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COLORADO EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2016

The Colorado Emergency Planning Committee (CEPC) met on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, 9195 East Mineral Ave., Centennial, CO 80112.

Attendees

Commission Members Present:

Greg Stasinos
Marilyn Gally
Roy Rudisill
Tim Gablehouse
Barry Cress
Mark Quick
Steve Riner (via phone)
John Shober (via phone)

Others in Attendance:

Fran Santagata, DHSEM
Jeanne Pace, DHSEM
Larisa Cannon, DHSEM
Derek Boer, CDPHE
Kathleen Atencio, EPA Region 8
Bre Bockstahler, EPA Region 8
Mary Beth Vasco, FEMA Region 8
Richard Atkins (via phone)

Commission Members Not Present:

John Hahn
Patricia Williams

Welcome

Greg Stasinos called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Roll call proceeded with attendance as noted above.

Approval of July 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs

Motion to approve the minutes from July 13, 2016 with no revisions, by Tim Gablehouse
Motion second by Barry Cress
Motion carries

Old Business

Tier II Sites on READYColorado.com website

Fran Santagata

The current concern is that new IT platform will not support this reporting. A suggestion was made to put it into a holding pattern for now until determination is made what the technology will support. It is possible the new platform may take up to a year to work out kinks.

2015 Tier II Reports – One Stop Reporting – status update

Derek Boer

No longer receiving reports, so there is no new 2016 data to report. There is a delay while agencies communicate to determine the best method for posting data. At the moment the ball is in the court of state agencies, and there is a need to know by February if this is feasible. A determination was made to keep it alive while remaining cognizant of obstacles. There is a Data Request System also available, and a department FTP site. Using this would be somewhat cumbersome but it could be done. Plan A would be for CDPHE to disseminate information and send to Tim. Plan B is a dot org web page to take data from Derek so it may be posted by March 1, 2017. Please keep Tim posted of progress and outcomes. Derek and Greg will coordinate to determine most effective methodology.

CEPC Outreach Meeting

Fran Santagata

Fran Santagata is currently working on outreach. Contact has been made with Clear Creek (Kathleen Krebs) who is bringing it to her LEPC and will get back to us. Additionally, Fran has made LEPC calls to Summit, Morgan, Montrose and Delta Counties. Delta and Montrose are a joint LEPC and they are interested in hosting an outreach meeting in May 2017. The proposal is for a back to back meeting the week of May 22, 2017 to be combined with Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection (PRND) training. Tim is available the later part of that week.

LEPC Conference After-Action Discussion

Fran Santagata

Reviewed handout which detailed feedback. Evaluations were top-notch, several comments directly referenced the Ignite sessions, average scores were 4.5 out of 5, which is very good feedback. Greg expressed a thank you to the committee.

Colorado Tier II Reporting Rulemaking

Tim Gablehouse

The rule was adopted with minimal testimony and no adverse comment. Derek will add additional fields on the form and capture on web page. A reminder email is recommended. Derek will draft and bring to CEPC for review.

New Business

LEPC Assistant Duties Update

Fran Santagata and Tim Gablehouse

Carol Way retired and took with her a wealth of knowledge and efficiency. Fran and Tim met to divide tasks and assign more appropriately. Fran will be taking on Carol's outreach responsibilities. Carol has been copying files for Fran. Tim will maintain legal responsibilities with assistance from his intern Jana. Amy Shish rotated out and Jeanne Pace came in. Jeanne created a shared CEPC folder on the Google Drive and will share it with the committee members. Amy will be loading past minutes, agendas and handouts into the folder so everyone will have access. The CEPC received a "goodbye" letter from Carol which was accepted with thanks and appreciation for all her hard work and dedicated service.

Standing Reports

EM Director Update

Marilyn Gally

Today are the OP Director interviews, so hopefully we'll know something definitive soon. We already went over staffing changes for Jeanne and Fran, nothing else to report. Tim light-heartedly stated that the committee doesn't create a heavy load for the State leadership.

