Mesa County LEPC Minutes Sept 15, 2011

American Red Cross Annex Bldg

<u>Call to Order & Introductions</u> The meeting was called to order by Grace Logsdon. Members in attendance: Eric Myers (American Red Cross), Jim Pringle (National Weather Service), Kalanda Isaac (Ute Water), Anna Rice (Custom Environmental Services), Grace Logsdon (Ute Water), Dick Pippenger (Lower Valley Fire Dist.), Glenn Kiser (Retired), Paul Frey (Cudd & LVFD), Richard Rupp (Palisade Fire), Horace Sessions (Cray Valley), Petie Pope (School District 51), Mike Hill (MCOEM)

Approval of Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes from the August meeting. Glenn Kiser moved to accept the minutes and Horace Sessions seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report

Our account balance is approximately \$3,365. \$150 was spent on the last meeting's lunch.

General Business

Mike Hill updated us on the post office's new Biohazard Detection System. This system will be in operation October 1st and will be continuously monitoring for aerosolized anthrax in the processing center.

Grace and Horace presented on the annual CEPC conference. Topics discusses were grant opportunities, the authority for LEPCs to get chemical data from industry, liability protection provided to LEPC members, and a brochure template that Grace is going to work on and send out to the members for review. A summary of the National Response Center (NRC) and EPA's on-scene coordinators capabilities and response was given.

Mike Hill discussed an upcoming mutli-jurisdictional exercise that will be taking place near Collbran later this month involving mass trauma.

Upcoming Events and Training

HazMat Operations level training (classroom and field exercises; must attend all three days)

Location: Clifton Fire Dept

Friday, Sept 30 1800-2200 Saturday, Oct 1 0800-1700 Sunday, Oct 2 0800-1700

HazMat Field Exercise (observation only)

Location: To be announced but should be in the Fruita jurisdiction Tuesday, Oct 11 0800-1200

Rail Safety Class

Location: Grand Junction Police Dept conference room

Wed., Oct 19 0800-1700 (classroom in the a.m. and field exercise in the p.m.)

HazMat Technician "Enhancement" (Must already be a technician to attend)

Location: To be announced

Oct. 17 – Oct. 21 0800-1700

Please email Brandi if interested in attending any of the SEP Grant funded training.

Mesa County Safety Fair is scheduled for Feb. $16 - 17^{th}$, 2012. Anyone interested is invited to attend a planning meeting on Sept. 20^{th} at 10:30 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce building.

Co Emergency Planning Commission will present at our LEPC meeting in May followed by their state-wide meeting here in GJ.

Jim Pringle with the National Weather Service (NWS) provided a great presentation of the NWS, its history, mission and capabilities to assist in emergencies. The NWS has had an office in Grand Junction since 1898. They currently employ 25 people and are located at the GJ airport.

Visit http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gjt/ for more information.

Ute Water Conservancy District covered lunch. Thanks to Kalanda Isaac for picking it up!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 13th, from noon to 1:30 pm at the Red Cross Annex building (5th and Gunnison).

Respectfully submitted by Grace Logsdon