Mesa County LEPC
Meeting Minutes May 9, 2013
American Red Cross, 5th & Gunnison

Call to Order & Introductions The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Bill Cort at 12:05 pm. Members in attendance: Brock Curry & Paul Smith & Horace Sessions (Cray Valley), Jim Pringle (NWS), Grace Logsdon & Kalanda Isaac (Ute Water), Bryan Adkins (Enterprise Products), Richard Rupp (Palisade Fire), Rich Carter & Mark Ritterbush (City of GJ Water), Dick Pippenger (Lower Valley FD), Eric Myers (Red Cross), Greg Rajnowski (MCHD), Ed Baltzer (Advent Environmental), Charles Pope (SD51)

Minutes Review & Approval – Meeting minutes for April were approved.

Treasurer's Report: LEPC's account total is approximately $2,000.

Mail and Training Announcements –

- On **May 15th**, the airport will be putting on a tabletop exercise from 1 – 3:30.
- United States Postal Service will be hosting a meeting on **May 16th** to plan for their full-scale exercise involving biohazards.
- Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP) will be hosting a western slope meeting that will take place on **June 13th**, 9-11 a.m. at CMU. The topic will be Workplace and School Violence and Strategies for Dealing with Active Shooters.

Old Business

- The April 26th American Red Cross Heroes of Western Colorado recognition dinner was a success.
- LEPC members shared their thoughts on the West, TX explosion. Dick Pippenger stated that there are potentials in our community for that scale of an industrial disaster.

New Business

- Discussion was had about Mesa County LEPC's scope of responsibility and roles in this community. The question was posed of whether we need to do more to make the community aware of our planning organization and/or chemical risks in their community. It was affirmed that our role is to encourage planning and networking between industry, emergency responders, and other key players in our community. Due to security concerns, we would not provide chemical information unsolicited.

PRESENTATION: Mark Ritterbush with the City of Grand Junction Water Treatment Plant presented on their recent change to On-site Chlorine Generation. By switching to on-site chlorine generation, they were able to get rid of gas chlorine and therefore, no longer fall under Tier II and RMP requirements. Photos of their 150 kW natural gas emergency backup generator and expanded solar panels were also included. Thank you for a great presentation!

The City of GJ provided lunch. Thank you!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 13 at the Red Cross Building.

Submitted by Grace Logsdon