

LEPC Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2016
11:00 am
Next Meeting: February 4th at 11:00AM

Attendance: Reed Scharman, WJFD; Chuck McStotts, SVWRF; Kevin Okleberry, S.L.Co. Health Dept.; Jerry Warner, Enviro Care; Art Deyo Ut. State Fire Marshal; Tara Behunin, Ut. Div. Emer. Mgmt.; Darrel Wilkins, Sysco; Bryan Larsen JV Med; Marti Whiteman, WJFD

WJFD Deputy Chief, Reed Scharman opened the meeting at 11:01a.m.

Open Discussion

The focus for the planning side of the West Jordan LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) is to encourage businesses to have a COOP plan (Continuity of Operations Plan). We need to educate the businesses and insure they address safety processes for hazardous substances even when personnel health issues impact their available staff levels. We want to approach the community through our Chamber of Commerce.

There are new virus out there in the Latin American countries that may spread here by way of mosquitos. One such virus, Zika, can cause micro-encephalitis and is genetically transferred in pregnant women to their unborn child. Kevin mentioned that tires are a big issue with the health department. Mosquitos breed in the water often found inside junk tires. Unfortunately there are currently scams going on that encourage people to store tires. Apparently con-artists get property owners to store used tires by offering to pay them \$1.00 per tire to store them for a short time, but they never come back. This leaves the tires just sitting there. There is a great effort to find these criminals. Liberty Tire is a good recycling facility they have pollution control and shred the tires to be reused.

Reed stated that is why it is important to communicate the phrase “See something – Say something”. On a related note, in the future we may see a tracking mechanism that would be able to recognize where used barrels come from. The fire department during inspection tries to advise business and educate on safety and hazards we try to get it resolved. We encourage them to get into compliance and rarely issue citations.

The purpose of the COOP is to try and keep from “getting behind the curve” and to have someone in charge to act on problems that arise. Having procedures in place is the key point of COOP. Holidays are a concern for the fire department when businesses are closed and some machines, devices and switches left unattended may cause a fire by heating up. A major problem is locating the owners. Many businesses don’t have good procedures for how to shut down because they do it so infrequently.

A motion was made by Reed to renew or select a Vice Chairman for LEPC. It was presented to the group if anyone wanted this position. A vote was taken by all and Bryan Larsen was nominated and he will retain his current position of Vice Chairman, West Jordan LEPC, for 2016.

It was announced that at the next meeting that there will be a revised Response Plan. We follow Salt Lake County’s Hazardous Materials Response Plan and all organizations in the valley work together. No one agency can do it on their own. Anything significant will have multiple resources from all agencies. The valley has divided up different capabilities, supplies and expertise to have all agencies in the city to work together.

Round table discussion:

Tara – SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) have agreed the DEM (Division of Emergency Management) Liaison can best serve the LEPC to pass along correct procedures and communications. Tara is our source of information from the SERC.

Art stated that since the San Bernadino attack (in regards to bio terrorism) he would like to generate more training in Utah. Utah is at the bottom of the list in the country for attending federal training schools. We are not getting the word out and need more classes available to our cities for training on bombs etc. We don't send many people out and we need to bring training in.

Medical management and bombing class. The first class was held at LDS hospital. Included are Davis county and Vernal in May and we are working on six more.. There is a six day radiation transportation class with Unified fire. There is a Hazmat OPS for FRO at LDS hospital in March. Valley training alliance can be communicated through Reed. He stated that having classes for several days are an issue. To have personnel backfill for local department teaching locally is problem. Send Reed dates and times for these current classes.

Art made comment that he has organized a class in North SLC taking 51 responders back to Alabama in February for training and is also doing a bomb class in New Mexico. He made the offer to take a group of people from Utah who work together and train on typical topics.

VTA – Valley Training Alliance (see below for upcoming classes.)

Bomb class requires at least 24 students

Team Ops – a passive surveillance class

Kevin gave stats for calls to the Health Department. In 2015 there were 530 responses. The historical average for the county is 370 calls per year. This year represents a 20% increase. In previous years the highest response was 483 in 2003 because of the Bio terrorism concerns following 9/11.

Next month Reed will bring the LEPC handbook for LEPC members to review.

Utah DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) has a spill notification process and tracking document. They have modified that document to ask a reporting person who the first responder is for the incident. If one that not been contacted then they will tell the caller to call 911 and report the incident. The goal is to ensure a first response to each incident along with county health department notification.

2016 Training opportunities

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| January 13, 14 th | UEM Conference- held in West Jordan Viridian library (go to DEM website and it will link to registration)
All hazard IMT training - no academy this year but there will be separate courses available on the DEM website |
| January 26, 28 th | Cyber Security Incident management response course Training- available at DEM site |
| March 15 th | Public meeting at DEQ (regarding who should be notified) |
| March 9, 10 & 11 th | Hazmat Ops (LDS hospital) there is no charge if you are 1 st responder.
Taught by national instructors – 3 day class – Texas A&M – Pro board class
(Requires 30 students) |