

**Butte/Silver Bow**  
**Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/**  
**Citizen Corps Council (CCC)**  
**Minutes for March 23, 2022**

**Attendees** - \*denotes LEPC member or proxy

Alne, Rod*	15-90 SAR
Brinkley, Krysten	MT Western Health Coalition
Carey, Lisa*	BSB Office of Emergency Management
Cozby, Kelly	REC Silicon
Dubois, Alex	Butte 4-Cs
Merrifield, Jim*	BSB Director of Office of Emergency Management
Fleege, Jeremy*	Montana Resources
Helm, Erin	American Red Cross
Hoar, Todd*	BSB Disability Council
Johnson, Stephanie	BSB County Library
Kambich, Jim	BSB Chief of Staff
Kenison, Kathy*	BSB/IT
Lester, Ed*	BSB Law Enforcement
McGrath, Kaitlyn	Jeffery Contracting
McGree, Nick	A-1 Ambulance
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
Parish, Jason	BSB IT/ PIO
Ries, John*	Mayor of Walkerville, MT
Riordan, John	BSB Council of Commissioners
Robinson, Bill*	BSB Safety and Risk Management
Rolich, John*	BSB Health Department
Schlichenmayer, John*	American Red Cross
Seys, Cinda*	BSB Safety and Risk Management
Steilman, Eileen	REC Silicon
Steilman, Pete	Montana Resources
Sullivan, John*	BSB Facilities Manager

**Absent:**

Chamberlin, Pam*	Bert Mooney Airport
Crowley, Jeremy*	Montana Bureau Mines Geology
Gallagher, JP	BSB Chief Executive
Kujava, Matt	REC Silicon
McGree, Mike*	A-1 Ambulance
Murphy, Jim	REC Silicon
Rezau, Allison	American Red Cross
Roberts, Ben*	Montana Precision Products
Ryan, Rick*	Bert Mooney Airport
Stickney, Mike*	MT Bureau of Mines & Geology
Sparks, Bandi*	Northwestern Energy
Walleser, Audrey	MT DES
Wilfore, Mark*	Montana Highway Patrol

**I. CALL TO ORDER- CHAIRPERSON DAVE MCPHERSON**

LEPC Chairman Dave McPherson called the March 23, 2022 meeting of the Butte/Silver Bow (B/SB) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Citizen Corps Council (CCC) to order at 12:02 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 February 23, 2022 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No Public Comments.

**V. PRESENTATION – Emergency Child Care Program – Alex DuBois, Outreach and Communication Specialist, Butte 4C's gave a presentation about the Guardian Program which provides emergency childcare for First Responders during disaster response.**

**VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. PLANNING/PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

The State of Montana has been working toward completing a Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan that will replace of the BSB Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan which expired October 2021. Western region is scheduled to begin May 2022.

Jim Keenan brought to attention that the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is out of date and needs to be updated. A core group of stakeholders will be formed to work on the update. The CWPP update will be completed at the same time as the Hazzard Mitigation plan and included in the appendices.

**B. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

Lisa Carey reported that two Homeland Security Grant Applications had been submitted. One application was for a Modified Wildland Fire Suppression Vehicle for \$497,000 and the other was for an upgrade to BSB Computer Infrastructure to improve our Cybersecurity for \$160,000. The SAC Priority Meeting is scheduled to be held April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 2PM.

The EMPG Grant Application deadline is April 1, 2022. Lisa Carey reported the application is on track to be completed before the deadline.

**C. TRAINING AND EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Jennifer Phillips, Mike McGree, Jim Merrifield*

Several trainings are scheduled to be held in the upcoming weeks including an Elected Official training to be held April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9pm at the Butte EOC. The target

audience is all elected and appointed officials of BSB but the training is open to anyone who'd like to attend.

Kurt Marthaller says planning is underway for a Full-Scale Exercise involving Margaret Leary Elementary School to be held in the Fall.

Krysten Brinkley says there will be a Burn Surge Exercise held April 22 for Advanced Burn Treatment response training.

**D. COMMUNICATION /LEPC GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

911 Committee Updates- CAD/RMS Project implementation is underway. Several training sessions have been scheduled with the Motorola Team on site at the EOC.

**E. UNIFIED HEALTH COMMAND**

*Karen Maloughney, Ed Lester, Zach Osborne, Jennifer Phillips*

Karen Maloughney updated the committee on the status of the Covid-19 pandemic including the B-2 Variant and seasonal flu as it is affecting our County.

Jennifer Phillips also updated the LEPC about the St James Healthcare. She gave heads up to the group that the hospital would be testing their switching gear at the end of March.

**F. SHELTERING SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

Lisa Carey presented the Butte-Silver Bow Jurisdiction Commitments & Expectation Shelter Profile created by the American Red Cross which is due to be updated Feb 2023.

John Schlichenmeyer stated he had been working on sheltering plans with the American Red Cross and requested a meeting be organized in the next month or two to address sheltering needs.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT-**

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM. The date for the next scheduled meeting is May 25, 2022. LEPC will not meet in April due to a conflict with the State DES Western District Quarterly meeting in Kalispel.