State Hazmat Working Group Update

Fran Santagata

State Hazmat group has been meeting on a regular basis and is suggesting 2 workshops combining efforts with 4 related working groups: Hazmat Working Group, PRND Working Group, Environmental Crimes Working Group and WMD Working Group. The plan is to put on 1 or 2 workshops focusing on common areas, and there have been requests for hands-on portions. There is HMEP funding for this. For the 1st one, looking at 1st full week in May backing up to TLO Conference. This would create efficiencies and cost savings by going back to back, and is logical because several TLOs are hazmat people.

HMEP Grant Update

Larisa Cannon

All 2015 funds have been spent. We are closing out 2015 HMEP grants and compiling information. Will be sending out agreements for 2016 tomorrow morning. The application deadline for 2017 funds is February 28, 2017, and there have only been 3 applications received so far (Jefferson County and CEPP in, DFPC forthcoming).

Presidential EO, Regulatory & Legislative Updates

Tim Gablehouse

Tim will finish and circulate a DERA guidance document from CEPC next month.

EPA has issued new Hazmat Waste Generator Improvement Rule (handout). NASTTPO is not happy with new rules as reflected in the draft guidance document from NASTTPO (handout). Please give feedback and Tim will change and update. CEPC must let LEPCs know this is coming, what to expect, and how to implement it. Tim will forward the specific subpart of the new regulation to the CEPC and others on his list.

EPA hopes to have a new Risk Management plan regulation in place by the end of December 2016. One of the issues is whether RMP facility and LEPC relationships might change. In the draft of the proposed regulation, LEPCs don't have adequate information from RMP reporting facilities.

One benefit of the Executive order is an increase in communications between EPA and SERCs and that is occurring – there was discussion of the Western States SERC meeting to be hosted by EPA Region 8 in Denver at the end of January. The West Region SERC conference is planned for the end of January 2017, and additionally there are webinars planned for tomorrow.

Per Kathy, the industry workshops organized between EPA and CEPP under the Executive Order are successful. 300 plus people have attended workshops and webinars, and the evaluations are very positive. The one request going forward is to include a section regarding response capabilities in the workshops. Facilities have an unrealistic, overly enthusiastic view of what can show up in relation to emergency services.

Oil/Gas Facility & Transportation Information

Roy Rudisill

There are a couple of pipelines coming online. The Magellan pipeline will take trucks off the road. One prevailing challenge over the years has been the lack of contingency plans. Some areas have Tactical Operations Plans (TOP), which are very detailed, and appear to be becoming the industry standard. Due to the fact that volunteer fire departments may have slower response times, it is important to know what the facility risks are and where the resources are. If there are 2,000 barrels or more, there needs to be a plan in place. Roy just reviewed a TOP, and determined it was good. The plan integrated risks in the facility as well as around the area. What he had been calling an EAP, the facilities are now calling TOPs. The EPA has been holding surprise exercises. Additionally, there has been more drilling, even though O & G is down. There have been multiple earthquakes lately, likely due to injection wells, COGCC is looking into the cause. Even after injections stopped, earthquakes continued, which is a cause for concern because Weld County Airport is in the area, and it is an Emergency Landing airport for DIA.

Approval of LEPC memberships

Fran Santagata

There have not been any new memberships.

Other

Mary Beth mentioned that the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program is only open for another 10 days, and Ted is the contact.

Kathleen mentioned that the EPA was sued by environmental groups and are working on new rules regarding prevention of hazardous substance releases under the Clean Water Act. They have been having public meetings and virtual presentations. The next virtual presentations are on November 29 at 8 AM MST and December 21 at 12 PM MST.

The Colorado Water and Emergency Services Sectors Coordination workshop will be on January 25, 2017.

Please let Emergency Managers know Lincoln County has a new Emergency Manager.

Mark Quick has a handout for 2017 Request for Host Organizations for hazmat training. The preference is for 1 class to be hosted in metro Denver area, and 1 on the West slope.

Motion to adjourn, by Greg Stasinios
Motion second by Roy Rudisill
Motion carries

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the CEPC on 1/11/2017;

Marilyn Gally

Marilyn Gally (Co-Chair)

1/25/17
Date

Greg Stasinios (Co-Chair)

Date

Co-Chairs

