

Butte/Silver Bow
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/
Citizen Corps Council (CCC)
Minutes for January 26, 2022

Attendees - *denotes LEPC member or proxy

Brinkley, Krysten	MT Western Health Coalition
Carey, Lisa*	BSB Office of Emergency Management
Merrifield, Jim*	BSB Director of Office of Emergency Management
Fleege, Jeremy*	Montana Resources
Helm, Erin	American Red Cross
Hoar, Todd*	BSB Disability Council
Kambich, Jim	BSB Chief of Staff
Lester, Ed*	BSB Law Enforcement
McPherson, Dave*	911 Manager (LEPC Chairman)
Maloughney, Karen*	BSB Public Health Department
Marthaller, Kurt*	BSB School District #1
Morgan, Marissa*	EHS Director, MT Tech
Osborne, Zach*	BSB Fire Department
Pewitt, Rodney*	Amateur Radio
Phillips, Jen*	St. James Healthcare
Robinson, Bill*	BSB Safety and Risk Management
Rolich, John*	BSB Health Department
Schlichenmayer, John*	American Red Cross
Seys, Cinda*	BSB Safety and Risk Management
Stickney, Mike*	MT Bureau of Mines & Geology
Sparks, Bandi*	Northwestern Energy
Steilman, Eileen	REC Silicon

Absent:

Alne, Rod*	15-90 SAR
Chamberlin, Pam*	Bert Mooney Airport
Cozby, Kelly	REC Silicon
Crowley, Jeremy*	Montana Bureau Mines Geology
Gallagher, JP	BSB Chief Executive
Johnson, Stephanie*	BSB County Library
Kenison, Kathy*	BSB/IT
Kujava, Matt	REC Silicon
McGree, Mike*	A-1 Ambulance
Miller, Jeff	Bert Mooney Airport
Murphy, Jim	REC Silicon
Parish, Jason	BSB IT/ PIO
Ries, John*	Mayor of Walkerville, MT
Roberts, Ben*	Montana Precision Products
Ryan, Rick*	Bert Mooney Airport
Steilman, Pete	Montana Resources
Sullivan, John*	BSB Facilities Manager
Walleser, Audrey	MT DES
Wilfore, Mark*	Montana Highway Patrol

I. CALL TO ORDER- CHAIRPERSON DAVE MCPHERSON

LEPC Chairman Dave McPherson called the January 26, 2022 meeting of the Butte/Silver Bow (B/SB) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Citizen Corps Council (CCC) to order at 12:08 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Attendance sign-in form was distributed for the in-person attendees, and virtual attendees were noted and reflected in the attendee list above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman called for approval of the December 8, 2021 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA

No Public Comments.

V. PRESENTATION – Presentation by Erin Helm, Disaster Program Specialist, American Red Cross

Erin gave a great presentation about the American Red Cross' Mission, Vision and Values as well as their activities in Montana. She stated that the organization was 95% volunteer led and their majority of their response was to home fires. They have an active campaign to recruit volunteers to install smoke alarms in households.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PLANNING/PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Jim Merrifield, Zach Osborne, Jen Phillips, Karen Maloughney

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (PDM) is due this year. The State of Montana will be doing regional planning for PDM's. Our region is tentatively scheduled to begin Spring 2022. The MDES will be responsible for paying for BSB PDM update.

B. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Zach Osborne, Jim Merrifield, Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Cinda Seys

- **Homeland Security Grant Applications** - are due March 4, 2022
- **EMPG Grant Applications**- are due late March 2022.

Jim Merrifield reported that the EM staff has been actively working with the IT, Fire and Government Facilities departments to complete Homeland Security grant applications to fund their projects. The applications to be submitted will be presented at the February meeting so the LEPC can rank the project priorities. Project ranking by the LEPC is one of the requirements of the grant application.

C. TRAINING AND EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE

Jennifer Phillips, Mike McGree, Jim Merrifield

Kurt Marthaller said there was going to be a School District #1 Safety Committee meeting next week to discuss details of a Full-Scale Exercise to be held this Spring. He will bring the information back to the LEPC next month.

D. COMMUNICATION /LEPC GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE

Ed Lester, Zach Osborne, Jim Merrifield, Mike McGree, Dave McPherson

911 Committee has selected Motorola / Spillman Flex as the preferred vendor for the CAD/RMS as Flex Solutions. Negotiations were held and the contract finalized in December 2021.

E. UNIFIED HEALTH COMMAND

Karen Maloughney, Ed Lester, Zach Osborne, Jennifer Phillips

Covid Update and statistics – Karen Maloughney reported that covid cases are surging to the extent that it's no longer possible to continue contact tracing. The Covid team is focusing their efforts on long term care facilities, schools and other high-risk populations.

St. James Healthcare updates- Jennifer Phillips updated the committee that the hospital was still screening at all entrances, visitor restrictions were still in place (1 visitor per patient per day, exceptions for end-of-life care and labor/delivery), and masks are required for all staff & visitors.

F. SHELTERING SUBCOMMITTEE

Zach Osborne, Jennifer Phillips, Todd Hoar, John Rolich, Kurt Marthaller, John Schlichenmeyer, John Sullivan

No report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT-

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM. The date for the next scheduled meeting is February 23, 2022.