



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

May 20th, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.

Physical Location: 5316 Birdseye Rd, Helena, Montana 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* – Sue Hawthorne, Red Crosss Absent
- b. County Disaster and Emergency Services:
 - i. *Coordinator* – Kyle Sturgill-Simon Present
 - ii. *Deputy Coordinator* – Autumn Ashdale Present
- c. County Communications:
 - i. *Coordinator* – Betsy Kirkeby Present

2. Old Business

- a. Approval of Minutes – Will Kussman
 - i. Motion – Autumn Ashdale
 - ii. 2nd – Betsy Kirkeby
 - iii. All in favor to approve
- b. E-Plan
 - i. Organizations can have a singular log in to look up Tier II sites. (Chambers)

3. Presentation

- a. Presentation Name – Hazard mitigation plan (Kyle Sturgill-Simon)
 - i. In process of adoption throughout the area communities (East Helena, Helena and the County)
 - ii. Designed to look at community impacts and evaluates risk and exposed populations.
 - iii. Hazards were identified and ranked either high, medium or low.
 - iv. The plan is a living document that evolves as needed.
 - v. Tri county fire safe applied for a grant to assess evacuation routes in the county
 - vi. Kyle covered the many wildfire concerns in the area with potential solutions.
 - vii. Jenny Chambers – Working issues created in the Horse Gulch area from the fires of 2024. The County is being named as a stand alone storm water district through DEQ which will require many things for compliance.
 - viii. Plan wants to promote more earthquake drills.
 - ix. 128 identified issues/concerns in the plan that are being addressed as needed or reasonable.
 - x. Hazard Mitigation Plan is located on the county website. Looking for county adoption on June 2nd.

4. New Business

- a. Congratulations to Rocky Infanger for 40 years in the fire service
- b. Planning for the County Fair and Symphony under the Stars. Creation of an IAP for each.
- c. EM staff went to training on preparation for the county EOP. More to come.

- d. SERC meeting with state DES is interested in doing LEPC outreach training. MDT also offered to attend meetings to educate the public.
- e. Sentinel project for upgrading missile sites across the region. 8 missile silos in Lewis and Clark County (Randy Middlebrook/Jenny Chambers)

5. Training

6. Upcoming Events

7. Attendance

- a. In Person:
 - i. Mike Higgins
 - ii. Autumn Ashdale
- b. Virtual:
 - i. Jay plant
 - ii. Chanel Waples
 - iii. Jake Garcin
 - iv. Jenny Chambers
 - v. Zach Slattery
 - vi. Randy Middlebrook
 - vii. Kevin Horne
 - viii. Elroy Goleman

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Chambers
- b. 2nd: Infanger
- c. All in favor