

WHITE PINE COUNTY (WPC)
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date: Monday, June 8th, 2020

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Meeting Room, White Pine County Library, 950 Campton St. Ely, NV

Present: **Brett North, Scott Henriod, Ross Rivera, Bob Winder, Bill Calderwood, Tim Bunch, Bernadett Sena, Shannin Pierce, Jill Perez-Ward, Gabria Smith and Tabatha Hamilton.**

- I. **Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 10:15 AM by Chairman Brett North.**
- II. **Public comment- Bob Winder suggested that the LEPC vote in a new secretary at the next meeting. Sheriff Henriod suggested that it be on record that Tabatha Hamilton would be taking notes for this meeting but would not be the official secretary until voted in.**
- III. **Discussion/Action: Prioritization of needed LEPC supplies, training, equipment, Etc. - Sheriff Scott Henriod provided a quote for 6 radios that would replace some of the older models for some of the patrol deputies. Brett North provided a quote for 6 thermal imagers that he felt would greatly benefit White Pine County EMS. It was explained that Ross Rivera had ideas for things that he may need but had not acquired quotes for said equipment. Ross Rivera explained that he highly suggested considering software in a future grant. Tabatha Hamilton suggested a conferences table and chairs for the EOC so that regular meetings could be held in a central location. It was mention multiple times that a 5 year plan/priority list be created by LEPC so that when future grants come up, everyone knows what is really needed.**
- IV. **Discussion/Action: Discussion and approval to apply for United We Stand (UWS) Grant for supplies, training, equipment or planning in an amount to be determined. - Brett provided a quote for 6 Thermal imagers that he felt could greatly improve emergency response preparedness to combat terrorism. Tim Bunch asked for an explanation of what a thermal imager was. Brett explained that it was a camera that senses heat sources and gave examples on how they could be used (i.e. searching packages and for victims in terrorism events). Sheriff Scott Henriod also provided a quote for 6 radios that he felt would help combat terrorism. Ross Rivera suggested that an extra thermal imager be applied for. Sherriff Scott Henriod made a motion to approve applying for the United We Stand Grant for 6 radios and 7 thermal imagers. The motion was seconded by Bob Winder and the motion was carried.**

- V. **Discussion/Action: Discussion and approval to apply for the Operational, Planning, Training, Equipment (OPTE) Grant for training, equipment, planning or operating in an amount to be determined. – Tim Bunch asked for an explanation of the OPTE grant so that everyone could better understand it. Tabatha Hamilton gave a brief explanation of the grant and what kind of projects were acceptable. She asked for suggestions on any other equipment that LEPC may need that pertained to HAZMAT incident mitigation. The upcoming COVID-19 drive-through was mentioned as well as Scott Henriod’s ability to get a highway sign from NDOT for the event. This sparked conversation about possibly getting a sign for White Pine County so that one did not need to be borrowed and so it could be used in incidents such as tanker roll-overs in order to alert the public of any danger ahead. Ross Rivera mentioned that he also could use more radios. After some discussion, Bill Calderwood made a motion to apply for the OPTE grant for as many digital highway reader board as possible without going over \$25,000 and \$4,000 for operational costs with the stipulation that if one sign costed more than \$25,000, then Scott Henriod, Brett North, and Ross Rivera would have the authority to come up with what supplies would be applied for. The motion was seconded by Tim Bunch and the motion was carried.**
- VI. **Public Comments – Additional public comments are encouraged on all public safety matters for LEPC the consideration, both on and off the agenda. The Committee may prohibit comments if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being slanderous, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. - Bernadett Sena asked if anyone had any questions regarding the upcoming COVID-19 testing drive-through and reported that they would have 600 tests to give. Sheriff Scott Henriod asked if there was any criteria that was needed to be met in order to show up. Bernadett responded no and that they welcome any volunteers but that they were not in need of them since the National Guard would be helping. Scott asked if the results would affect the Sheriff’s Office quarantine list. It was explained that it should not because the results go to the health nurse. Bill Calderwood suggested an agenda item for future agenda items. Ross suggested an item to discuss a 5 year plan to avoid situations such as the one that the board was in now. Tim Bunch suggested an item for an updated LEPC committee list. The next LEPC meeting was suggested to be Tuesday, June 16th, 2020 at the EOC at 10:00 AM.**
- VII. **Adjournment- Sheriff Scott Henriod made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50. The motion was seconded by Bill Calderwood and the motion was passed**