

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE Notes from

Monday, March 9, 2009 @ Richland County Health Dept. Conference Room 201

Present: : Rob Gilbert- SVFD, Butch Renders - DES, Public Works, Herb Schmierer- County PW, Greg Anderson - City PW, Brenda Eberling, Mark Delaney, Jill Miller, John Rogers, Steven Arnold, Julie Brodhead-RCHD, Jackie Couture-USDA ARS, Gail Staffanson-SPS, & Carrell Evans-CERT

1. Rob opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and having each one introduce themselves.
2. February's meeting minutes were approved by members present.
3. DES - **Butch** - Introduced Jill Miller as the LEPC Coordinator paid by the DOT grant through 9/30/2009. On April 13 Tanja Fransen, Glasgow NWS, will present a weather workshop in Sidney. She will attend EAS training at 10 a.m., attend LEPC meeting at 11:30 a.m., and conduct workshops at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Rivers will be monitored this spring as up to 40 inches of snow is predicted in the Farmer's Almanac. Red Cross Training is tentative for April 3-4 or 17-18.
4. LEPC Coordinator - Jill - Web site plan is not yet available. Hazardous chemical data is currently being entered into Tier II 2008 software from various hard copies. It is suggested to notify all Tier II facilities of the software and request for electronic formats in 2009.
5. Communicable Diseases & Emergency Preparedness - **Julie**- State of MT currently has 118 confirmed flu cases, mostly case A and a higher percentage of case B was noted. **No Flu** in our County-yet. Richland County has several chicken pox cases. Everyone is encouraged to keep T-Dap or Tetanus shots updated. RCHD conducted an emergency preparedness drill test. It went well, including finding out volunteers who are willing to participate but should not be on the drill call list Feb 26.
6. E-Waste - **Jackie** - New article is printed in local papers asking for input from the public on holding a special event for disposed TV sets and are still awaiting results. Cost estimates are being collected from various recycling companies in addition to Tataoinne. Recycling compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs information compiled by Brenda Eberling & Julie Brodhead is expected to be published in local papers soon. Discussion took place on how various agencies are disposing of their CFL. Steve will forward their info to Butch.
7. Agency Up-Dates:
 - a. **Gail** - Good winter weather report, only 1 day of school canceled due to weather.
 - b. **Mark** - Medical surgery areas will be half completed by early July and finished near the first of 2010.
 - c. **Herb** - Many roads are in bad shape, you can report to Dispatch or to County Road Dept. Maintenance or repair will be done in better weather.
 - d. **Steve** - (recently promoted to Safety Manager) will schedule a tour for emergency preparedness agencies in the near future.
 - e. **John R.** - planning an event at Sidney Sugars to train managers on their jobs during an emergency. The date will be coordinated with Butch and Rob.
 - f. **Julie** - Health Fair on Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - g. **Brenda** - 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 an option to use residents, live people or mannequins.
 - h. **Rob** - Several suspicious fires began in rural areas (haysacks). Be aware of strange vehicles in uncommon places.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

Monday April 13, 2009

Host: USDA ARS NPARL, Tech Transfer Room

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

Please call to RSVP for food count by 9am on day of meeting -Julie Brodhead 433-6948