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Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes of the February 11, 2009 Meeting at 318 Moreno St. Training Room of LVPD

Chairman Gary Ludi called the Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers: Chair- Gary Ludi	Present
Vice-chair-William Cruz	Absent
Treasure- Michelle Vigil	Present
Emergency Manager- Dennis English	Present

Approval of the minutes from the November 12, 2008 meeting: Motion was made by Connie Chavez and seconded by Amber Trujillo.

Approval of the Agenda for the February 11, 2009 meeting: Dennis English made a motion to accept agenda, Connie Chavez seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

1. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MR. ELMER AND MRS. ELVIRA PACHECO FOR THE PROPERTY TO LOCATE THE AM ALERT RADIO ANTENNA AT THE PACHECO COMMUNICATION SITE. AGREEMENT IS FOR (10) TEN YEARS AT \$1,800.00 A YEAR.

Mr. Dennis English, Emergency Manager, informed the committee that a 10-year agreement needed for the Public Warning System Antenna. He also informed everyone that there was going to be a meeting with the contractor Information Station Specialists in the county managers conference room on February 12, 2009 at 9:00am and extended an invitation to the committee. Mr. English reported that the radio station would be activated on February 11, 2009 and that the station dial is 1670AM and currently airs public announcement on how to handle disasters. The AM Alert station will be accessible to both the City of Las Vegas and San Miguel County for emergency notifications.

2. GRANT AGREEMENT 2008-SAN MIGUEL COUNTY –SHSGP WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,000.00 TO COMPLETE THE MICROWAVE OF THE AM ALERT RADIO SYSTEM THROUGH EXISTING REPEATER SITES AND OBTAIN SECURITY FENCING FOR THE TRUJILLO COMMUNICATION SITE AND PURCHASE RADIO ALERT SIGNS FOR THE PUBLIC ROADWAYS WITHIN THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY AND LAS VEGAS AREA.

Mr. Dennis English informed the committee that he is looking towards getting warning signs to tie in with the Public Warning System. The Office of Emergency Management has also purchased a mobile trailer that has mobile communications capabilities. The trailer is currently at Advanced Communications and the Office of Emergency Management is currently seeking financial assistance through San Miguel County Fire Department to complete the work on the mobile trailer.

3. PRESENTATION BY DR. DAVE PADILLA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC) IN DONA ANNA COUNTY.

There was a brief overview of the MRC and when it first began. Dr. Padilla followed with a very informative presentation, which has been included with the minutes as an attachment.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mr. Dennis English: Informed the committee that the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that was created by PM tec, Inc will be presented to the County Commission for the March Commission meeting for approval. He also gave the committee some examples of flow charts that he received from various other agencies and asked that all members reviewed the charts and returned to the next LEPC meeting with their feedback. Mr. English asked that all committee members inform the Office of Emergency management of what they feel are the top 15 concerns within the community.

Mr. Gary Gold: suggested that the LEPC have small brainstorming session at now and noted that his top concern is schools and their evacuation or safety plans. He also stated weather conditions and medical disaster as being at the top of his concerns. Mr. Gold felt that we should submit formal letters to the schools and other agencies requesting their presence at the LEPC meetings to get their input so that we can effectively write an annex for any such emergency and have all agencies working together.

Mr. John Miller: stated that schools and most other agencies have their own EOP's and the challenge is in getting them all to coincide with each other.

Mr. Dennis English: agreed to get formal letters out to such agencies to try to push for more attendance at the LEPC meetings. He also felt that the LEPC should focus on a more community-wide approach in making these plans and then have annex's where we ca go into further detail. For instance have one medical section then include annexes for pandemic flu, hazardous materials, etc. and how we should handle these types of situations.

Mr. Gene Garcia: stated that fire and law enforcement are always going to be your first responders and felt that the biggest trouble with this is communication between all agencies.

Mr. Gary Ludi: wanted to assign a Unified Commander for these situations so as to minimize confusion.

Ms. Connie Chavez: agreed that there was a need for increased communication among all agencies.

Mr. Gary Ludi: felt that the Emergency Manager should be the first one notified in any kind of situation.

Mr. John Miller: suggested that when we start developing more detailed annexes that we invite those agencies that it would directly affect and have discussions with them so that they can get whatever information together we can and work together in coming up with a unified plan.

Ms. Michelle Vigil: noted that she know how other agencies felt and that they do not attend because they feel that the meetings are not geared to their particular field or agency and that is why attendance at LEPC meetings declines.

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting was made by Connie Chavez and seconded by Amber Trujillo. Motion passed at 11:28am.