



Divide Fire Training Room – 103 County Road 51 – (719) 687-8773
Thursday, November 2nd, 2023, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
LEPC Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 08:05 AM

Introductions: Citizens panel, agencies, and attendees introduced themselves

Welcome Remarks from Jessica Flohrs, Deputy Emergency Management:

- Bear Trap tornado June 30th: 27 properties affected, 800 downed trees. Last weekend we conducted our mitigation project for 2 days so far 193 trees have been removed, and 16 cords of wood were donated to Knights of Columbus Community Firewood Ministry. Team Rubicon & 4mile Fire keep working on mitigation due to weather canceling Sunday's operation. Thank you to Team Rubicon, 4 Mile Fire, SWTCEMS, Knights of Columbus, Community Firewood Ministry Roy's BBQ, and Rocky Mountain Chapel.
- Cyanide drill at Newmont Mine last week with multiple partner agencies, debriefing showed it was helpful to prepare for response and found areas to improve on.

Approval of Minutes: Dean Buckhouse motioned to approve, Paulie Jackson seconded.

LEPC Report from Chair Victoria Carnahan & Panel Members:

- We are looking for volunteers for the Panel; especially those with HAZMAT experience
- LEPC conference-got to see how other LEPCs function; there are a lot of resources
- The New Teller County website has a LEPC page under the OEM page
<https://www.tellercounty.gov/Local-Emergency-Planning-Committee-LEPC>
- Observed the mine drill: was a good experience in what Hazmat response looks like but couldn't see beginning-end due to security reasons.
- Panel & members should take any applicable training, including ICS. Training for all agencies to work together to achieve the most experience coordinating & filling grant deliverables from each exercise. OEM should track Law, Fire, and EMS member ICS training to know what to offer as anyone receiving grant money must have ICS training to include volunteers.
 - <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>
 - Online:

- ICS 100 Intro to the Incident Command System-
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b>
- ICS 200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.b>
- IS 700 National Incident Management System, An Introduction
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a>
- IS 800 National Response Framework, An Introduction
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-800.c>
- In-person (Contact oem@tellercounty.gov to request a class or find training dates):
 - ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
 - ICS 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff
- County meetings must be advertised to the public & all access for compliance-very difficult with the remoteness of residents; neighborhoods and summer camps are one-in-one-out; need to access the most remote residents & those off-grid; need more subdivision participants.
- Discussed LEPC newspaper article to reach those without access, & offer training. An all-year weekly article would require more volunteers-possibly participating agencies can take a turn writing an article.

Presentations:

- Kara Prisock, South Central Healthcare Coalition Readiness & Response Coordinator (SCHCRRC) – see slides kara.prisock@coloradosprings.gov
 - The program has been federally run by the Department of Human Services since Hurricane Katrina; the intention is to help hospitals, public health, emergency management, EMS & all other health and medical partners to maintain access to medical care during disasters. The intention is to support ESF8 in ICS by maintaining situational awareness of whatever incidents may or are occurring in the areas of readiness, response coordination, service continuity, & medical surge to keep doors open & help as many people as possible. SCHCPPC works with partners or the State to fill the needs of the community during each situation to soften the impact, since incidents begin & end at the local level they are there to assist when capacity is reached. In Teller, they helped UPRAD HOME program (works onsite at homes and with telehealth to get actual vitals and meds). Piloting a patient tracking system in the Pikes Peak RETAC Region with bands from incidents through reunification with access to the patient image, vitals, and injuries- it communicates with hospitals to locate where the patient ends up. Christine Sines is doing Pulsara and band training per agencies. HCC Summit on April 18, there will be learning sessions, a panel regarding recent responses & a chemical incidence exercise with CHEMPAK from the CDC. (Containers for immediate response to nerve agents. Designed to dose 454-1000 exposed persons depending on EMS or hospital container). It can be pre-deployed to areas with large events; request through the Colorado State Patrol Hazmat Team. EMTs have asked for the contents of the pack.
 - **Free Training:** Visit www.co.train.org
 - Course ID 1005860; ICS 300 Feb 21-23, 2024 Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management.
 - Course ID 1006001; ICS 400 March 7-8, 2024 Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management.
 - Course ID 1076137; MGT-418 Readiness Training Identification & Preparedness Planning at Teller County SO prerequisites are ICS 100, 200, 700, 800.

- Course ID: 101677; L-146 HSEEP Jan. 18th, 2024 at Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management.
 - For those that want to be added to the South Central Regional Homeland Security training distro list contact Sara: sara.mckellop@coloradosprings.gov
- Emergency Response Plans for Newmont Mine - Lance Tidemann – Unable to attend.
 - Medicaid Health Care Coordination – Katelynn Brown with Aspen Mine Center:
 - Community of Caring Colorado partner extension of Community Health Alliance. Guides Medicaid members in all phases, helps explain benefits and resources to include applying, and locating providers to rural residents; can help apply for a waiver for in-home care and references to care team coordinator, outreach for transportation. Medicaid accepted everyone during COVID & now that some have lost Medicare, Katelynn can help find care for those that are in-between and need insurance guidance. Located at Aspen Mine Center M-F. katelynn@aspenminecenter.org and 719-452-1986

Agency and Attendee Reports:

Colorado Highway Patrol: fatal crashes are down, DUI crashes down, preparing for fairly active winter, Highway 24 pavement project to be extended from 11/1 to 12/1 or earlier, paving is done but delays not yet west of Woodland Park

Medical Reserve Corps: Still getting organized; will be looking for volunteers soon.

