

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE Notes from Monday, April 13, 2009 at USDA ARS Tech Transfer Room

Present: Butch Renders - DES, Rob Gilbert- SVFD, Herb Schmierer- County PW, Jason Elletson City of Sidney, Julie Brodhead- RCHD, Brenda Eberling - SHC, Judy Lapan - RCHD, Jill Miller - LEPC Coordinator, Jackie Couture-USDA ARS, Tanja Fransen-Glasgow NWS, and Carrell Evans-CERT

1. **Welcome** - Rob opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced Tanya Fransen from Glasgow National Weather Service.
2. **Meeting Minutes** for March were approved by members present.
3. **DES - Butch** - EOC (Emergency Operation Center) Training is confirmed for May 5, 8AM-5PM- at Library Basement. Butch will get more information out ASAP. Red Cross was used in Carter County for their severe snow accumulation and visibility. New radios were ordered and delivered for SHC. This will add additional layer of security to help meet HIPA requirements. Red Cross Training is confirmed for April 17-18 at Richland Co. Public Health, Conference Room -- Friday will begin @ 4pm, Saturday 8-5. Sidney Sugars manager training incident is planned for the near future. We are looking at reverse 911 messages and format.
4. **LEPC Coordinator - Jill** - Tier2Submit 2008 and CAMEO programs were overviewed. Facilities that submit Tier 2 reports are encouraged to use electronic filing so that LEPC can customize CAMEO in response situations for future incidents. A letter is in the draft stage to go out to facilities. Tanja Fransen explained the ALOHA program that helps determine air/environmental quality in the case of an incident.
5. **Communicable Diseases & Emergency Preparedness - Julie**- State of MT currently has 227 confirmed flu cases, 145 type A and 82 type B to date this year. 4 positive for flu, 2 suspected flu in our County. So far Richland has had 11 positive Varicella (chicken pox); 4 positive Chlamydia. Submitted request for Foundation funds for Tdap & HepB vaccines to cover 1st responders in county. For Preparedness - EOC set up drill for Public Health will be 4/28 - library Basement. Need to get article to paper on Do 1 Thing,,,,,,and work with Brenda on the light bulbs.
6. **E-Waste - Jackie** - Only one call was received on e-waste for a spring event - so only the fall event will be held. The committee will meet soon and an email will be sent with further information. An event was held in Minot as a class project organized by several university students using Richland County's publicity information available from USDA ARS web site. 10,599 Lbs. were collected and they found the majority of participants were 40 years old or greater. They had T-shirts printed and prizes were given. Glasgow will be holding a first-time event this year.

Agency Up-Dates:

1. **Brenda** - Noted SHC entrance is now being used, the Med/Surg fire exit doors will be changed out and arrangements were made with the contractors during this time. Currently doing fire watches, a phase of the asbestos abatement finished last week in Med/Surg area. SHC must conduct a complete evacuation by August 8 as required by a repair & maintenance grant from ASPR in the amount of \$15,000. It is planned to use live people and mannequins. A meeting to construct a preliminary plan is set for April 15.
2. **Carrell** - Contact Tessa for details on the Red Cross Training this weekend.
3. **Julie** - Several staff attended training in Glendive on *Risk Communications and Media Response Training* held in March with Richard Brundage - it was highly recommended. Website www.mediatrainers.com
4. **Rob** - Two grass fires this week and Savage was also called out twice shows how dry it is this spring. New equipment is being delivered. A "Walk-n-Rescue" support van (will replace the old Mac Tool van currently used). Five satellite trucks will be delivered in May. SFD is borrowing their aerial ladder truck to Miles City since theirs was damaged March 23 in a downtown fire.
5. **Herb** - Maintenance or repair has begun. Road conditions can be reported to Dispatch or to County Road Dept.
6. **Tanja** - NOAA has a free weather alert available to all Verizon or Alltel and currently working with Midrivers. A grant was submitted for rural heat health weather advisory. Criteria are changing for a severe thunderstorm from $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to 1 inch hail size. This is expected to decrease weather alerts 30-40% in efforts to avoid alerts becoming too common. Multi-million dollar storm damage occurred in all the odd numbered years since 2001...be alert for severe storms this summer. **No report from Jason or Judy.**

Next Meeting Date & Time: **Monday May 11, 2009; Host: MonDak Heritage Center**

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting concluding by 1:30pm. **Please call to RSVP** for food count by 9 a.m. on day of meeting - Julie Brodhead 433-6948