



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA
October 17th, 2023 | 3:00 p.m.

Physical Location: Rocky Mountain Emergency Services Training Center,
23425 Skyway Drive Helena, MT 59602

1. Introductions

- a. LEPC Board Members:
 - i. *Chairperson* – William Kussman, St Peters Present
 - ii. *Vice Chairperson* – Rocky Infanger, Wolf Creek FD Present
 - iii. *Secretary* – Mike Chambers, Helena Fire Present
 - iv. *Member At-Large* – Doug Wheeler, BSA Present
- b. County Disaster and Emergency Services:
 - i. *Coordinator* – Kyle Sturgill-Simon Present
 - ii. *Deputy Coordinator* – Autumn Ashland Present
- c. County Communications:
 - i. *Coordinator* – Betsy Kirkeby Present

2. Old Business

- a. Approval of Minutes – William Kussman (September and August)
 - i. Motion to approve August minutes: Bruce Tyler
 - ii. 2nd: Amy Geiger
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. Motion to approve September minutes: Al Simons
 - v. 2nd: Betsy Kirkeby
 - vi. All in Favor
- b. There is backup power to dispatch center with a generator.
- c. Was a shutdown at Hogback repeater from gun shots of power supply.
 - i. Backup plan to add repeater to Air Guard radio tower on airport property as backup to that.
- d. County webpage is up and under the emergency management section. **Lccountymt.gov**

3. Presentation

- a. Presentation Name – National Weather Service presentation from Robert Hart
 - i. El Nino – Warming of Waters in the oceans
 - ii. **Weather.gov/tfx/winter** website is updated every 6 hours and tells you what is coming for snow.
 - iii. People can sign up for partner registration at **<https://partnerservices.nwsd.noaa.gov/registration/>**
 - iv. Jenny Chambers – asking about winter weather alert via phone. Bob states those are mostly for heavier duty weather concerns.

4. New Business

- a. After action for Airport Emergency Drill – HFD/St. Pete’s (Mike and Will)
 - i. Mike – Identified some concerns and changes from the drill, Will – Had a good effort with working on systems at St. Pete’s internally and with other partners.

- b. EOP update/work plan – Kyle
 - i. Hands out thumb drives with sections to be updated and amended to the group.
 - ii. Those with thumb drives have an update ready for the November LEPC.
- c. Great Shake Out – Kyle
 - i. Get online to sign up.
- d. December 19th Meeting will be a small table top covering the Iron Front fire – Kyle/Will
 - i. Response, Operations, Resources, Recovery, etc.
- e. Kyle – Micro Table top training in December @ LEPC with a real life event/scenario. >20 minute drill
- f. Will - Montana Emergency Managers Conference last week in Red Lodge.
 - i. Next conference will be in Butte. TBA

5. Training

- a. BNSF Hazardous materials training opportunity possibly in January
- b. Amy – Stop the Bleed training every month hosted at St. Pete’s. \$10 for non-hospital folks and takes an hour.

6. Upcoming Events

- a. Mann Gulch 75th event – Rocky
 - i. August of 2024 event in the area. FYI
- b. Brent – Stonewall site had damage last winter. Building was fixed after tower crashed down into it. Tower added back on it. National Guard assisted with getting old tower out of the area.

7. Attendance

a. In Person:

- i. Paul Reyes
- ii. Jayson Zander
- iii. Chanel Waples
- iv. Zach Slattery
- v. Jenny Chambers
- vi. Kevin Horne
- vii. Brent Colbert
- viii. Brett Lloyd
- ix. Amy Geiger
- x. Al Simons
- xi. Tom Munsey
- xii. Kevin Wright
- xiii. Jay Plant
- xiv. Bill Erhardt
- xv. Jason Grimmis

b. Virtual:

- i. Lysa Mikes
- ii. Doug Dodge
- iii. Jacob Garcin
- iv. Bruce Tyler
- v. Eric Spangenburg

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn: Al Simons
- b. 2nd: Betsy Kirkeby
- c. All in favor