Mesa County LEPC

Meeting Minutes November 14, 2013
American Red Cross, 5th & Gunnison

Call to Order & Introductions The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Bill Cort (Capco) at 12:05 pm. In attendance: Brock Curry (Cray Valley), Horace Sessions (retired), Jim Pringle (NWS), Grace Logsdon & Kalanda Isaac (Ute Water), Richard Rupp (Palisade Fire), Rich Carter & Mark Ritterbush (City of GJ Water), Jeremy Davidson (MCHD), Edward Baltzer (Avant Environmental), David Reinertsen & Matt Talley (Clifton Water), Scott Pearson (ATC), Chad Bernbeck (CSP Hazmat), Brad Ferguson (St. Mary's)

Minutes Review & Approval – A motion to approve the September meeting minutes was made by Horace Sessions and seconded by Ed Baltzer.

Treasurer's Report: Account total is $2,049.98. There have been no transactions since the last meeting.

Mail and Training Announcements –

None

Old Business

- All Mesa County hospitals participated in a hazmat exercise on October 11th. Community, St. Mary's, the VA, and Family Health West all gained insight from the experience and will continue to do more exercises.
- A national Electric Power Grid test took place on Nov. 14th & 15th. The local area did not seem to be affected.

New Business

- Mesa County Safety Fair is scheduled for February 20-21, 2014 at the Mesa Mall. Jim Pringle invites all LEPC members to attend the safety council planning meetings. Glenn Kiser has been elected as the new Chairperson.
- The Federal NUW AIX Exercise is still scheduled for March 2014. This national exercise will involve a simulated nuclear weapons transport accident in Grand Junction.

PRESENTATION: Dave Reinertsen presented on the Oct. 11th chlorine incident at Clifton Water. The incident involved a change out of an 'empty' one-ton container. Operational procedures were not followed necessitating involvement of the Grand Junction Hazardous Material Response Team to evaluate and release the area for normal operations. Brad Ferguson provided some insight into what happened from the St. Mary's ER perspective. GJ Hazmat evaluated the scene in Level A suits and SCBAs utilizing the incident as a training exercise. Thank you for a great presentation!

Clifton Water provided lunch. Thank you!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 12th at the Red Cross Building.

Submitted by Grace Logsdon