Teller County Sheriff's Office: ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 are online & hoping to have a ICS 300 at end of November, link on website & social media/Nextdoor to happen soon. Also CPR training 11/30 @ 1730 at Divide Fire \$31, Coat & Toy drive to start the weekend of Thanksgiving drop off at any fire house or TCSO. Shop with a Hero has enough money to take 420 kids, please submit names. Only 3 positions away from being fully staffed.

Divide Fire - FT/PT positions are open until Friday, hoping to hire & start by 1/1, would staff 7 days a week during the day due to no sleeping quarters, and duties would include upcoming community events and chipping & response calls.

Teller County Public Health and Environment: vaccines available including flu, COVID, shingles, RSV for over 60, & children's immunizations. Monday is clinic day, maybe more to be added for accessibility. Lot more animal bites occurring and some bats positive for rabies. A few patients with Tuberculosis (TB).

Cripple Creek Fire: Chief and Jay Teague took NIMS train the trainer & can deliver ICS 100, 200, 300, and 400 in person; Firefighter 1 & HAZMAT classes on Saturdays starting January-summer. They are mostly fully staffed. Ice Castles coming near Dec. 26th will start building as soon as Cripple Creek gets 3 days in a row below freezing. Will be on a reservation-only basis, but still estimating 600 more cars/hour in traffic

4 Mile Fire: Crews will continue chipping up the debris leftover from the mitigation project.

Southwest Teller County EMS: Over CPR, First aid, and Stop the Bleed courses; go to website www.swtcems.org for training; hiring in spring

Victor Fire: Rita the Troll has increased visitors but no incidents related to that. Regarding subdivisions-there are remote off-grid & unknown if used as full-time houses with one driveway & multiple houses that are like subdivisions off Gold Camp, Phantom, and Shelf Road-we need a way to reach them for warnings and evacuations; no cell service there either.

Search & Rescue: They are mission-ready with 52 members, snowmobile/ATV geared. 31 incidents so far this year. The raffle went well to raise money for an enclosed trailer and command vehicle.

Teller County Sheriff's Posse: Looking for volunteers-currently at 22, used to be 36; requires 10 hours volunteered per month. Contact Lt. Bunting with questions buntingr@tellercounty.gov

'OMG' Community Firewood Ministry: They split and deliver firewood to 85 clients that need help in the county; received many cords from the Bear Trap Mitigation Project, families apply by calling 719-219-6806.

Community of Caring: Community Thanksgiving Nov 22, 300+ people served & home delivery to homebound, Reassurance Caller Program for homebound reaches out 1-5x times a week <https://cocamc.org/> Homemaker Program- need homemakers to help out people in their homes; CCV Dec 8/9 Christmas event w/ parade.

Aspen Mine: Operations Director Stephany Egan (stephany@aspenminecenter.org or 719-689-3584 x112) recently hired for Community of Caring; Aspen Mine is also Salvation Army with 95% of local donations stay in Teller County; they have thrift store as well.

Woodland Park Police Dept: Hiring has been going well; the year is winding down.

Teller County Animal Control: 2 new trucks coming soon with toppers, receiving a new horse trailer so now have 2 total, 60+ animal bites this year & many need multiple follow-up visits; still need another Animal Control Officer <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/1778221>

Teller County Regional Animal Shelter: Their disaster evacuation plan has been finalized, want to enact an exercise, and also want Divide Fire for extinguisher training; lots of supplies available for those in need including food & beds for dogs, cats, and other animals; more vaccine clinics coming- CC Fire volunteered to host; community needs for spay-neuter access in Teller-trying to bridge gap; if know of any unsheltered dogs in community please let owners know to go by the shelter for help.

Community Emergency Response Team: 1st training class in Feb at Florissant Fire Station- will be posted on TCSO/OEM/news websites in Jan.

Cripple Creek Transportation: extending services & hours for Ice Castles: <https://cityofcripplecreek.com/departments/transportation-department> for hours

Teller County Communications: 800 network up with minimal discontinuation, amateur radio exam upcoming this Saturday at TCSO. buckhoused@tellercounty.gov

B LAZY Ranch HOA: Grateful for the networking of this group

Colorado Mountain Estates POA: Florissant Fire chipping conducted for 35 properties; hosted a mini preparedness day, not a big turnout due to other events in the area-will try again in spring; community fire extinguisher training soon

Dawn of Hope: Willing to donate gift certificates for silent auctions (zipline & coffee) & provide food in emergencies.

OEM Closing Report – Director Teague: Delayed attending meeting due to participation in active shooter exercise at Charis this morning; wanting to do ICS training: need up to 300 level for all of our peoples; CERT's priority is to training people in every subdivision to be able to help evacuate, personal goal to be the safest county; LEPC meetings are valuable because our meetings allow us all to know what other agencies can offer & what we can do to work together. Soon to hire a Radio Technician to be able to be loaned out to agencies to train/install/program to get on 800 radios instead of hiring outside companies, this allows us to collaborate better with all of the multiple agencies in the county.

Adjournment: 09:57 AM

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 1st, 2024, at 8:00 AM, Divide Fire Training Room