

**Butte/Silver Bow  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/  
Citizen Corps Council (CCC)  
Minutes for April 28, 2021**

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

Brinkley, Krysten	MT Western Health Coalition
Brown, Josh*	Montana Highway Patrol
Carey, Lisa	BSB Office of Emergency Management
Crowley, Jeremy	Montana Bureau Mines Geology
Dennehy, Dan*	BSB Director of Office of Emergency Management
Doherty, Brian*	BSB Fire Department
Egervary, Mary-Jo	American Red Cross
Gallagher, JP	BSB Chief Executive
Hoar, Todd*	BSB Disability Council
Holland, Pat*	BSB Buildings Manager
Kenison, Kathy*	BSB/IT
Lester, Ed*	BSB Law Enforcement
Maloney, Cathy*	BSB School District Superintendent
Maloughney, Karen*	BSB Public Health Department
Marthaller, Kurt	BSB School District #1
Morgan, Marissa*	EHS Director, MT Tech
Murphy, Jim	REC Silicon
Pewitt, Rodney*	Amateur Radio
Phillips, Jen*	St. James Healthcare
Ryan, Rick*	Bert Mooney Airport
Schlichenmayer, John	American Red Cross
Steilman, Eileen	REC Silicon
Steilman, Pete	REC Silicon
Walleaser, Audrey	MT DES

**Excused Absence:**

Alne, Rod	15-90 SAR
Chamberlin, Pam*	Bert Mooney Airport
Fleege, Jeremy	Montana Resources
Johnson, Stephanie*	BSB County Library
McGree, Mike*	A-1 Ambulance
McPherson, Dave*	911 Manager (LEPC Chairman)
Kambich, Jim	BSB Chief of Staff
Kujava, Matt	REC Silicon
O'Hern, Gary	REC Silicon
Parish, Jason	BSB IT/ PIO
Ries, John*	Mayor of Walkerville, MT
Roberts, Ben*	Montana Precision Products
Robinson, Bill*	BSB Safety and Risk Management
Rolich, John*	BSB Health Department
Shaw, Cindi*	BSB Commissioner
Seys, Cinda*	BSB Safety and Risk Management
Sparks, Bandi	Northwestern Energy
Stickney, Mike*	MT Bureau of Mines & Geology

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

LEPC Chairman Dave McPherson was absent, so Dan Dennehy called the April 28, 2021 meeting of the Butte/Silver Bow (B/BS) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Citizen Corps Council (CCC) to order at 12:05 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Attendance was recorded verbally via conference call and is reflected in the attendee list above.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman called for approval of the February 24, 2021 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

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

No Public Comments.

**V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

*Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Dan Dennehy, Brian Doherty, Jen Phillips, Karen Maloughney*

The LEPC submitted two Homeland Security Grant Applications to the State of Montana's Advisory Committee: 1) Digital Voice Recorder for 911 Dispatch for \$62,785.00 was approved by the SAC. The recorder will be purchased out of reverted funds from the 2017 Homeland Security Grant and can be purchased immediately. 2) Back-up generator for the Civic Center grant for \$130,379.00. The SAC is reviewing this application and we will have official word back sometime in September. The grant begins October 1, 2021.

**B. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Brian Doherty, Dan Dennehy, Ed Lester, Dave McPherson, Cinda Seys*

The EMPG application was submitted in February. The total amount of the EMPG grant was \$114,082.00. Today BSB OEM received notice that the application was approved for the full request.

**C. TRAINING AND EXERCISE SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Jennifer Phillips, Mike McGree, Dan Dennehy*

Planning for full scale Airport Exercise will begin in May. The FSE will be scheduled in the fall. Rick Ryan stated that the airport is being audited late May and he'd ask for more guidance at that time to be certain the exercise was in compliance and followed pandemic guidelines. He asked the Players to check their schedules and let him know if they had any conflicts in the Fall to be scheduled around.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team will begin planning for a FSE in May. The CST training focuses on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and will involve 1<sup>st</sup> responders and other community partners. Training classes will take place before the FSE and will be opened to all community partners.

There will be an Elected Official training seminar will take place during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of next fiscal year for all elected and appointed officials of BSB. This training is a requirement of the EMPG Grant. The training helps elected officials learn the basics about emergency management.

Fire Chief Brian Doherty reported that the recent Hazmat training went well. Jen Phillips of St James Hospital requested to be invited to the next Hazmat training opportunity.

**D. COMMUNICATION /LEPC GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Ed Lester, Brian Doherty, Dan Dennehy, Mike McGree, Dave McPherson*

911 Committee Updates-Radio implementation- Law Enforcement has switched over to the new 800 MHz and are very happy with the significantly improved performance. Fire will switch over once the additional radios for VFDs are received. The BFD had a grant to purchase additional radios which are still on order. The additional equipment should be received and programmed by June. Chief Doherty reported that Lee Sullivan had been hired to train career and volunteer firefighters how to use the new radio system and thanked Dan Dennehy for the expedited help getting a base radio for the fire department.

Currently the 911 Committee is working on phase 2 of the First Responder Equipment Upgrade which is updating the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Record Management System (RMS), and phone system upgrade. To start the process of creating an RFQ, the Committee has requested documentation used by neighboring jurisdictions who have recently updated their CAD and RMS systems to review.

**E. UNIFIED HEALTH COMMAND**

*Karen Maloughney, Ed Lester, Brian Doherty, Jennifer Phillips,*

Covid Update and statistics- Karen Maloughney stated that BSB reported 3 new Covid 19 cases today, there are 18 active cases, and 4,082 cumulative cases. She also reported that the vaccination clinics are going well. Approximately 35% of BSB population has been vaccinated and 70-80% is needed to reach herd immunity. The vaccine clinics are going to evolve to a pop-up / employer/ community-based model in May. Karen also reported that there have been zero reported cases of flu in Montana this flu season because of the social distancing and other Covid 19 guidelines.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities- Karen Maloughney has been working with Dan to complete the MT DPHHS report and will review it with the LEPC next meeting.

St. James Healthcare updates- Jennifer Phillips reported that St James has been working to complete an After-Action Report (AAR) by compiling 13 months of data from the Covid-19 pandemic emergency response. She will share the report once complete. Since the success of the vaccination clinics the hospital has seen an average of 1 covid patient per day. The hospital has no plans to lift the Covid 19 restrictions currently in place for the near future.

**F. SHELTERING SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Brian Doherty, Jennifer Phillips, Todd Hoar, John Rolich, Kurt Marthaller, John Schlichenmeyer, Pat Holland*

John Schlichenmeyer reported that American Red Cross (ARC) has continued to use remote response / outreach for victims of fire and flood. Snowpack in the mountains is down 65% this year from normal. ARC has launched an online "Sound the Alarm Campaign" to help keep families safe from home fires. Information about the campaign can be found at <https://www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm.html>.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT-**

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM. The date for the next scheduled meeting is May 26, 2021.