

Gallatin County All Hazards All Disciplines

August 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Gallatin County EOC 7:30-8:30 am

Attendance: Jason Shrauger, Don Wilson, Bryan Connelley, Mark Johnson, Patrick Lonergan, Stephanie Nelson, Gary Smith, Rich Wingett, Ben Hess

- Introduction of Patrick Lonergan
 - Patrick gave a quick background (coming from an emergency management office in Wenatchee, WA)
 - Discussed some of the areas Patrick will be focusing on such as some planning/preparedness activities
 - Also be looking at a functional exercise down the road for the EOC
- Discussed the Gallatin County Emergency Operating Plan
 - The Coordination Document has been updated, and are working on getting resolutions from agencies adopting it. Patrick is in the process on doing this.
 - Health Department would like to sign, haven't in past
 - Will look at including the county fire and CWPP portions into a single annex
- Citizen Corp
 - The group would like to see the current momentum maintained.
 - Need to look at possible funding sources to help support this as federal funds are essentially non-existent to support.
- Unified Health Command
 - Stephanie Nelson reported that Health is working on building a Medical Reserve Corp. It is currently aimed at MD's and RN's, but is being configured to expand out to other medical fields. This is also closely tied to an online registry of medical professionals that Gallatin County is working on with the State of Montana DPHHS.
 - Discussed the exercise the Idaho hosted that involved Yellowstone NP. The group it was important to have some in depth discussions and planning with them, but not during the summer season.
 - The topic of quarantines was discussed and decided that there needs to be a meeting with Health, Law, and Prosecutors about how that will be implemented, enforced, and due process ensured.
 - Jason Shrauger added information about the importance of ensuring open two way communications with Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. The group felt this was critical and will look into a meeting to discuss the process of how this will happen.

- Jason also recapped a discussion that occurred around the Chem Pak that is maintained in the county, and policies/ procedures related to that. The group would like to see the procedures for deployment.
- Jason advised that BDH will be testing their Decon System. Will be trying to get some of the local hazmat guys there for this.
- Schools
 - No Report
- Training
 - There will be an exercise at the Conoco Terminal on August 30th.
 - Will look at EOC exercise prior to next summer
- VOAD
 - Rich Wingett reported that VOAD officers and bylaws are in place.
 - They are working on bringing other volunteer groups into the organization
 - Lions club recently joined
 - Red Cross was fairly busy in Park County for the Wicked Creek Fire, sheltered around 100 people from a camp.
- South Central Montana Interoperability Project (Commo Stuff)
 - Ben Hess reported on some of the issues he's going through with planning for the new 911 center.
 - Reported on the meeting that was held with the neighborhood association around the EOC and the new tower being built. The community completely supported it.
 - Ben is meeting with Reed Ingersoll about maintaining the Nixon site the way it currently is.
 - The tower at the EOC should be started in the next couple weeks.
- Other issues
 - The county must document NIMS compliance with actual numbers this year. Patrick will be contacting agencies to get some numbers to allow him to complete this task.