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LEPC Minutes
Meeting of April 9, 2015

There were in attendance (49):

Geoff Billin, LEPC Vice Chair; Amateur Radio Emergency Services Coordinator
Mike Neelon, Latah County Disaster Services, LEPC Coordinator
Laurel Caldwell, Latah County Information Technology Services
Austin Cole, Latah County Information Technology Services
Matt Dudley, Public Health- Idaho North Central District
Richard Huggins, Amateur Radio Emergency Services and American Red Cross
Sandy Johnson-Rollins, City of Kendrick and CERT
Bill Kirk, Genesee Volunteer Fire Dept. and McGregor Company
Debi Rupp, Idaho BHS-AFO
Casey Schooley, Public Health- Idaho North Central District
Tom Storer, CERT, and Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Bill Ward, Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Joe Williams, Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
Darren Duke, Latah County Sheriff's Office-School Resource Officer
Charles Craig, Gritman Medical Center Safety
Members of the medical field, public vendors, and community members who were invited to attend.

(* Indicates new attendees)

Regular meeting was upended due to special presentation.

- 1) Spokane Bomb Squad/EOD did a presentation for the LEPC and guests at Gritman Medical Center, first floor conference room.

Part of a federally funded organization that covers Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Have the capability for multi-response and these capabilities include K-9 and Robotics.

In 2013, responded to 133 calls for service. Calls range from recovery in explosives, suspicious packages, bomb sweeps at special event, tactical assistance, and post blast investigations.

<p>Presentation went over some of the various types of explosives and blasting/fuse types of material or devices. Discussed how Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) are limited only to the imagination of the builder and can be made out of anything. To make homemade explosive, the facility for manufacture might look like a Meth house. A lot of the same equipment used in making explosives is the same found in making Meth.</p>
<p>Bomb threats: Threats can be used for extortion, disruption, or as a warning of an actual device. On average, 99% of school bomb threats are for disruption. If a bomb threat is called in, the longer the person talks about the device or describes it, the more likely there's a threat.</p>
<p>What to do if you get a bomb threat.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get as much information as possible (location, type, what it looks like, time it will go off, etc.). Follow your agencies protocol. 2. Evacuate? Who will make that decision? Is there a rally point or safe place to go? Possibility of second location being the bomb site. Should you take person items? If left, it is now a suspicious package and has to be searched. Who will conduct a search? Law Enforcement, building staff, etc. 3. Note: Law Enforcement usually will not tell you to evacuate unless an actual device is found.
<p>Suspicious package verse unattended.</p> <p>What is it? Where is it? When was it located? Is there something special about the area or date/time? Any witnesses to it being placed there? Is it out of the ordinary?</p> <p>Example: An unattended computer bag found in an office might not be suspicious. But an unattended computer bag found next to the outdoors gas main has a higher chance of being suspicious.</p> <p>Another example: Is a backpack dangerous? Not normally.</p> <p>But what are the circumstance surrounding the backpack?</p> <p>An unattended backpack found in downtown Spokane= Low Risk Along the route of the MLK parade= Medium Risk With exposed wires=High Risker</p>
<p>What to do if you find something?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don't touch it! If you see it, it can see you. You're not safe. 2. Call your local law enforcement agency or 911. 3. No 2 way radios in the vicinity. Radio frequencies could set the device off. Cell phones are questionable, so don't take a chance. 4. Evacuate or move away and setup a 300 foot perimeter. 5. Remember: Time, Space, and Shielding are your friends.

The next meeting is June11, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Neelon
Latah County Disaster Service Coordinator