specifically designed to combat both wildland and structure fires and adds many new safety features for the crews. After the LEPC meeting Zach offered everyone a tour of the new Engine in the EOC parking lot.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Jim Merrifield, Zach Osborne, Karen Maloughney

Lisa Carey reported that the State Montana All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was progressing, and the Final Draft should be out for review in a few weeks. Carey also reported that the core team working on the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP) update has been meeting regularly. There is a public meeting planned at the EOC June 27th to get input from additional stakeholders.

A small group worked on updating the JIC Annex section of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) last month and the draft was emailed to the LEPC on April 17th for review. When presented to the committee, Carey reported that not much had changed from the previous update, mainly the updates involved the Media Contact Information. John Schlichenmeyer stated he had read the annex and wondered why the PIO for Public Health was not mentioned specifically in the CEMP JIC Plan Annex. Carey responded that this annex was not intended to be department specific, and each department should have their own plans. John Rolich agreed stating the Health Department does have their own plans which are routinely updated.

When asked for approval, Jen Phillips stated she had reviewed the Annex and would like to make a motion to approve, John Rolich seconded the motion, and hearing no nays, the motion passed.

B. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Zach Osborne, Jim Merrifield, Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Cinda Seys

Carey reported that both Homeland Security Grant and the EMPG Grant applications had been submitted. No response had been received for either application.

C. TRAINING / EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE

Jennifer Phillips, Jim Merrifield, Dave McPherson, Ed Lester

Carey stated that the Forest Service was planning to coordinate ICS 300 / 400 at the Butte EOC May 22 – 26, 2023, and if anyone was interested in taking either of these courses to reach out because there were a few spots still available in the classes.

Butte School District #1 has a Full-Scale Exercise scheduled for May 11, 2023, to exercise their new Family Reunification Plan. The exercise will be from 9AM to 11AM.

D. COMMUNICATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Ed Lester, Zach Osborne, Jim Merrifield, Nick McGree, Dave McPherson

Zach Osborne reported that the committee hadn't met, however the new Motorola Flex CAD RMS system had been operational for about 3 weeks already and the new system is working well.

E. UNIFIED HEALTH COMMAND

Karen Maloughney, Nick McGree, Zach Osborne, Jennifer Phillips

John Rolich reported that the Covid-19 is over and the pandemic has transitioned to an endemic. Rolich also reported the flu was mild this year, having had only 1 new case in April. Jen Phillips stated that the hospital saw more RSV than flu.

F. SHELTERING SUBCOMMITTEE

Zach Osborne, John Schlichenmeyer, Todd Hoar, John Rolich, Kurt Marthaller, John Sullivan

No Report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT-

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM. The next LEPC meeting will be held May 31, 2023, due to a scheduling conflict on the 24th.