

LEPC Minutes from February 11, 2008 meeting

Present were: Rob Gilbert- SVFD, Gail Superintendent of Schools; Kim Youngquist & Julie Brodhead- RCHD, Denny Palmer-RC Sheriff, Herb Schmierer, Jason Elletson, Jackie Couture, (Butch Renders -DES was there briefly)

1. Welcome & Introductions -Review of minutes & approved - Rob
2. DES - review annex -Rob took the group through the draft of the City/County Resolution with DES and changes made and agreed on. We will include both Sidney & Fairview.
3. **RSVP & CERT--** Kim Reported nothing new for CERT -. Julie reported regarding a state drill held in Miles City that involved DES calling to request RED Cross shelters for flood evacuees - RCHD involved by calling RSVP/CERT/Red Cross trained persons to man shelters - result was that hypothetically we would open 2 shelters - 1 in Fairview and 1 in Sidney and we were able to get 119 volunteers to agree to cover 12 hour shifts from Friday noon to Monday am. Calls were made from 1030am to 3:20pm. Overall a success for our resources in volunteers! We were attempting to get through the entire data base to test it but did not, identified needs and updates and will work on these to improve future calling needs
4. **Communicable Diseases & Emergency Preparedness** - Julie- Flu season here - one state lab confirmed cases locally in Richland. -Now is our peak- As usual -wash your hands, wash your hands & cover your cough. MT has had about 64 confirmed cases as of 2/2/08 - mostly influenza A+ which is covered in the vaccine. Understand the difference between influenza and a stomach virus that causes Nausea /vomiting /diarrhea -which is not the flu. Trainings coming up put on by SHC - ICS 800 February 21, 8 - 11:30 am and then ICS 200 on February 21st from 12 noon - 5pm & February 22nd from 8am-5pm @ Foundation building,- call Brenda 488-2200; Future : March 20th - hospital command center training. Take advantage of the trainings that are free and in town.
5. Erase your E-Waste & Website -Jackie - she has given the LEPC web page information that was approved by LEPC members to Zach Yockim. Jackie did contact Zach Yockim (RC IT director) and he is in process of hiring a Web designer so the LEPC website maybe on hold for awhile but he did say if he finds time he will try to post the information and will then be redone after web designer is hired. Ewaste dates will be in September 5th and 6th; no grant will be applied for this year. Ewaste committee meeting will be set up in March.
6. Agency Up-Dates -. Kim - No updates, Rob G- so far so good, 1 structure fire, Denny- busy - prison population down for now; Gail S- nothing new , Jason E - one lift station not working and so far no line breakage from freezing. Jackie C- The Bio-containment/Quarantine building should be commissioned sometime in May/early June. Plans are that the building may be opened for a public tour before research begins; the date has not been established at this time. The Quarantine is a Plant and Insect Biological Safety Level Two facility only, there is no blood borne pathogen research. Even though it is a plant and insect BSL2 facility, restricted access is to prevent escape of non-indigenous research organism contained in

Quarantine. Therefore when research begins the building will be closed off to public access. There will be a video tour made available for viewing soon after the building is commissioned. She will present the Erase Ewaste program at the South Dakota Solid Waste Conference! [Herb S](#)-okay. [Julie B](#) - talked about the need to discuss EMAC - Emergency Management Assistance Compact & COOP (Continuity of operations plan) at an upcoming meeting & will work with Butch to do this later.

7. Next Meeting Date & Time: March 10, 2008 Host : RCHD - 3rd floor meeting room

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 A.M. with the meeting concluding by 1:30pm. Please RSVP.