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**LEPC Minutes**  
**Meeting of December 8, 2011**

Geoff Billin opened the meeting at 9:10 am., and the minutes were approved as e-mailed for the October 13, 2011 meeting. The meeting began with introductions.

There were in attendance (23):

Anthony Cavallucci, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Services-Spokane

Kayla Moehrle, Planner, Public Health Idaho North Central District

Geoff Billin, Amateur Radio Emergency Services; LEPC Chairperson

Laurel Caldwell, Director, Latah County Information Technology Services

Jason Boal, Associate Planner, Latah County Planning and Building

Charles Craig, Life Safety Coordinator, Gritman Medical Center

Wayne Rausch, Sheriff, Latah County

Joe Williams, Fire Marshal, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department

\*Kevin Renfrow, Commissioner, South Latah Highway District

Mary Marsh, Public/Private Partnerships Section Chief, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

Web French, PlowShare and Deary Volunteer Fire Department

David Duke, Police Chief, City of Moscow

Debi Ruppe, North Central Idaho Field Officer, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

Dave McGraw, Commissioner, Latah County

Chris Bailey, Wireless Systems Superintendent; Washington Air National Guard

Dave Glasebrook, Commercial Pilot/Concerned Citizen, City of Moscow

Alan Martinson, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Latah County

Fred Hutchison, Safety Officer, University of Idaho (EH&S)

Mike Doherty, American Red Cross/Community Emergency Response Team, Latah County

Dan Carscallen, Clerk, North Latah County Highway District; Council Member, City of Moscow

Dick Hodge, Vice-Chairperson, Latah County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Peter Steinhoff, System Administrator, Latah County Information Technology Services

Sandy Rollins, Disaster Services/LEPC Coordinator, Latah County

(\* Indicates new attendees)

**1. Public –Private Partnerships (Mary Marsh)**

Mary provided a very informative power point presentation via telephone regarding forming public-private partnerships, which is a new program created by Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security. The concept is to develop a “Whole Community” approach to emergency planning and preparation. This way we can better prepare for tomorrow’s emergencies today. She will be contacting all the Chambers of Commerce regarding this new program. Mary is also working on a business continuity guide that will be shared. A brochure and copy of the presentation were

distributed to attendees. It was suggested sending a letter along with brochures to all non-governmental organizations (which includes, but not limited to: faith-based; academia; nonprofit; businesses) to see if we can get the partnership going, and letting them know about the LEPC meetings.

Why would a business want to get involved:

- 60% of businesses fail with 2 years of a disaster
- out of 5 businesses experiencing a disaster; 2 will never re-open
- of the remaining 3, 1 will close within 2 years of the disaster

You can view more information on: [www.bhs.idaho.gov](http://www.bhs.idaho.gov); [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov); [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov); [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

## **2. National Weather Service-Spokane (Anthony Cavallucci)**

Anthony said that Spring was delayed. Snowfall recorded for Moscow 2010-11 Winter was 69.0 inches; November tallied 18.6 inches in 2010 and only 8.4 inches in 2011. After this weekend, the high pressure will be moving out. Winter outlook still calls for better chances of below normal temperatures and better chances of above Normal precip (snow). I have attached the power point presentation.

## **3. Other Business**

Latah County

- Will be finishing training in January 2012 with 15 new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers. This gives the County a total of 21 volunteers. I've already had individuals asked to be put on a list for future training.
- The Fuels Reduction Grant is going smoothly: homeowners who participated on Moscow Mountain has been completed; all repeater sites, except for one cleared; Troy Water Shed will be next project for 2012.
- An All Hazard Mitigation Plan workshop will be conducted during 2012 to update, correct and include all hazards in the plan.
- Working on a Rural Evacuation Guide for Latah County; then will work on a Continuity of Government guide.
- Disaster Services has moved to the Federal Building (Room 339); phone, etc has not changed.

Latah County Sheriff's Office

- A press release was issued to be cognizant of strangers and vehicles (especially with Washington license plates) in rural areas during the day, especially north and south of Moscow.

Gritman Medical Center

- Made top 100 list for critical access hospital; which means they need to maintain at least 25 patients in bed.

Moscow Volunteer Fire Department

- Responding to quite a few chimney fires.
- EMS purchased an ATV.

American Red Cross

--Lewiston/Clarkston area have been experiencing house/trailer fires.

North Latah County Highway District and South Latah Highway Districts

--Ready to plow snow.

Plow Share

--The institute is providing essential training in various areas such as: gardening; food preparation/storage. They are also producing cheese.

Board of County Commissioners

--The Latah County Ambulance District put on hold until January 2012.

Public Health ID North Central District

--Flu season is on-going.

Moscow Police Department

--Purchased mobile data terminals for police vehicles.

--Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with District Health for escorting them from Lewiston to Moscow transporting medications in a major event.

Bureau of Homeland Security

--Latah County has submitted the 2011 grant.

--There's tremendous change in communications – about 98% of fiber connection completed.

--Region II Emergency Management Workshop will be held December 20 in Orofino.

It was suggested that the County do a press release regarding emergency preparedness. You can also check the links on the [www.latah.id.us/disasterservices](http://www.latah.id.us/disasterservices) web site for further information on topics you would be interested in.

**6. Meetings/Events:**

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in January = MPD hosting the Moscow Citizen Police Academy (there's 5-6 slots available); contact Jesse Applehans at 882-2677
- a. February 10-12 = SAR Training (Moscow); contact Geoff for more info: kc7qcs@arrl.net
- b. February 10-12 = Wide Area Search (Sandpoint)
- c. April 21 = LDS Preparedness Fair (Moscow); need volunteers
- d. May 11 = Points of Distribution (POD) Exercise (Moscow); need volunteers

**EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY**

**The next meeting is February 9, 2012 at 9:00 am.**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rollins