



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

GLACIER COUNTY OF MONTANA

1210 EAST MAIN STREET

CUT BANK, MT 59427

Executive Committee

Chairperson – Charles Farmer
1st Vice Chairperson – Patrick Strnad
2nd Vice Chairperson – Nora Kennedy
Secretary – Michelle Harrell
Member At Large – Irene Martin

January 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

LEPC Membership: Charles Farmer-GCDES, Patrick Strnad-Babb/St. Mary Fire/Rescue, Nora Kennedy-TERC Chairperson, Michelle Harrell-GC Dept. of Public Health, Irene Martin-Retired, Ed Gierke-MT State DES Dist. II Rep., Bill Bandel-GC Public Works Director, Carol McDivitt-Director GC Public Health, Celestino Sanchez-USBP, Robert DesRosier-Director Of Homeland Security Blackfeet Tribe, Thane Bedwell-NRMC CEO, Damon Bunting-GC Extension Agent, Diane Anderson-GC Clerk of Court, Jeff Rutherford-GC Public Works, Joe Gauthier-Animal Control, Tina Gauthier-Animal Control, Wade Johnson-CB Superintendent Of Schools, Michelle Edwards-USDA, Mike Connolly-Browning VFD., Pat Greany-NMIS, Peggy Hartwell-GC Dispatch Supervisor, Roy Nollkamper-GC Airport Authority, Russell Hurst-USBP, Pat Anderson-Cut Bank Fire Chief, Merle Cowell, George Forsyth-HAM Radio, Tim Freed-CB Fire/Rescue, Robert Bosken-NMIS, Debbie Farmer-North Trail Consulting, Vernon Billedeaux-GC Sheriff Elect, Alice Reuman-Center For Mental Health, Landis Meeks-ARC, Donna Rutherford-District Ranger GNP, Richard Canning-ER Supervisor/IHS, Darwin Feakes-East Glacier Fire/Rescue, Ben Steele-East Glacier Fire Chief, Amie Allison-GCEMS Director, Maunay Kelley-GCEMS, Rebecca Schulkoski-Center For Mental Health, Tyson Michaels-City of Cut Bank, Mark Foust-Chief Ranger GNP, Ed Daugherty FSA/USDA, Jeanne Baker-Baker & Baker Assoc., Michael Shelton-USBP, Jared Thompson-Shelby Border Patrol, Michael DesRosier-GC Commissioner (Chairman), Benjamin Campbell-Highline Communications, Jeri Lee Wilkerson-GC Community Development, Floyd Peterson-GC EMS/SAR, Tanya Luchi-NRMC Trauma Coordinator, Angie Murphy-GCEMS, Nikko Lako-GC Administrative Assistant, Dustin Boggs-Browning Fire Chief, Robert Wild Gun-Browning Fire/Rescue, Terrance Crawford-Browning Fire/Rescue, Timothy Welch-USBP, Lyle Salois-GC Maintenance Supervisor, Colin Cadle-Babb Fire/Rescue, Mark Frith-CHS Grain Elevator Safety Officer, Tony Sitzman-GC Commissioner, Ron Rides At The Door-GC Commissioner, Tiffany Throckmorton-Customs Border Protection/SAR, Ben Schott-Meteorologist NWS, William Potts-GC Maintenance, Roland D. Schulz-USBP, Tyson Running Wolf-FMO Blackfeet Tribe, Jeff Severn-IHS Safety Officer, Jon Wyrzykowski-US Border Patrol, Tony Bale-Wadsworth Construction Safety Manager, Tom Seifert-GC Sheriff Deputy/Sergeant, Grinnell Edwards-Browning Assistant Fire Chief/EMT, Jerry Scott-USBP, Maurice Red Horn-GC Undersheriff

Picture Clips

Call to order at 10:30 am. Those present from the roster: Patrick Strnad-Babb Fire/Rescue/DES Deputy, Colin Cadle-Babb Asst. Fire Chief, Dustin Boggs-Browning Fire Chief, Grinnell "Moose" Edwards-Browning Asst. Fire Chief/EMT, Lyle Salois-GC Maintenance Supervisor, Jerry Scott-USBP Agent, Bill Bandel-GC Public Works Supervisor, Jeff Rutherford-GC Roads Dept., Tyson Michaels-City of Cut Bank Rep., Tom Seifert-GC Sheriff Office/Sergeant, Maurice RedHorn-GC Undersheriff, Dona Rutherford-Glacier National Park Dist. Ranger, Jerilee Wilkerson-GC Community Development Director, Michelle Harrell-GC Public Health Dept., Rebecca Schulkoski-Center for Mental Health, Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux-GC Sheriff, Landis Meeks-GC Red Cross Rep., Michelle Edwards-USDA/FSA, Carol McDivitt-GC Public Health Director, Debbie Farmer-GC DES Deputy, Charles Farmer-GC DES Coordinator

