

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.)

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

Minutes

Date of Meeting: **September 26, 2024 11:30 AM**

Location: **Ambulance Hall, Meeting Room; 220 W 1ST AVE; Big Timber MT**

Attendees:

Bill Wallace, SG Commissioner
J.V. Moody, SG Commissioner
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief
Matt McManamen, East Boulder
Stacey McManamen, PMC

Heidi Baker, DON – PMC
Levi Duncan, USFS
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator
John Wetenkamp, NWS (Virtual)
Jerry Prete, Fire Training
GUESTS:

The meeting was called to order by Clifford Brophy, Chair at 11:30 AM

The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag was recited

Welcome and self-introductions: Skipped

Minutes for the Meeting on August 29, 2024 were approved as submitted.

National Weather Service:

John spoke about the changes in terminology that we would be seeing in the near future as the NWS issues warnings and alerts. Different terminology will be used to describe events in an attempt to make them clearer to the listeners.

There will be a front moving in this weekend and will bring winds. We are entering our windy season. In general, we will see above average temps and below average moisture.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) Topics:

Cliff called attention to the various training events held by the Pipeline Association. If anyone is interested in training on public awareness; best practices and/or emergency response guides, just contact Cliff or reach out to the Pipeline Assoc.

Cliff reported that the LEPC / THIRA / and NIMS reports were submitted to the State after they had been approved at our last meeting.

Disaster and Emergency Services (D.E.S.) Topics:

Cliff reported that he received an email from Jeff with Triangle TelCo that he was able to “whitelist” the three phone numbers used by CodeRed to send out alerts and

warnings via phone. Subscribers can still block those numbers if they wish. This process will allow calls from these three numbers to pass through the filters at the Triangle office.

Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:

The Sheriff's Office is looking for another dispatcher to replace the last opening.

Fire Topics:

Kris reported that the DNRC seasonal staffing has ended as of last weekend.

Levi reported that the FS has been quiet. Some of the staff have been returning from out of State deployment.

Cliff reported that he has received word from the DNRC that our draft CWPP has met the minimum requirements set by the conditions of our grant. Cliff will be circulating the signature page over the next few months to collect those and closeout the grant.

Law Enforcement:

JV mention that he has heard rumors of possible cases of people being drugged without their knowledge in drinking establishments. There may have been assaults and thefts associated with these incidences. He asked that everyone be on the lookout for this activity. He pointed out that these have not been confirmed as of yet.

Public Health Topics:

Stacey announced that the PMC will be hosting a Full Lab Special on October 15-17th. They will be offering special deals on lab tests as well as offering blood pressure checks and other screening tests.

Public Works:

Kris announced that McLeod street will be closed for utility work. This will be between 7th and 9th Avenues. Detour will be available.

JV announced that one of the bridges on the East Boulder mine will be replaced soon. There will be a detour for that one also.

Mitigation Progress:

County continues to work on cybersecurity issues. Primarily, policies.

Comments from Members:

Jerry Prete spoke about the changes proposed for the "Move Over" law. There are several aspects that he and others believe that need to be made. He announced that there is a traffic safety meeting coming up in Helena. He encourages others to attend if possible.

Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024 11:30 AM

Public Comments: None given

Adjourn: 12:12 PM

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer