



November 18, 2021

Teton LEPC Meeting Minutes

Time: 0830

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Michelle Weber, Charlotte Reynolds, Alton George, Benjamin Krahn, Brenda Ashworth, Brian Coe, Johnny Ziem, Kelli Hardwick, Kristen Waters, Paul Cote, Riclyn Betsinger, Heather Voster, Dave Wilkins, Tom Ninnemann, Rich Ochs, Anna Day, Mike Moyer, and Matt Redwine.

- I. **Call to Order:** Rich Ochs called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
- II. **Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** Kristen Waters made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes and Brian Coe seconded. All approved.
- III. **Around the Room Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.
- IV. **HazMat Tabletop Exercise:** Rich Ochs reviewed the thresholds for hazardous substances in Teton County. LEPC is required to do an annual exercise. This year we will do Operation Sideswipe. Rich reviewed response, core capabilities and purpose then reviewed objectives and guidelines. LEPC members and public can see Teton County's emergency plans at www.tetoncountywy.gov/em and going to the "Emergency Plans" link on the left side.
 - a. Reviewed Module 1: Sideswipe. Accident with injuries and chlorine spill. Opened the Hazmat plan on the Emergency Management website. Activate the emergency response system by calling 911. Reviewed hazards.
 - b. Module 2: Help arrives. Jackson PD arrives first. Discussed key issues regarding isolating the scene and resources. Used ARCGIS to identify downward wind.
 - c. Module 3: Command Established. JH Fire/EMS arrives and establishes IC and requests RERT 8. Discussed threat to the public and protective measures. Discussed offensive and defensive response.
 - d. Hotwash: Discussed strengths, areas for improvement and recommendations for plan improvements/updates.

- V. **Around the Room:** Emergency Management awarded a contract for the emergency operation plan. Last major rewrite was in 2010. A lot of it will be done virtually with a tabletop in May or June and completion on June 30th. Anna shared the form to enroll in WebEOC. The annual public notice has been advertised for two weeks and updated the LEPC member list. Working on an emergency preparedness calendar. Email Anna if you want more information. Airport tabletop will be sometime April 11 – through June 27th. It will be a swift water rescue involving aircrafts. Bobbi Clauson is the new Wildland Prevention Specialist. Many Organizations are working on preventing wildland fires. Grand Teton Lodge Company had a good operating season this year. Working on updates for emergency action plan and response. Working closely with the park and station 4. Integrated Solid Waste – Household hazardous waste is closed for the season. Will reopen in April. Fire/EMS had an RERT activation last week. Hired a consultant that will be doing a formal review for fire/EMS and may reach out to cooperators. School District - All district schools will be closed next week for the holiday. The School District contracted a company to take the current crisis plans and digitize them to make them more user friendly. The school board has updated the Covid-19 protocols. Starting January 1st the school will follow the local health order. Teton County Facilities will offer confined space training on December 2nd. Email pcote@tetoncountywy.gov if you would like to attend. Public Works is focusing on plowing services. Trying to get a new thaw well installed. Teton County PIO is working with the conversation district. Next Tuesday at 5 pm there will be a meeting to discuss redistricting. Working with Fire Marshall to put weekly fire safety messages out. Commissioners not meeting next week. Jackson Police Department is generally fully staffed with a few officers in training. Teton Interagency dispatch center has a new Chief Ranger Erika Jostad, Elizabeth Maki is the acting Safety Officer. This position is open. Matt Graden is the Emergency Service Coordinator and will do a structure fire training and then an EMT class later this winter. Sign up for 511 notify for road closures. No full-time public affairs officer yet. Primary contacts are Jeremy Barnum and CJ Adams. The Forest Service wildland fire season is wrapping up with the snow arriving. Making good progress on the Teton to Snake reduction project. Will continue to work on the Fall Creek corridor. Trying to improve our messaging with the public for prescribed burning. Bridger Teton has started a new program called POD which we look for risk assessment, GIS data, build strategies so there is a preplan in place on forest land. Will be getting feedback from all of you.
- VI. **Adjourn:** Johnny Ziem made a motion to adjourn, Tom Ninnemann seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am.

Next Meeting – January 20, 2021