Introduction of new member(s): Grinnell Edwards is the Browning Asst. Fire Chief (AKA "Ties His Shoes on Tuesday's") and EMT. He is a committed member of the Blackfeet Tribal EMS for many years and also works as a public defender in the Tribal Court System. Jerry Scott is an agent with the USBP and serves in a supervisory capacity at the Port of Piegan. Maurice RedHorn is the new Undersheriff for Glacier County and been in law enforcement as a criminal investigator and Sheriff's Deputy. Welcome to the LEPC!

Old/Unfinished Business:

Rebecca Schulkoski, Center for Mental Health, presented some answers to some questions that were asked at a previous meeting; they were read to the LEPC membership. Answers are available upon request from Charles. One important topic was for a grant proposal that will focus on priorities such as in maintaining services, accessibility, and have qualified mass crisis responders. Lester Johnson from Browning will head up the grant proposal.

Chairperson Farmer called for a motion to approve the 12-16-10 minutes. Red made a motion to approve and Landis seconded. All members voted for and none against.

New Business:

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. It is time to renew Glacier County's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan which is up for renewal every five years. This plan puts Glacier County in the running to receive disaster mitigation funds; once the plan is adopted, GC and its incorporated sub-divisions will be eligible to apply for FEMA grants for mitigation projects. Glacier and Pondera were already awarded \$35,000 but will have to match a percentage of the overall grant which is \$11,666.70 or \$5,833.35 each. Pondera and Glacier went in on the plan together to reduce administrative costs. This is why we need public input because they can voice their concerns and help generate the matching portion by their attendance. A contractor will be hired and it appears as though it will be Tetrattech from Helena.

Emergency Operation Plan. Glacier County has completed the first raw draft of the Emergency Operation Plan. The plan is scheduled for approval and will be printed and distributed within the next two or three months. Charles believes we broke new ground on the plan but the plan could not have been completed professionally without the help of our EOP Sub-Committee, our District Rep. Ed Gierke, and our writer Debbie Farmer. The LEPC were the first public reviewers of the plan as each phase of the plan was put up on the screen for review at our LEPC meetings; the plan will be presented to the LEPC at the February meeting for approval to be submitted to the Commissioners for their approval.

Credentialing. Mandated by Homeland Security so we can obtain HS funding, Credentialing is now underway in GC. A contractor was selected to do the footwork for the process but Charles will be around to take pictures of each GC Department and the legal sub-divisions. He will have a form to fill out and then your picture will be taken. The information with a photo will be put in a data bank. The information will include your name, title, department and jurisdiction. For this year we will keep the process very simple and brief.

Hazmat Spill. Charles showed pictures and a report of a two semi wreck west of East Glacier. Upon initial impact, one of the fuel tanks ripped open and about 50 gallons spilled out. The driver authorized a clean-up crew to assist with disposal of unspilled fuel that would have spilled out if the truck was pulled upright. There was a potential for much more but they siphoned the tank out.

COOP/COG Emergency Operation Center Activation. Coming soon to our County Government. GC will be conducting our phase II COOP/COG EOC Activation Exercise in March. The key players will be our very own Commissioners whom will make up the Devolution Team. Each Department or entity will be called in at intervals to be interviewed as to what they would need to start up their work duties at another location.

Safety Committee. Did not get enough people to have a safety meeting. Charles needs safety reports so he can compile the data. GC's insurance company discussed the importance of a safety committee for reducing insurance rates. Lincoln County saved \$60,000 last year because of an effective safety committee. GC lost money because we did not get enough safety credits. Charles requested a job safety analysis from each department.

TERC. No one present from TERC with the exception of Charles and maybe some of the fire dept.

Public Health updates. Carol McDivitt reported 1 seasonal flu case reported. It is the type that is being vaccinated for so GET YOUR FLU VACCINE!!!!

Charles attended the Indian Nation Working Group Meeting and Browning has a new radio station that needs support. The station is listed in the EOP Communication Annex. So turn you radio to 107.5 when you venture west of Cut Bank. The Disk Jockeys are SUPER!

See the list of upcoming trainings in each agenda. Next meeting date: February 24, 2011

Adjourned at 11:54 with a working lunch and LEPC discussion.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Harrell