**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes for Meeting of October 10, 2018**

**Present:**

Heidi Flansberg, Kimberly Giles, Dorene Stever, Wade Francis, Melanie Teela, Paul Strebel, Shawn Reiss, Kevin Christensen, Mike Weibel, Blair Westergard, Dennis Vincent, Janet Bass, Jim Hess, Mark Millett, Chrishell Hubbart, Benjamin Heaton and Marsha Andersen

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Heidi Flansberg, and was held at the Box Elder County Sheriff’s Office.

Excused from the meeting were Joe Hawkins, Eric Andersen, Tory Jackman and Lanette Sorensen.

A motion was made by Mark Millett and seconded by Kimberly Giles to accept the September 12th meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Mark Millett advised that he attended the Law Enforcement Administrator meeting October 9th where he showed the mass fatality and drone trailers. Following the meeting there was an armed robbery in Garland where they used the drone to locate one suspect and flush out a second suspect. This was the first use of our drone for law enforcement purposes. Mark advised that the drone could also be used for assessment of hazmat trainings/incidents.

Kimberly Giles reminded everyone of upcoming training, to include the LEPC Conference in Salt Lake City October 29th, the Emergency Managers Conference in Midway October 16th and 17th and the Flood Plain Conference October 23rd through the 26th. Kimberly also advised that the State is having a full scale exercise November 5th and 6th. Contact Tracy Bodily at tbodily@utah.gov to participate or observe. Kimberly also stated that Kathy Holder from the National Flood Plain Insurance Program (NFIP) is available for presentations on flood insurance.

Heidi Flansberg stated she responded to a 75 barrel crude oil spill that occurred at United Fuel Services. The spill was reported a week after it occurred and will be a large clean up operation.

Mark started a discussion on business outreach and suggested expanding the scope of the LEPC meetings to reach out through the County Chamber of Commerce to bring in other businesses using a business ready focus, possibly using a portion of the meeting for training to build resiliency. Suggestions were to have a hazwoper class, have a training team go to businesses, do industry specific trainings, host a mini conference with the local business people, attend the Chamber breakfasts, reach out to insurance companies to offer training, have Monica from the County Chamber attend LEPC meetings, and form a PR Committee to do presentations for the chamber and other groups. At the end of discussion it was decided to have Monica attend the next meeting and then begin to form the committee.

Janet Bass stated that the Peer Exchange is January 2nd at Ogden Regional Hospital.

Melanie Teela advised there is an environmental containment unit drill at Brigham City Hospital November 13th. Melanie Teela also introduced Chrishell Hubbart as her replacement at Brigham City Community Hospital.

Kevin Christensen suggested having an EMS/Hazmat/Hospital tabletop discussion.

Mark Millett advised that Robert Thane is the new County EMS Coordinator.

Dorene Stever advised that Bear River Valley Hospital will be getting a new administrator.

Wade Francis advised they conducted a radiation exercise October 1st and 2nd where two naturally occurring hotspots were located; one near Smith and Edwards and one near the “Bull” off I 15.

Benjamin Heaton introduced himself as being from U of U Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Kevin Christensen advised the Health Care Coalition will be conducting a communication drill October 30th, and a Special Pathogens/Infectious Disease Webinar November 1st. Also, they will have a workshop November 14th to begin redoing their response plan.

**Election of New Co Chair**

Nominations:

 Janet Bass nominated Sara Andersen

 Paul Strebel nominated Eric Andersen

Shawn Reiss from Nucor Steel was asked if he would be interested, and he advised possibly, but would have to check with his supervision

At this time Heidi made a motion to close the nominations with Janet Bass seconding the motion. Motion carried. Ballots were then turned in and counted and Eric Andersen was elected as the new co chair.

At 9:55 a.m. a motion was made by Mike Weibel to adjourn the meeting with Jim Hess seconding the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting is November 14th at 9:00 a.m. at the Sheriff’s Office.