



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

GLACIER COUNTY OF MONTANA

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Executive Committee

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April 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes

LEPC Membership: Charles Farmer-GCDES, Patrick Stranad-GC Deputy DES, 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, 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, George Forsyth-HAM Radio, Tim Freed-CB Fire/Rescue, Robert Bosken-NMIS, Debbie Farmer-GC Deputy DES, Vernon Billedeaux-GC Sheriff, Alice Reuman-Center For Mental Health, Landis Meeks-American Red Cross, Donna Rutherford-District Ranger GNP, 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/Asst. Chief, 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-Fire Management Officer 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, Les Marsh-US Border Patrol, Ron Andersen-GC Sanitarian, Gene Onacko Jr.-BIA Safety of Dams Engineer, Bobby Guardipee-GC Maintenance, Daphne Digrindakis-Tetra Tech Consulting, Betsy Seglem-Glacier Community Health Center, Dennis Seglem-Glacier County Historical Museum

Picture Clips

Call to order at 10:30 am. Those present from the roster: Patrick Stranad-Deputy DES, Colin Cadle-Babb Asst. Fire Chief, Lyle Salois-GC Maintenance Supervisor, Dona Rutherford-GNP District Ranger, Bobby Guardipee-GC Maintenance, Landis Meeks-American Red Cross, Celestino Sanchez-USBP Agent in Charge, Michael Shelton-USBP, Jeff Severn-IHS Safety Officer, Carol McDivitt-GC Health Dept. Supervisor, Debbie Farmer-Deputy DES, Nora Kennedy-TERC Chairperson, Vernon Billedeaux-GC Sheriff, Bill Bandel-GC Public Works Director, Michael DesRosier-GC Commissioner Chairman, Tyson Michaels-City of Cut Bank Rep., Charles Farmer-LEPC Chairman

Old/Unfinished Business:

Motion to approve the March 24, 2011 minutes was asked for by Chairperson Farmer. A motion was made by Nora Kennedy, seconded by Carol McDivitt. All for and none against.

Just to let everyone know that the Emergency Operation Plan is finished and printed. Now we need to train and educate those that must use it. Presently we actually are using the plan for Glacier County's emergency declaration which is still in effect; the Weather Related Appendice is the appropriate document that we are referring to as a guideline. A binded copy was passed around for inspection.

New Business:

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. A PDM Conference call was had on 4-20-11 with 15 planning team members present. The PDM, as stated before, could open up funding for emergencies such as flood mitigation grants. This is an important document to have in place and Charles said that he was very impressed and surprised how many participants we had at the conference call. Keep up the good work! Daphne Digrindakis, the lead writer for Tetra Tech, outlined what we need to be working on at this time: Critical Facilities List. We, as a team, listed all the critical facilities we could think of and now we need the GPS tracking points for these sites. Daphne will send a map of Glacier County to be filled in as to where those sites are located. Critical Facilities are those such as hospitals, Courthouse, Headstart, etc. Check the PDM website: www.glacier-ponder-pdm.com

Public Health Updates: Radiological Crisis or Non-Crisis. Carol McDivitt said we have not heard any more on this, referring to the Japan earthquake disaster. But they did shut down a nuclear reactor in one state due to a tornado. Locally, a Norovirus outbreak has infected 9 people with one death in Glacier County; the Hanta Virus is something to be cautious for because this is the time of the year for it. Carol has been communicating with the IHS and the State of MT on these matters. H1N1 is still out there and they are still seeing some cases. Nora Kennedy is also working with the IHS and her organization has put out over 1000 flu kits to the public schools and also have kept up her campaign to keep the public informed by doing preventative measures such as hand washing. Jeff Severn reported they had an outbreak of 40 cases of Shigela bacteria. Symptoms are high

temperatures, diarrhea, nausea and he mentioned that this was the worst test to administer because it involves a stool sample be taken but Browning and Rocky Boy are testing more than other places. He is working with the CDC on this one. There are still some cases of RSV out there and infants and children have been put in isolation in the hospital.

