

All Hazard All Discipline Meeting  
September 20, 2007  
7:30 am Gallatin County EOC

Present: Patrick Lonergan, Mark Johnson, Kevin Strickler, Marilyn King, Betty Kalakay, Norman Eggert, Ben Hess, Brian Crandell, Gary Smith, John Alston, Glenn Puffer, Jim McNichols

Review and approval of August 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Solicitation of input on Hazard Mitigation Plan for Annual Review. There was no feedback or recommendations.

Patrick Lonergan gave an overview of the current status of the resolutions for adoption of the Emergency Coordination Plan. Working on Fire Departments and other response disciplines, once those are in will begin working of municipalities and the county.

Patrick gave an overview of the NIMS Reporting that is due at the end of September. Has received some already and will hopefully get more in the next week.

Patrick advised that the DES Duty pager Group was updated and the protocol was reviewed and updated with dispatch to ensure that DES is notified when they are needed.

Patrick advised that the two Civil Defense Sirens are going to be removed by Northwest Energy. Hopefully this will occur within the next month or so. They have been offered to Butte since they expressed an interest.

Patrick advised that there have been a couple reports of the Bozeman NOAA Weather Transmitter going offline. Not sure what caused that, but the National Weather Service has installed a device called ROAMS that will notify them of problems, plus it will allow for remote diagnostics. Patrick also advised that DES is looking into getting some new Weather Transmitters in Big Sky and possibly West Yellowstone. This would be achieved through a grant opportunity from the US Department of Agriculture that will be becoming available this winter. Madison County has offered up rack space they have for this at Big Sky in a Moonlight Basin facility. The National Weather Service is willing to cover installation and recurring costs.

No representative present from Citizen Corp at the first part of the meeting. Patrick advised that the State of Montana recently announces some CERT grants that will be available shortly.

Unified Health Command – Betty Kalakay briefed the group on the Medical Reserve Corps program the health department is working on to increase the communities surge capacity. To help accomplish this the Health Department is applying for a grant and is requesting a letter of endorsement from the AHAD Group. Betty read the proposed endorsement letter to the group, and a print copy was made available for those that wanted to look at it. Patrick asked for a motion for AHAD to endorse the Health Department and authorize Patrick Lonergan to sign the letter as Co-Chair of AHAD. John Alston made the motion, and it was seconded by Mark Johnson, unanimously approved.

Schools – Marilyn King reported that the school district applied for the school preparedness grant, but again did not receive it.

Training and Exercise – Patrick Lonergan advised that he will be trying to get a couple Weather Spotter courses this fall/ winter in the county. Gary Smith also gave a quick recap on the ConocoPhillips exercise they held recently.

Public Education – Patrick gave a quick overview of some of the public education activities he's working on such as the website, standard theme for flyers, etc... Emergency Management has also purchased an actual domain for the site, it is readygallatin.com.

VOAD – Norm Eggert reported that he is working on seeing what the possibility of utilizing a Streamline Bus in an emergency would be. He also reported that the 211 Service is being built out in the area and would be available to help dispense information. He is going to get more information when it is available. The topic of Red Cross workers needing background checks per ARC's policies was discussed in relation to how Gallatin County will handle this. The group consensus was that this is probably easily achieved, but it depends on what the ARC's definition of a background check is (i.e. how detailed and what components need to be checked). Norm will check on this and let us know. There has not been a VOAD meeting for the fall set yet, but Norm is going to try and set one up for October.

SCMIC – Ben Hess reported that the major project with SCMIC right now is getting all the county's signed on the new inter local agreement. Gallatin County signed theirs this week. Ben didn't have current information on the EOC tower, but Patrick advised that his understanding is that JTL is scheduled to start on Monday. Ben gave an overview of his meeting with the owners of the Nixon site. He doesn't have the county locked in where we want to be yet, but is hopeful that with his next meeting he will be able to convince the land owners to let the county leave the tower where it is.

Additional items:

Glenn Puffer advised that with school back in session he will be ramping MSU's CERT program back up. He is also going to look into the CERT grant from the state.

Kevin Strickler added that it would be helpful if notices of exercises (such as ConocoPhillips) were sent out to the AHAD in a stand alone email for people. Patrick advised that he will try and make that happen.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: October 18, 2007