

LEPC Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2016
11:00 A. M
Next Meeting: May 12th at 11:00AM

Attendance: Reed Scharman, WJFD; Tara Behunin, UT. Div. Emergency Management; Darrel Wilkins, Sysco; Karla Bartholomew SL County Health; Spencer Parkinson, SV Water; Bryan Larsen, IASIS Healthcare; Marti Whiteman, WJFD

WJFD Deputy Chief, Reed Scharman opened the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Open Discussion- round table

Last month Chief Scharman was invited to attend a table top exercise at Sysco Intermountain regarding ammonia. Because of their refrigeration system they have significant amounts of ammonia. Darrel stated that Sysco's freezer covers about 90,000 square feet and is four stories tall. The cooler and freezer combined cover about 150,000 square feet.

If anyone needs help with a table top Reed would be happy to assist.

Tara reviewed the coming events.

Register for the Shake Out – April 21st (800,000 registered)

- May 17th & 18th is the Governors' Safety Summit in St. George
- August 27th Utah Preparedness Conference- South Towne Expo Center
- September 26, 28th is the PIO Conference in St. George
- October 26, 27th Utah Flood Plain Conference in St. George
- Webinar April 26th is Prolong Power Loss – sponsored by FEMA

FYI – on the DEM website they have added LEPC contact information under the Public Committees section. You will be able to access information about all of the committees throughout the state.

On April 21st Bryan Larsen from IASIS Healthcare said they are participating in a Great Shake Out exercise. They will be testing the new Hospital Association Crisis Standards of Care policies. There are over 100 volunteers coming to Salt Lake to overwhelm the facilities. This exercise is to test the guidelines with respect to casualty and mortality rates in a crisis. Then on May 3rd the NDMS (National Disaster Medical System) will do a "Dirty Bomb" incident involving Chicago. Salt Lake City International Airport will be receiving patients as part of the exercise. Bryan will be participating.

Crisis Standards of Care guidelines detail what you are expected to do for a patient under a given set of circumstances. A simple everyday requirement, like not leaving a patient unattended, may be impossible in a disaster. We need to consider the special needs and long term care people who may be at home. There will not be supplies available. We need to teach the public the reality of what will happen in a disaster. Personal preparedness is the key.

In regards to the NDMS, Chief Scharman has been contacting key people on the idea of railroads. How can we use railroad in mass care situations? It is something we need to look at. We have rail lines that run through Salt Lake going North, South, East and West. One of the fastest ways to get things back up and moving following a disaster is by rail. Railroads have crews immediately available to work on restoration. We need to create a hub type location where we could transport supplies and people by rail in addition to vehicles and planes. This would help because we will need to disperse the injured to other outside locations.

Asked Karla to have Kevin with the Salt Lake County Health Department follow up on a trailer behind a lot near 9200 South 3800 West that was found to contain old car battery remains.

West Jordan city is doing Drop-Cover-Hold Shake Out exercise on Thursday. No other complaints or reported spills in West Jordan.

The Welby Rail yard has finished upgrades, there is water for firefighting and gates for entry. Complaints go to the Federal Railroad Administration (fra.dot.gov) under, "file alleged violation." They can also contact the Savage, Bingham and Garfield Railroad directly. It is still a national issue concerning the amount of hazardous materials tank cars being use to warehouse on the rails.

Zika virus recap – It was first reported here at LEPC. Our biggest concern would be who is trained to work with hazardous materials? There may be only one of you doing your job, if you are out for a day or more, who knows your job? Who knows those systems and what to do if things go bad? We have to be aware on what is going around the workplace.

Next meeting Reed will have a draft of the Hazmat Response plan. It needs to be more user friendly. Goal is to have anyone understand the concepts.

After a brief discussion, it was determined the second week of the month would be better for most attendees to schedule the LEPC meetings.

Meeting concluded at 11:35 a.m.

NEXT LEPC MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MAY 12TH