

All Hazard All Discipline Meeting  
October 18, 2007  
7:30 am Gallatin County EOC

Present: Patrick Lonergan, Christina Powell, Ben Hess, Kevin Strickler, Norman Eggert, Betty Kalakay,  
Bob Fry

Review and approval of September 20th Minutes

Introductions

Patrick Lonergan advised that signatures are still underway on the Emergency Coordination Plan. NIMS reporting was completed in September and the system fully accepted everything with no Corrective Action Plans required. Northwestern Energy has committed to removing the two Civil Defense sirens in Bozeman, but it has not been carried out yet.

Patrick also advised that Gallatin County going through re-certification for StormReady with the National Weather Service. Hopefully this will be taken care of on Friday, but it's not locked in. Patrick also outlined the Middle Creek Early Warning System Feasibility Study that DRNC has hired an engineering firm to carry out. The firm will be holding a series of meetings at the beginning of November.

No one was present from Citizen Corps. Patrick handed out information of a college scholarship being offered to Montana High School seniors. It is kind of geared at people active in CERT, but people can qualify for many types of community service. There is enough funding for an award to one student from each high school in the state of \$1000.00.

Betty Kalakay gave an overview of the last Unified Health Command meeting which many consisted of a discussion with the Montana Civil Support Team. On October 31 at 1:00 PM there will be a Webinar at the Gallatin County EOC on the Strategic National Stockpile specifically relating to Point of Dispensing Security. The Gallatin City-County Health Department is highly encouraging people to attend, especially law enforcement.

No one was present from schools.

Patrick advised that he is still working on getting some weather spotter training set up around the county.

Patrick gave a quick rundown on the various Preparedness Activities that took place on October 13<sup>th</sup>. He advised that there is also a Map Your Neighborhood Train-the-Trainer course being offered in November at both Helena and Billings. All costs are covered. The MYN program is a Neighborhood Preparedness Program.

Norm Eggert gave an overview of the VOAD meeting last week. There was a poor turnout. Another meeting has been scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM at Santa Fe Reds in Bozeman. The hope is that we can get a good turnout for this meeting.

Christina Powell from the new 211 Service gave an overview of 211 in Montana, and specifically how it is functioning in Gallatin and Park County's. The local 211's goal is to be capable of providing accurate information to people that call them during an emergency, but they do not desire to be the lead information distribution point for disaster information. Christina asked for some feedback on how 211 should decipher who is the primary official agency issuing information for an incident. There was a fair amount of discussion on how this that is a hard thing to identify in a clean cut manner. The recommendation from the group was for 211 to accept any information coming from an official agency. If the 211 staff questions the validity of the information, or is receiving multiple and/ or conflicting information and cannot identify who the lead agency is; then they should contact Emergency Management and EM will find out from the incident management organization in place who the lead information officer is and link them up with 211. More information is available at [www.montana211.org](http://www.montana211.org).

SCMICC – No information to report

Bob Fry advised that there will be a Fire Safe Conference held in Bozeman during February. This is aimed at homeowners and their communities.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2007