

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE NOTES

Monday, June 8, 2009 at Sidney Health Center/Green Room

Present: Rob Gilbert- SVFD; Butch Renders - DES; Herb Schmierer- County PW, Mark Delaney, SHC, Jackie Couture- USDA ARS, Jill Miller - LEPC Coordinator, Jason Elletson - City of Sidney, and Carrell Evans-CERT

1. **Welcome** - Rob welcomed everyone and opened the meeting following lunch.
2. **Meeting Minutes** for May were approved by members present after changes in attendance to reflect Greg Anderson represented City of Sidney instead of County Public Works.
3. **DES - Butch** - Wondered about the visit by VISTA Becky Hayes, thinking that the LEPC Coordinator would be the liaison with the community emergency preparedness committee. Brenda Eberling volunteered to be the contact. Jill will add any information to the web site necessary to reduce duplication of efforts.
A mid-May crude oil spill occurred 4 miles south of Sidney last week. There may be concerns for leaching into soil and contamination of water tables. DEQ contacted Butch to involve DES. LEPC may come into play in the future. Oil was cleaned up by the time Rob responded. Butch was out of town. Jackie will check on facility requirements.
4. **LEPC Coordinator - Jill** - Print outs for LEPC web site were reviewed (Home page, About Us, Community, Community Right to Know, Evacuation, and History). Pictures are still needed. Please send to ljmiller@midrivers.com. (*Post meeting note:* HSEEP report is done for the EOC workshop held May 5)
5. **Communicable Diseases & Emergency Preparedness - Julie**- Current information for the H1N1 flu in Montana as of June 3 is 15 confirmed cases, none in Richland County. Richland County has 6 positive Chlamydia cases. **Note:** reminders about Hantavirus - please see attached PDF.
RCHD received Foundation grant money - for giving 100 Tdap vaccinations to the first responders in the county - we will finish with law enforcement and then start working on the volunteer firemen.
There will be meetings with agencies and organizations that work with high risk special populations in our county to assess emergency plans, response, education and coordination of efforts during a crisis. Meetings hosted jointly by RCHD, SHC, and DES. They will be at the Community Services building conference room 201 on June 9th, at 9am & 3pm. June 10 at 1pm and again on June 18th @ 2pm. Anyone interested may attend - only need to attend one meeting.
RCHD will hold a drill on June 18th or the 25th - doing something with PODs (point of dispensing sites)
6. **E-Waste - Jackie** - the 2009 E-rase Your E-waste event will be September 11-12 and volunteers are needed: A bookkeeper is also needed for this sub-committee. Jackie is looking into alternate companies to Tatoonie that would be ISO-14001 compliant. Unicorn is an option for no cost to the customer but would require transportation costs paid and waste products shrink wrapped onto pallets. Discussion took place that it would be a benefit for the community for no cost but not sure how LEPC could meet the requirements with no funds currently available. The County Public Works may be able to transport a load to a drop site in Billings and offer a lower cost to customers. Jackie will check with Tatoonie for optional drop off.

Agency Up-Dates:

1. **Herb, Jill, Jason, Carrell** - no new report.
2. **Rob** - Firemen's Breakfast fed 1,191 persons on June 7. A good turnout considering the cooler weather however lower than last year. New equipment was delivered in May. A "Walk-n-Rescue" support van (replaced the old Mac Tool van previously used). Five satellite trucks were also delivered in May. SVFD will host the next meeting to tour the new equipment. Busch Ag held a confined space exercise last week. Results were that additional safety equipment needs to be purchased by the company.
3. **Mark** - The ICU and new patient rooms will be open by the end of the week. The next step is for the other half of patient rooms to begin asbestos abatement.

Next Meeting Date & Time: **Monday September 14, 2009; Host: Sidney Volunteer Fire Department**

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