



Alpine County Disaster Council

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DISASTER COUNCIL MEETING (Minutes)

Date:

Wednesday January 4, 2012

Time:

10:11 a.m.

Location:

Alpine County Administration Building
99 Water Street Markleeville, CA 96120

AGENDA:

I. Welcome / Roll Call

Members present

Robert Levy - Undersheriff
Lt. Ron Michitarian – Office of Emergency Services/Sheriff
Shane Marquardt – Alpine County Health and Human Services
Terry Hughes – Eastern Alpine Fire/EMS
Robert Wartgow – Eastern Alpine Fire/EMS

Other Attendees

Pat Murphy – Mountain Valley EMS Authority
David Kennedy – American Red Cross
John Garofals – American Red Cross
Lynn Doyal – American Red Cross
Cheri Warrell – Alpine County Office of Education
Kurt Althof – Care Flight

II. Approval of minutes from the July 6, 2011 meeting

- Motion by Shane Marquardt to approve the minutes
- Second by Chief Wartgow
- Motion passed

III. Public Comment – Robert Levy advised that the Hawkins Peak project is now basically finished. Some grant projects are now focused on monitoring of the site with cameras, etc. This Council had made Hawkins Peak a priority and Levy

encouraged members to look forward to new projects. Levy requested that Communications be added as a new business item today and henceforth a regular old business item on this agenda. Levy requested that this occur at today's meeting as an urgency item.

Motion by Shane Marquardt – to add Communications as a new agenda item for today's meeting
Second by Chief Wartgow
Motion passed

IV. Emergency Services Reports

A. Volunteer Fire Districts reports.

Chief Wartgow advised the training schedule for 2012 is set. He is working with Health and Human Services towards a multi casualty/field triage training. Levy inquired if any of these trainings could be used towards Firefighter certifications and/or POST, Wartgow will check. Kurt Althof advised Care Flight would like to participate. Wartgow advised the year end review is complete.

B. EMS Report

Pat Murphy advised of personnel and leadership changes at MVEMSA.

C. Law Enforcement Report

Levy advised that he is searching for a course for the Search and Rescue Coordinator to certify him as a Communications Unit Leader. Levy invited all volunteers to cross train with SAR on operating the Command Trailer. Levy is actively seeking a course for Terrorism Liaison and on Officer Fatalities, response and management. Wartgow suggested a training he heard about and will get the information to Levy.

Levy also advised that our Fusion and Regional Terrorism Centers are in Sacramento.

D. Department of Public Health Report

Marquardt reported a low occurrence of flu cases. He reported on the multi agency tabletop exercise with a CHEMPAC acquisition.

Levy inquired and there was discussion regarding the creation of a list of Overhead/Agency leaders. This list should be created and entered into CAHAN and Reverse 9-1-1. Discussion was also held about setting up equipment and supply kits for this overhead team to carry.

Training for this team was also discussed.

Involvement of the School/Office of Education in overhead planning was discussed.

E. Other Services Reports

David Kennedy introduced himself as the new Red Cross Regional Coordinator. He explained his background, experience, area he covers, etc. He told of recent budget cuts in the R.C. and regional disaster concerns. They have recently recruited more volunteers.

Kurt Althof advised that Care Flight has what is considered a unique protocol to fly certain patients directly to a burn center and bypassing the usual requirement to stop at a trauma center if trauma is not involved.

Althof advised Care Flight is always available for drills, training and exercises. Levy brought up Baumann bag training Althof felt that a dual training with CalStar

would be even more beneficial.

The landing zone at Leviathan Mine was discussed, and David Kennedy inquired and was advised of the project.

V. New Business

A. Status of EMS on the East Slope

The County Administrative Officer was not available to give an update on this item.

B. Approval of Field Treatment Site Plan for Woodfords Firehouse

Pay Murphy had previously distributed the plan. Levy advised he will add the plan to the EOP.

Motion – Wartgow – to approve the Site Plan

Second – Marquardt

Motion passed

C. Communications

Levy spoke of County Communications as a whole being moved away from the Sheriff's Office, but the S/O will retain jurisdiction over radios and the command trailer. Levy and Chief Hughes discussed continuity and redundancy of radio purchases between all emergency services.

Levy discussed politics and budgeting with regards to communications. Levy and the Council felt that radio specifications, purchases, etc would be best governed by this Disaster Council and that would be most constructive for the County and Emergency Services. The Board of Supervisors supports and agrees with Disaster Council decisions. A strategic partnership within this Council to make communications decisions would further interoperability.

Chief Hughes spoke of a Dispatch desire for a consolidated Fire radio frequency. Hughes also spoke of a lack of funding for Cal Fire engines in the Tahoe Basin currently.

Red Cross volunteer Garofals advised of some communication difficulty during a recent structure fire in Kirkwood. Levy advised it was most likely a shift change issue and he will look into the matter.

Levy advised that Golden State Cellular is slated to move equipment into Hawkins Peak. An MOU is being developed. They have an agreement with Verizon for voice, text and 1x data, but not 3x data. . 3G service is being looked into but the Microwave component needs to be installed first. Levy discussed other cell phone repeater sites for improved reception.

VI. Adjourn to next meeting – The Alpine County Disaster Council adjourned to the April 4, 2012 meeting.