

Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Minutes

Meeting **Wednesday – June 19, 2019** **Time 9:00 – 10:30**

Meeting held at:

Red Cross, 315 W Nora Ave, Spokane, WA 99205

Attendees: Mitch Metzger, Sharon Colby, Tim Archer, Barnetta Bindewald, Frank Cejka, Charles King, Mike McCain, Greg Riddell, Laura Sliger, Mark Stephens, Joseph Fields, Ed Pohl, Ari Denson, C.J. Gribble, Brett McLaughlin, Jeff Sinchak.

May Minutes Attached

Business

Chair

- May Minutes Approved

The LEPC will take a Fire Season Break in July/August.

September meeting at Holly Energy.

New Business

Spokane Co. Multi-jurisdictional Plan Update – Gerry

Gerry informed the LEPC on how the Update will be conducted, how the LEPC or any citizen can participate, and requested everyone fill out the online survey: [SurveyMonkey.com/r/Spokane_County_Mitigation_Plan_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Spokane_County_Mitigation_Plan_Survey)

This bill for the proposed “PFAS Release Disclosure Act” may be of interest to the LEPC: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-116s1507is/pdf/BILLS-116s1507is.pdf>. If passed, it would require disclosing releases of certain perfluoroalkyl substances.

I receive regulatory updates like this via <https://www.fedcenter.gov/>. I think that LEPC members should be able to use this service, too. The membership criteria is located here: <https://www.fedcenter.gov/members/join/>.

Laura updated us that there is a meeting taking place today to review. It will be proposed that the EPA will phase in the proposals when settled on. Airway Hts. and FAFB are part of a CDC study on health effects. Mitch gave an overview of what the city has been through over the past couple of years.

Laura from the VA Med Center brought a guest: Brett McLaughlin, Area Emergency Manager for Region X out of Boise. Brett talked about his regional role. Laura also mentioned she is transitioning to the WA ANG. The LEPC wishes her well in her new endeavors.

Mapping subcommittee for Tier II. Sharon has nominated Tim Archer. Tim was confirmed.

Gerry would like to integrate GSEM's new person (David Broussard) as he develops the Critical Infrastructure program with the LEPC goals for mapping Tier II sites. This will also include the new directive for the Water Purveyors and associated data for hazmat around their facilities. GSEM will present progress early fall 2019.

Colfax will have an exercise on an Ag. Chemical spill. See May minutes for specific info.

FAFB Airshow on Saturday 6/22. LEPC is welcome to watch at the Base Fire station. Contact the Chair for details.

Around the Table Issues or Information of Interest

Elected Officials – Sharon Colby, Mike Fagan

FD3 busy annexing city of medical Lk. And Amazon is close to opening. Traffic will be challenging. A rail spur is almost done which will enhance associated business construction in the area.

State Officials – Pete Hartmann, Mark Stephens, Mike McCain, John Geppert, Moody Harmon

Pot grow season, State would like to find uses for fertilizers that are confiscated from growers. It cost as much to dispose of as other hazmat. They need to find a way to give this to individuals or organizations that don't make a profit. Those who can use these fertilizers should contact Mark Stephens or the LEPC and we'll forward this request.

Law Enforcement – Lt. Chuck Arnold, Jeff Sevigny (WSP)

WSP will assist with Skyfest for ingress/egress. Hoopfest 30 extra patrols. Help from the westside. Joe Pass - a motor retired – 34 years. and another rider retired. Gaining others in the Spokane area soon. Rapid Deployment Force are trained for wildland fire and Greg Riddell will be doing training on the West Side/Evacuations, Shelter, planning, exit routes, Looking at After Action Reviews, good & bad. Started second roundabout in Airway Hts. Wildfire is already here in Spokane Co.

Emergency Management – Gerry Bozarth

LEPC will take a break until September. GSEM hired Program Specialist – David Broussard. He will be introduced at the Sept. meeting where we'll talk about how his work can enhance the LEPC work.

Hospital – Laura Slider, Darrell Ruby

VA working on construction project. Boiler plant, two new fuel tanks.

Laura will be transitioning to the 141st ANG.

Brett introduced himself VA created the office of EM a decade ago. They participate disaster response as most areas involve VA property. The VA EM interfaces with GSEM consistently. Brett is available to be the liaison to the local EM. Brett is reviewing the evacuation plans and COOP for the Spokane VA hospital. Spokane VA may become a Federal Coordination Center.

Water Resources – Tim Archer, Shane Sheppard, Kelly Williquette, Todd Henry

Summer construction of water mains and other maintenance items are under way.

Fire Services – Chair

Moderate dispatch level, things are ramping up. Watching the weather.

Community Groups – Health Care Coalition is developing a GIS mapping product by pulling partner data to provide situational awareness during emergencies or disasters.

Team Rubicon – ramping up the medical group overseas to disasters. Training heavy equipment operators, and many others. Keep them in mind when needed.

Red Cross – Ari introduced himself. Overview of Red Cross goals in sheltering.

Facilities & Pipelines – Chris Church, Ron Dowers, Amy Smith

Homeland Response Force: 141st available to respond to disasters, Search and extractions, decon team, medical, security, etc. Gerry witnessed their valuable decon work at the OSO landslide.

September 18, 2019

Location

Holly Energy

3225 E Lincoln Rd,
Spokane, WA 99217