

## LEPC Minutes from March 10, 2008 meeting

Present were: Rob Gilbert- SVFD, Denny Palmer-RC Sheriff, Herb Schmierer, Brenda Eberling, Charity E & Mark Delany of SHC, Carrell Evans -ARC, Darrell Finsaas - -WBI, Butch Renders - DES, Cindy Eleson, ROI, Julie Brodhead- RCHD

1. Welcome & Introductions -Review & approval of minutes- Rob
2. DES - review annex -Butch took the group through the Damage Assessment Annex and changes made and agreed on. See attached for changes. Butch reported on the Tongue River Dam exercise involved DES calling to request American RED Cross shelters for flood evacuees - RCHD involved by calling RSVP/CERT/Red Cross trained persons to man shelters - that result we would open 2 shelters - 1 in Fairview and 1 in Sidney; we had 119 volunteers agree to cover 12 hour shifts from Friday noon to Monday am. 323Calls made from 1030am to 3:20pm by 4 staff. (231 from a data base of 596 for RSVP alone. others were CERT and ARC)- identified needs and updates; an AARP will be written & sent to the state. Butch reminded members about the Board Training at the Country Club on Thursday & the State of the Community County Wide Conference on Friday at Assembly of God Church. Butch reported that the county has applied to the feds regarding improving weather radar coverage for the areas left out by Glasgow, Billings, Minot & Bismarck.
3. RSVP & CERT-- no report
4. Communicable Diseases & Emergency Preparedness - Julie- Flu season - 16 state lab confirmed cases of influenza locally in Richland. (14 of the confirmed + A type were not vaccinated, 1 was and had B+ type, 1 with unknown status) -Now is our peak - wash your hands & cover your cough. MT has 127 confirmed cases as of 3/1/08 - mostly influenza A+ which is covered in the vaccine.
5. Erase your E-Waste- Cindy -E-waste dates will be in September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>;
6. Agency Up-Dates - Cindy E - ROI has held annual trainings, updating phone lists, trained on blood pathogens, decreased fuel bill by closing in shop area. Brenda- Attend the March 20<sup>th</sup>- hospital command center training at SHC (8-5) in Basement. Call Brenda - she reported on the trainings she & Mark attended out of state regarding mass casualties - learned that the hospital would not be able to triage -it would need to be done off-site first, SHC would need to plan with Public Health & DES as it is a county driven effort; act as mini mash units - thinking outside the box; SHC will hold recert. classes on the level C suits- TBA, she is attending the NOBLE center in Atlanta in April (paid by the State) to learn more on emergency preparedness - Darrell-WBI held their annual contractor/first responder meetings- went well with good turnouts- getting to know who is who; seismographic activity occurring in the county. Rob G- 1 fire, completed training on ARF just in time for Big Sky to quit flying in MT; Denny- - jail is not full, but busy working to solve mental health issues for those in need, final drawings of new building being done. Herb S- grading roads in county. Mark D- construction going well @SHC

7. Next Meeting Date & Time: April 14, 2008 Host DES- Library Basement : Lunch will be provided at 11:30 A.M. with the meeting done by 1:30pm.

Please RSVP.