DES Deputy Coordinators Update. Patrick Stranad and Debbie Farmer have been sworn in as the new Deputy DES Coordinators. Just to mention that someone asked what they will be getting paid and if the jobs were advertised? Charles clarified the Deputy Coordinators status: Traditionally, the Deputies were selected by the DES Coordinator and he/she could have as many deputies as needed. There is no compensation, thus no advertising of the positions. Charles did mention that Red and Debbie have contributed over \$5,000 in generated In-kind monies by their participation in LEPC meetings, training courses and exercises (and sometimes at their own expense). If anyone desires to become a DES Deputy Coordinator, have them come talk to me and we will begin the training courses (ICS 700a, 100a, 200a, 300, 400, and 800B).

Credentialing. At this time, we have credentialed 108 ids for County, City, and Town Glacier County governments and have entered the minimal data in spreadsheets. Credentialing is a new deliverable required of Counties that receive Homeland Security funding. It will also be useful in compiling the resource list for Glacier County which is a requirement for communication purposes. None of the data will be released and will be kept stored by the County OEM/DES Department. Credentialing will be a very useful tool for Glacier and adjoining counties in terms of mutual aid. All Counties in Montana are presently doing credentialing.

Declared Emergency Status. On February 28, 2011, Glacier County and the Blackfeet Tribe officially declared a Weather Related emergency due to the severe snowstorms that have hampered Glacier County. This declaration was later amended to include "with anticipated flooding". These declarations will be rescinded at the upcoming Commissioner meeting. The possibility of another declaration for flooding could happen if necessary but we are hoping this won't happen.

Center for Mental Health. No updates this week.

Crude Oil Spill & Fire – Buck Wiley Road. Charles was called to a crude oil tank on fire near Cut Bank. The fire was contained and put out by the Cut Bank Fire/Rescue Department. A few pictures of the incident were shown. Charles said crude oil has a different hazmat classification in that it doesn't become hazmat until it is pumped into a truck for transporting, then if it spills out of the truck, then this is hazmat. The incident report was sent to the State.

Glasgow/Valley County Flooding – Aerial photos. Charles put up on the screen some recent aerial photos of flooding in the Glasgow area. A lot of water but no reports of monetary damages to the infrastructure.

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Sheriff Update. Sheriff Billedeaux reported that the person who was responsible for the Amtrak bomb threat hoax plead guilty and is now awaiting sentencing.

Larry Mires, Chairman, St. Mary Rehabilitation Working Group. Charles informed the group that Larry Mires will make a presentation on the progress/status of the project. He has confirmed the June 23rd meeting.

Training Opportunities: Charles stated that the DES Department will be conducting the ICS 700a (NIMS), ICS 100a, ICS 200a, ICS 300, and ICS 800B courses before June 30th and the times will be announced soon. The ICS 100 & 200 will be offered to those responders that are involved in tactical operations such as Fire/Rescue, Law Enforcement, EMS, etc. The National Response Framework course or ICS 800B replaced the National Response Plan. The NRP did not go well in New Orleans because it severed local and State government from the Federal Government, cut budgets, and moved the grant program.

Jeff Severn, IHS/Blackfeet Agency. Jeff informed the committee that the IHS will be having a code green bomb threat drill and we will be inviting Federal, State, Tribal and Local Government to the exercise; Malstrom may come and bring their bomb sniffing dog. This will be held sometime this summer. Jeff also pointed out that the helicopters that fly to Browning for medivac operations could use a warning light that is located on a water tower near the hospital except that we need someone climb up to the top and change the light bulbs. We have many helicopter flights in and out of Browning and this is a hazard. Charles mentioned that the Browning VFD just had a training on the old water tank located next to Town Hall. Nora added that she thought they were going to tear that water tank down? Charles also stated that he has worked in the IHS ER and there is no flight following training for inbound/outbound helicopters. Almost any official can talk to the pilots when they are inbound and no one wears safety equipment when loading patients. Is there a protocol? Nora said she would talk to Robert and Tyson and see what can be done. Jeff further said that if we had a mass casualty incident, we would need another place to land. Charles said the Indian Day's camps was an alternative place to land and Nora said that the campground is mapped with the location of the poles and wires on it. Jeff indicated that there are plans, procedures, policies and a manual. Nora also stated there are problems with MOUs in that who can sign the MOUs, the SUD cannot sign it nor can the Area Office in Billings; so many government layers are involved.

Meeting Adjourned – WORKING LUNCH PROVIDED Next meeting date will be at the Browning Town Hall on May 19, 2011 at 4:00 pm.