

BIG HORN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

121 3rd St W
First Floor Meeting Room
Hardin, MT 59034



Members

BIG HORN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES January 8, 2024 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 2pm.

Members present: Brian Mischel - BHC DES, Dale - MT DES, Alyssa Pitsch - BHC PH, Chief Roberts - BIA LE, Sylvan Covers Up - Crow DES, Paula Small-Plenty - Big Horn Hospital, Sheriff Middlestead - BHCSO, Spadte - BHCSO, Bailey Chalfant, Dionne Pretty on Top, Kelsey - BHC PH

2. Discussion

BHC DES - ICS 300 course will be offered in July. Online sign-up is required as well as a FEMA SID. Course is paperless.

BIA LE - Preparing for upcoming weather; reached out to stakeholders for preparations.

Crow DES - Recent TERC meeting; prepping resources for icy conditions and cold snap; working with VOAD partners in Crow, Wyola, LG, Pryor. Multi is ready with the Red Cross on standby if any issues arise.

Big Horn Hospital - Updating training and exercise plan; CISA is helping plan an active shooter tabletop. Full scale exercise is planned for summer 24 or 25.

BHC SO - Working with housing homeless population for the cold snap, also working with stakeholders and S&R.

MT DES - Attending LEPC meetings across the eastern district.

BHC PH - communicable disease plan approved by the board of health, transport plan submitted to the state with the checklist talked about at the previous LEPC

Kelsey - Covid is on the rise, but influenza is the bigger problem. 1 death and trending up, causing hospitalizations.

Dionne - IHS staff is required for the ICS 300. Big interest for the course and the 400 course.

3. Old Business

Overview of the purpose of previous planning parts in Old Business. ESFs and Annex topics will be covered.

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Active shooter exercise update.

HAZMAT training through BNSF was discussed. Brian will be getting more information for the next meeting.

5. Public Comments

LEPC was strongly encouraged to mention HAZMAT topics. LEPCs were developed with HAZMAT in mind. All-hazards is a great topic with LEPC, but a HAZMAT standing topic is highly encouraged.

6. Adjourn