



## Alpine County Disaster Council

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### **DISASTER COUNCIL MEETING (Minutes)**

**Date:**

Wednesday June 6, 2012

**Time:**

10:35 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  
Richard Harvey, M.D. – Alpine County Health and Human Services  
Terry Hughes – Eastern Alpine Fire/EMS

Other Attendees

David Kennedy – American Red Cross  
John Garofals – American Red Cross  
Kurt Althof – Care Flight  
Shane Marquardt – Alpine County Health and Human Services  
Kimberly Lorenz – Cal-EMA

II. Approval of minutes from the January 4, 2012 meeting

- Motion by Robert Levy to approve the minutes
- Second by Dr. Harvey
- Motion passed

III. Public Comment –Rob Levy spoke of the EMPG 11/12 Grant and its extension. He talked of plans for the 12/13 grant cycle. Plans are to update the Field Operations Guides and obtain Disaster Preparedness Guides that will link to those FOGs. The Preparedness guides will be customized to specific communities and neighborhoods. The guides will have checklists of suggested supplies and equipment, and explain what emergency services are doing and why.

Shane Marquardt advised that he is planning on purchasing some similar guides specialized towards public health as well as some ICS guides. Levy and Marquardt discussed coordinating their projects. Kim Lorenz spoke of a similar project in a neighboring county and she will try to get some samples.

#### IV. Emergency Services Reports

##### A. Volunteer Fire Districts reports.

Terry Hughes reported on the thus far very active fire season. Eastern Alpine units have been sent twice into Douglas County on wildland fires. Hughes was assigned Safety Officer on the TRE Fire and again as a Duty Chief when their resources were depleted. He reported on some funding difficulties he believes Douglas County may face. Hughes spoke of the air tanker crashes in Nevada.

Hughes advised of current staffing levels within Eastern Alpine Fire. He dispelled citizen concerns of our not having enough resources to send to neighboring counties. He advised Lake Valley Fire is available to us as resources as well. One of our new firefighters is also an EMT-1.

Hughes spoke of a recent OES meeting he attended. This year is being described as a possible "Perfect Storm" year due to fire danger and significantly depleted resources. There is no Cal-FIRE in the Tahoe Basin and no foreseeable plans for any. Current mutual aid agreements in place were discussed.

Hughes spoke of the recent failure of the Leviathan Peak repeater and the fact that Douglas County might want to install on Hawkins Peak as a backup.

Hughes advised there are currently 40 personnel working at the Leviathan Mine site and Chief Wartgow is working with them on First Aid training. Hughes is training with Search and Rescue this date on wildland fire evacuation.

##### B. EMS Report

Hughes discussed upcoming CPR training for the entire county.

##### C. Law Enforcement Report

Levy spoke of recent County budget announcements indicating workforce reductions at the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's administration has not yet seen any proposed budget. Levy advised of the seriousness of this issue and the possible ramifications. Levy advised he will be very focused on this budget process.

Ron Michitarian advised the Command Trailer is out for repair. The trailer has been at some recent public events and minor issues were discovered. Hughes expressed his appreciation of what the Sheriff's Office does to support Fire and EMS and spoke of the recent wildland fire response near Kirkwood as an example.

##### D. Department of Public Health Report

Doctor Harvey reported that he and Dennis Lampson have been in contact with local campgrounds in regards to plague and relapsing fever. The 4 reported cases of relapsing fever were linked to a single cabin in the Mosquito Lakes area. The disease is carried by a tick that lives on mice. It can be fatal in 10 to 15% of cases.

Doctor Harvey advised that campground hosts expressed an interest in CPR classes.

Doctor Harvey reported the sign in front of Health and Human Services was removed due to complaints. He would like to have some sort of sign. Members expressed interest in an electronic sign board and all agreed one could be used for many beneficial things. Grant funding was talked about.

Doctor Harvey discussed the food bucket/bin project. Rob Levy and Ron

Michitarian are working on this and recently discovered a supplier of food that is more palatable and has a longer shelf life than that previously considered.

#### E. Other Services Reports

David Kennedy of the Red Cross discussed teams and deployment of R.C. resources. Our County is now in the Capitol Region Chapter which consists of 24 counties. He discussed the current critical threat which is wildland fire, and a recent response to Alpine County for a residential fire. Kennedy discussed the early onset and severity of recent fires, when usually September and October is the fire season peak. Kennedy advised of a newer National Warehouse outside of Reno. The next closest one is in Missouri. Kennedy discussed a stockpile of First Aid kits and he will get some for Alpine County. Kennedy advised of a June 30 class at Lake Valley Station 7 in Myers for Red Cross volunteers. Kennedy discussed his role in a sustained incident, activations and that Hurricane season will be starting soon which can be a busy time for them.

Kurt Althof advised that he has wind socks for our responders to place at some of the more common landing zones.

Kim Lorenz advised that CSTI will be staying open. She advised on the 5% State work reduction, but that Cal-EMA will maintain Monday-Friday coverage.

#### 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 pursuing the 10-33 program to acquire Humvee vehicles and other available military equipment.

Levy advised of the program, possible equipment available, and possible advantages to the County. He asked if the Council was interested in pursuing this. Transportation to acquire and ongoing maintenance costs were discussed.

Motion – Doctor Harvey – to pursue acquiring Humvee vehicles and other equipment beneficial to Alpine County emergency services from this program.

Second – Terry Hughes

Motion passed.

##### C. Request for direction from the Disaster Council regarding the Microwave Communication System.

Levy advised on the 12/13 Homeland Security Grant and that some monies are remaining from the Hawkins Peak project. He advised there might be \$100,000 available and asked if the Council would approve prioritizing these funds for the microwave system. This would move us towards a separate and updated system.

Motion – Doctor Harvey Prioritize Microwave System with current and upcoming grant funds.

Second – Terry Hughes

Motion passed.

##### D. Disaster Preparedness Community Presentations -

This item was discussed somewhat previously in the meeting regarding guides. Rob Levy spoke of the recent Fire Safe Council meeting. It went

extremely well but had a low turnout. He would like to outreach to more residents. Rob will be speaking at the July Senior luncheon as well. Methods to get more residents to attend were discussed. This item was continues until September

- VI. Old Business – Nothing on this agenda
- VII. Adjourn. The Alpine County Disaster Council adjourned to the September 5, 2012 meeting.