**MEAGHER COUNTY LEPC**

**Minutes July 14, 2009**

**Training Center**

Present: Jess Secrest, Jake Odom, Bob Fry, Rick Seidlitz, Denise Lopp, Otto Ohlson, Julian Theriault, Ray Chapman, Bj Hawkins, Kari Jo Kiff, Bernie Lucas, Jon Lopp, Dee Kinnick and Nick Rauser (guest). Meeting to order at 1220. Lunch was provided.

Minutes: Approved as emailed

Introductions: Introductions were done as Jon had the new deputy, Nick Rausser, at the meeting. He will be doing ride-a-longs for now and on his own in August. Also of note, Jon Lopp is the Sheriff of Meagher County as of 7/1/2009. Rick Seidlitz is the DES Coordinator for Meagher County.

Exercise & Design: No meetings or activity to report.

Community Education: The Galt helicopter exercise was filmed. The subcommittee has reviewed articles and need to be sent to Rick for approval and posting. There was a suggestion to put in an advisory on the website and/or newspaper regarding the new water line to be put in. Otto is to send some details to Jake.

Hazard Assessment: The signing off the EOP is “on hold.” The grant monies that become available on October 1st are worth $20,000. This pays for the completion of the plan and has to meet the current standards from the Feds. It requires certain annexes to be included in the plan. Bob suggested to wait until the grant money was received because then you must have the plan signed off at that time regardless if it was signed off prior. It is thought that most of the additional requirements are included in the plan.

Grants: $280,000 fire truck, Type 2 they are trying to get. The fire grant would pay for a new barn 50x80. EMS is looking to provide matching funds. They are looking at possibilities for a building site. EMS received Bair funds for one hydraulic gurney. The every 15 mins program received Bair Funds. The 911 upgrade is going with CenturyTel and will get $127,000 from the state to help with that. Cut to begin on Oct. 1st. Looking for a used surplus generator to be located at the airport as the secondary EOC. Did not get the grant for a new in car video system for sheriff’s office or ambulance computer.

PDM Plan: It is on the back burner.

Mailing List: The mailing list will be updated as needed. There has not been a hospital representative. Rick will follow up with Aaron. Jake reports that MMC has signed onto the EPN system. They want to be able to triage from the airport in the event of an evacuation. They would also be able to communicate with the County.

Clarification: The Search and Rescue plan for Meagher County will be used on all incidents occurring in Meagher County whether outside agency helped is used or not.

Fire: “Inactive” so far this year. Bearland exchange in Tenderfoot is still being worked out. New repeater in the Crazy Mtns.

Public Health: The County Commissioners have asked the hospital to take over the public health operations. This will be done as a contract for services. The funding that the county gets will be directed to the hospital. The nurse will be an employee of the hospital. There are no plans yet for moving the office, nor any discussion about the transition process.

IT: Jake would like to meet with all parties (including Jess, Search & Rescue) and go through the communications trailer and make sure that everything is ready. It is best to do it before the first call out of the year.

Community Services: Bj is looking for community service projects. Otto said that fire trucks needed to be cleaned and hoses need to be tested. Bj will follow up with Gene. Bj is working through the Work Investment Act and doing videos on rural perspective on some hot topics. Some of us may be asked to do an interview.

County Commission: Budgets are to be mailed out next week. The airport project starts the 20th and continues through November, tentatively. The project will be working on the apron, lights and widening. There will be NO flights allowed. Kari Jo is to notify MMC. Bill Galt is the chair of the airport board.

City: A grant has been filed to help pay for the supervisor position for community service. Sixth street will get 1000 feet of water line replaced. The plans for the sewer project have been approved by DEQ. The 2010 project to replace the water system is in the grant process. The city is also working with the Forest Service on the Willow Creek Reservoir.

EMS: They will be running another class in September for six months to get more recruits. Kari Jo asked Denise to follow up with Jack on the EMT list.

Dispatch: They are down one person. Looking into finding a battery back up system.

Fire: There is talk of starting a fire station in Ringling. A new fire district will be developed to include the whole county. It will have to go through the voting process. Moving a repeater up to the Grassy Mtn Tower to improve communications.

Adjournment: Bernie made a motion, Jess seconded and the motion passed. Adjourned at 1333.

Next Meeting: October 13th, at 12:00 at the Training Center

Submitted by: Kari Jo Kiff, RN

Secretary LEPC