



COUNTY OF COCHISE
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
1415 Melody Lane, Building A
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-02, the Cochise County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting was held in Room 1110, Cochise College, 901 Colombo Avenue, Sierra Vista on June 17th, 2016.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 1331 by Mr. Josh Steinberg, Chairman. Introductions were conducted. Members Present / Members Absent: See sign-in sheet.
- II. MINUTES – Deputy Chair Luis Cañez made amendment to update the April meeting’s roster to reflect the excused absences. The minutes for April 15th, 2016 were approved as amended.
- III. REPORTS AND UPDATES
 - A. TRAINING – Mr. Cañez reported on the Cochise County HazMat Team’s quarterly HazMat training that took place on May 31, 2016 hosted by Ft. Huachuca Fire Dept. The training subject was “HazMat Research” and was well attended by members of Ft. Huachuca Fire, Sierra Vista Fire & Medical, Douglas FD, and Fry Fire District. Next quarterly training is scheduled for August 16, 2016 to be hosted by Fry Fire District, subject- HazMat Incident Command System. Mr. Cañez also reported that Fry Fire District will be hosting an ADEM funded MAU300 Hazardous Materials Technician Course scheduled for October 17th to November 21, 2016. Registration is through ERMA at www.erma.az.gov using the aforementioned event number. Mr. Mike Quarto reported on SVF&MS HazMat team changes in which the team was recently grouped with their Special Ops Team that includes Technical Rescue personnel and rotates 3 on-call persons to remain available for call-back 24-7 for any major Special Ops incidents. Also, there will be a Regional HazMat Team meeting on July 7, 2016 at SVF&MS Station 363 1300 hrs to discuss regional HazMat response procedures.
 - B. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS – Mr. Cañez reported one incident that took place on May 19, 2016 where Fry Fire was called out to a gas line rupture at 5325 S. Santa Elena Ave. A construction crew was digging a water-line trench and accidentally broke through a ¾” residential gas line prompting Southwest Gas emergency team response as well as FFD. The ruptured line was repaired without incident. The incident was reported to ADEQ.

- C. GRANT STATUS - 2016 ERF Grant: Mr. Quarto waiting on a final SVF&MS bid for a portable radio repeater before submitting the ERF Grant list to ADEQ Yvonne Rodriguez. Other grants: SHSGP 2015 procurement ongoing until September 2016. The smaller SHSGP 2015 Reallocation procurement is complete and finalizing the closeout of the grant.
- D. MEMBERSHIP – No nominations were made for the LEPC Recorder vacancy. Deputy Chair Luis Cañez to fill in as interim until the position is filled. Mr. Chair Josh Steinberg requested for the membership to provide nominations by next LEPC meeting. Mr. Cañez motioned to remove members with outstanding absences from the LEPC roster. The motion: remove Billy Barnes (All-Star), Cindy Carina (CC Emer Svcs), Joanna Griesemer (Barnett's Propane), Mike McKearney (Fry Fire), Russell Mundell (Sunsites-Pearce Fire), Brian Oertel (CC Health Dept), Joe Renn (Life Care Center), Mryna Steele (SV Salvation Army), and Luisa Valencia (CCSO). Motion seconded by Mr. Bob Hollister. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.
- E. EXERCISE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE - Did not meet.
- F. BYLAWS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE - Did not meet.
- G. PERMIT REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE – Did not meet.
- H. EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE – Met at 1300 hrs today for review and updates of the current plan. Mr. Norm Sturm identified school facilities needing contacts updates, Mr. Cañez to provide hazmat equipment list updates from Fry Fire, Douglas Fire, SVF&MS, as well as Ft. Huachuca Fire.
- I. TIER II FACILITY SURVEY COMMITTEE - Did not meet.
- J. HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Mr. Norm Sturm providing the report on behalf of the County Health Dept: Update on Zika virus – is a vector borne virus predominantly affecting the southern Latin American countries with no known mortality rate. Pregnant women are the primary concern due to birth defects of children from infected mothers. Infection of the non-pregnant population is no more significant than the common cold/flu. The disease is transmitted through infected mosquitoes and person-to-person via unprotected sex. The mosquito carrier is endemic; meaning mosquitoes throughout the U.S. can become carriers of the virus by stinging carriers of the Zika virus. Update on Rabies virus – currently the animal population reported to be infected is 5x above the normal rate of infection. Vaccinate your pets. Animals typically display aggressive behavior and it is the method by which the virus spreads through bites. Once infected it is almost a 100% mortality rate. For any suspected exposure it is recommended to seek immediate medical attention for prophylactic antibiotic

treatment. Update on Measles: Pinal County Prison outbreak contained and not considered a threat to the general public.

