

APACHE COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
HAZARDOUS RESPONSE TEAM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2009 12:00 PM
Submitted by Gaylene Kirkhorn

Present:

Mark Wade, Greer Fire District Chief
Pat Beard, Eagar Fire Department Captain
Terri Anderson, Puerco Valley Fire
Gary Mills, Puerco Valley Fire/EMS
Scott Wright, Concho Fire
Justin Lee, Emergency Operations Center Logistics
Jason Kirk, St Johns Fire
Lillian Martin, AC Risk & Emergency Management
Harry Cordova, AC Risk & Emergency Management

Donny Jones, St Johns Police Department
Gaylene Kirkhorn AC Emergency Management
Lillian Chavez, AC Sheriff's Office
Brannon Eagar, AC Sheriff's Office
Max Sadler, Springerville Fire Department
Roger Soden, AZSERC
R.L. Grimsley, Civil Air Patrol/AZ226CC
Steve West, Springerville Police Department
Bud Pain, Ganado Fire/Lifestar

Meeting was called to order by Harry Cordova Director of Apache County Risk & Emergency Management, at 12:00 pm in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at the Apache County Annex Building in St. Johns, Arizona and then turned over to Bud Paine Hazmat Subcommittee Chairperson.

Election of Vice Chairperson and Secretary:

Jason Kirk nominated Terri Anderson as Vice Chair and Mark Wade 2nd the nomination. Vote was unanimous. Lillian Chavez nominated Sharon Yazzie as Secretary and Terri Anderson 2nd the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

New Business

Discussion of goals, objectives and issues:

Bud Paine – Where is this committee going? Had previously discussed setting up through the Sheriff's 4 districts for an initial defensive response.

The hazmat spill kits purchased with Emergency Response funds will be disbursed throughout the fire and law enforcement districts that are NIMS compliant due to the grant's requirements.

Will establish the tox medic program split North and South. Protocols of the tox medics are coming out of John C Lincoln in Deer Valley. Will set up tox medics on OR surgical rotations for additional certification in RSI (Rapid Sequence Intubation).

AZ has specific rules regarding what paramedics can function as tox medics and what paramedics can function using RSI. It is very strict.

When this is set up it will have to be decided how equipment will be distributed and who will have it. Will need to develop a call up system, how and who and under what circumstances. Will need to be regional. Coordinate an effort with tribal hazmat response. They have an entire team with equipment. Equipment is based at IHS. Question is will they want us to operate on tribal land. County still has jurisdiction on State and Federal highways so still will have an overlap. This needs to be decided as a group. How do we want to initially set up and where are we going in the future.

Jason Kirk – If we are going to be setting this up by department and every department does their basic level defensive action then call ups are easy because then we're doing it on normal agency rather than dispatch. Leave it to the fire department to call dispatch to say we need a hazmat team either Show low, up north or the one we are developing.

Bud Paine – Need to try and have this set up today and make a roll for this subcommittee with at least one representative from every agency.

Jason Kirk – Have hazmat committee meeting the same day as the All Chiefs and LEPC meetings. Four times a year to get together should be sufficient. Today's meeting is well represented except for a few fire districts that were unable to attend.

Harry Cordova – We will call out a few days prior to the All Chiefs meeting for a reminder and suggest an alternate if representative is unable to attend. The hazmat committee members should have an alternate as well to maintain the momentum.

Terri Anderson – Keep the committee small so there are not too many people. The members could give an update at the All Chiefs meeting. You get too many people on the subcommittee and it is hard to make a decision. Law enforcement should have a representative in this committee.

Steve West – This is a realm to better have people who tend to deal with it on a day to day or month to month basis and their expertise is much higher. The Fire Districts need to have the training so that if "we" stepped into the middle of an incident there would be a rescue part and medical part available. Agrees that Law Enforcement should have an awareness of hazmat response but higher training should be focused on the fire districts. In reality we don't want anything held up because law enforcement is not at least involved in the meetings.

Terri Anderson – Should have a Law Enforcement representative at the meetings because of the specialized nature of what Law Enforcement does. Need to have input in order to determine realistic goals in evacuation situations based on resources available at the incident.

Brannon Eagar – Will send Lieutenant Michael Cirivello as a representative from the Sheriff's Office.

Terri Anderson – Also nominates Mark Wade as member of committee to represent the southern district and Pat Beard 2nds the nomination. Unanimous vote.

Harry Cordova – Somewhere down the lines we need to set up hazmat specific training and exercises with all the players and all the components.

Bud Paine – Need a field exercise other than continual Table Top Exercises to better address hazmat situations. Begin with a couple Table Tops then go into a field exercise. Need a time frame for having these exercises.

Jason Kirk – If involving tribal, by the time you spoke with the tribal authority and it hit the tribal desk and they get an approval they will get back to us by the next quarterly meeting. Once the approval has been received and everyone is in agreement you will already be looking at the next quarterly meeting. Maybe ready by first quarterly meeting in 2010.

Bud Paine – We need to be focusing on and gearing for a County wide exercise in order to have our contingencies in place.

Terri Anderson – What we need to do today is to get the committee set up and focus on what we have accomplished today. What kind of agenda do we want to set up for the next meeting? Let's worry about getting the committee ready.

Gaylene Kirkhorn – Decisions made in this committee has to be LEPC members.

Jason Kirk – If decisions made in this subcommittee at least 75% consensus then needs to be recommended to the committee and have the LEPC vote.

Have the next meeting broken into target areas of what level of equipment stocking and staffing like to have in each 4 sub districts.

Terri Anderson – Set up an email of what is needed/wanted and forward to Harry on what we are shooting for.

Jason Kirk – Gaylene can send out a mass email to all fire districts on what resources, supplies, training and equipment are needed.

Committee needs to do an assessment of all the agencies. Find out equipment needs and move forward with this subcommittee.

Date and Time of next meeting: August 20, 2009, Thursday. 10 am

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.