

Butte/Silver Bow
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/
Citizen Corps Council (CCC)
Minutes for June 28, 2023

Attendees

Carey, Lisa	BSB Office of Emergency Management
Cozby, Kelly	REC Silicon, Process Safety Management Lead
Hollingsworth, Tonette	BSB Public Health Department PHEP
Janosko, Dan	BSB GIS
Kenison, Kathy	BSB/IT, Director
Merrifield, Jim	BSB Office of Emergency Management
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
Stickney, Mike	MBMG, Director of Earthquake Studies
Steilman, Eileen	REC Silicon, Environmental Engineer

Guests:

Josh Margolis	WBC MT
Staci Bercier	Crest Nursing Home
Cody Lucies	Crest Nursing Home

Absent:

Alne, 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
Fleege, Jeremy	Montana Resources, Environmental Engineer
Johnson, Stephanie	BSB County Library
Kambich, Jim	BSB Chief of Staff
Lahey, Liz	BSB GIS
Lester, Ed	BSB Law Enforcement, Sheriff
Maloughney, Karen	BSB Public Health Department, Director
Marthaller, Kurt	BSB School District #1 (LEPC Vice Chair)
McGrath, Kaitlyn	Safety Manager, Jeffery Contracting
McGree, Nick	A-1 Ambulance
Ries, John	Mayor of Walkerville, MT
Riordan, John	BSB Council of Commissioners, District 8
Ryan, Rick	Bert Mooney Airport
Parish, Jason	BSB IT/ PIO
Smith, Mike	Montana Standard, Reporter
Sparks, Bandi	Northwestern Energy
Steilman, Pete	Montana Resources, Safety Manager
Sullivan, John	BSB Facilities Manager
Whitmore, Marty	National Weather Service

I. CALL TO ORDER- OEM Director, Jim Merrifield

Jim Merrifield called the June 28, 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

Merrifield called for approval of the May 31, 2023 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA

No Public Comments.

V. PRESENTATION – Lisa Carey tried to show the committee the draft base plan for the Montana All-Hazard Mitigation Plan but the computer locked up. Instead she updated the group without graphics and told them to watch for the Butte-Silver Bow Annex to be completed and out for public comment, which should happen by September.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

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

All-Hazard Mitigation Plan- was discussed during the presentation.

Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP) - It was reported that a public meeting was scheduled to be held June 27th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the Butte EOC. All were welcomed and encouraged to attend. Dan Janosko presented the GIS story boards he created to help the public navigate the plan.

B. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Lisa Carey reported that BSB OEM had received preliminary notification that the Homeland Security Grant Application for the Redundant 911 Center was awarded \$128,460; and there was also a preliminary notification received that the EMPG Grant Application will be awarded for \$87,874. Official grant award packages should be received in September.

C. TRAINING / EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE

Jennifer Phillips, Jim Merrifield, Dave McPherson, Ed Lester

The Montana DES training schedule was emailed with the agenda.

D. COMMUNICATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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

It was reported that a budget request was submitted and preliminarily approved to allow the Public Safety group to move forward with Phase 3 of the Public Safety Communications Modernization Project – updating the PSAP equipment in the 911

Center to equipment that is Next Generation 911 compatible; so Butte will be able to easily integrate when Montana is ready to make the switch from the trunked system.

E. UNIFIED HEALTH COMMAND

Karen Maloughney, Nick McGree, Zach Osborne, Jennifer Phillips

- Public Health Department updates – John Rolich reported that there everything was status quo and expected to remain stable during the warmer summer months.
- St. James Healthcare updates – Jennifer Phillips reported that the hospital had returned to normal operational status and they had not seen any covid cases for several weeks, until one recent hospitalization.

F. SHELTERING SUBCOMMITTEE

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

No Report

VII. ADJOURNMENT-

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM. The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2023, due to the summer break. There will be no meeting in July or August.