- K. SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT – The Cochise County Search and Rescue team responded to several lost persons throughout the months of April and May. All persons were found alive and well, with the exception on one deceased.
- L. EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT – Mr. Norm Sturm announced a new Basic Public Information Officer Course in Sierra Vista (MAG290) July 28th & 29th and asked to refer to his email bulletin for further information. Mr. Sturm also reported on TIMS (Traffic Incident Management System) courses being taught throughout Cochise County. The courses have been very well received, in particular with the volunteer fire departments along the I-10 corridor. The courses are being taught by a joint Fire and Law Enforcement team of TIMS instructors: Officer Kameron Lee from DPS, Capt. Luis Cañez from Fry Fire, as well as TIMS instructors from Douglas Fire Dept. Three courses have been taught so far, with one course cancelled at Fry Fire due to the I-10 dust storms, and another course in Wilcox being planned and pending instructor availability. Mr. Sturm also informed the membership that representatives from the border counties of Santa Cruz, Cochise (Norm Sturm & Luis Cañez), and Yuma will be joining with Federal, State, and Mexican partners in attending a course titled “Integrated Emergency Management Course” at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. The course invitation was prompted by Santa Cruz County with the goal to strengthen cross-county and cross-border emergency response coordination of large-scale border emergencies. On a separate note, Mr. Sturm reported that during the fire behind the Huachuca Mountains just south of the US/Mexico border, citizens from the Sonora, Mexico town of Santa Cruz contacted the Naco AZ Fire Chief concerned about the fire overtaking the town, and requesting help. The Naco Fire Chief contacted Cochise OES. Mr. Sturm contacted AZDEMA who in turn contacted Sonora State Representatives in Hermosillo, whom then contacted the city administration in Santa Cruz. Mr. Sturm stated that the event seemed to have demonstrated a possible solution for a cross-border communication loop.
- M. OTHER REPORTS AS AVAILABLE – Mr. Josh Steinberg, Chairman, reported on the Cochise County Communications Committee which is made up of reps from Sunsites Pearce Fire, SVF&MS, Fry Fire, Palominas FD, Portal Fire, Bob Hollister, Ev Wittig, and Pablo Duarte. The committee is working to make recommendations on how to ease into the upcoming Regional Dispatch system. The current recommendation is to keep communications via VHF in an effort to keep handheld radios affordable to all County agencies.

- IV. TRAINING/INFORMATION – An Auxiliary Communications Course AUXCOMM was conducted at SVFM June 3-5. The AUXCOMM course was very well received.
- V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Mr. Ben Keating from Fry Fire reporting on bees, stating that bee swarming is winding down for the summer but will swarm again in Aug/Sept time frame. He warned that bees can become very aggressive if disturbed and recommended the public contact their local FD or a bee keeper for assistance.
- VI. SETTING TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13:30, August 19th, 2016, Science Building Room 1110, Cochise College, Sierra Vista, AZ.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 15:31 hours.

Minutes taken by Luis C. Cañez

Cochise County LEPC Meeting Roster

17-Jun-16

Member /Representative	Agency / Stakeholder	Initial
Barnes, Billy	All-Star	
Barnett, Troy	Barnett's Propane	
Bobar, Bob	Concerned Citizen	<i>RB</i>
Boudle, Craig	Apache Nitrogen Products	<i>CEB</i>
Brown, Fred	RACES	
Burgess, Les	ADOT / LTAP	
Call, Pat	CC Board of Supervisors	
Campbell, Charles	RACES	
Canez, Luis	Fry Fire District	
Capas, Carol	CC SO	
Carina, Cyndi	CC Emerg Svcs	
Chidester, Dale	RACES	<i>Ⓟ</i>
Copp, CDR Daryl	Sierra Vista Police Dept	
Cox, Brian	Concerned Citizen	
Fero, Vince	RACES	
Garra, Neil	RACES/CERT	
Griesemer, Joanna	Barnett's Propane	
Harris, Shannon	Prestige Assisted Living	
Hayes, Cpt Ed	SV Fire Dept	
Higgins, Chris	Ft. Huchuaca DPW/Envr	<i>CH</i>
Hollister, Bob	RACES	<i>RBH</i>
Huntoon, Tom	CC Search & Rescue	<i>TPH</i>
Ilse, Lee	RACES	
Kappler, Bob	AZ 1 DMAT	<i>PK</i>
Manley, Jim	Concerned Citizen	<i>JA</i>
McCann, Stephen	FH Emerg. Svcs	<i>EXC</i>
McKearney, Mike	Fry Fire District	
McNab, Bill	RACES	
Morgan, Josh	US Border Patrol	<i>JM</i>
Morts, Gerald (Duke)	Canyon Vista Medical Ctr	<i>EXC</i>
Mundell, Russell	Sunsites-Pearce Fire	
Novoa, Mario	Douglas Fire	
Oertel, Brian	CC Health Department	
Portz, Juanita	RACES / CERT	<i>EXC</i>
Renn, Joe	Life Care Center	
Rice, Robert (RB)	RACES	<i>RB</i>
Schmig, MAJ Bob	Salvation Army, Sierra Vista	
Schrader, Scott	US Border Patrol	
Steele, Mryna	Salavation Army, Sierra Vista	
Steinberg, Chief Josh	Sunsites-Pearce Fire	<i>Ⓟ</i>
Sturm, Norm	CC Emergency Services	<i>NS</i>
Turner, Ben	AZ G&T Coop	
Valencia, Luisa	CCSO	
Wittig, Ev	City of Bisbee	<i>EW</i>
Wood, Darrin	Hacienda Rehab & Care Center	
	Sierra Vista, City	
	SV Chamber of Commerce	

