

# Local Emergency Planning Committee

October 2007

The monthly meeting of the LEPC was called to order by Chairperson Nicole Gonzalez at 9:08 am. Present were: Ron Perry, David Lewis, Jeff Wilkins, Hector Guerrero, Emit Lopez, Jerry Huffman, Dennis McGorty, Tammy Egger, Brandon Howland, Wayne Click, Chris Wright, A.J. Turner, Tony Garibay.

Determination of a quorum was established.  
Previous meetings minutes were not read, but will be read at next meeting.

Old business:

Committee reports, bylaws are still being worked. Tammy will send copies of draft Bylaws out through email. A motion was made to have nominations for a new Information Coordinator. Tammy nominated Teresa Covey, Hector seconded the nomination. All members agreed and the motion was carried.

## **Agency Reports are listed below.**

New business:

Results of downtown exercise, Goodfellow is required to run an off-base exercise every year. The exercise turned out well. Units involved were both hospitals, both fire departments, American Airlines, Federal Aviation Administration. Communication difficulties were identified between the different agencies and will be worked on prior to the next exercise.

The San Angelo/Goodfellow AFB Air Show is a go, the actual dates for the air show will be announced in December. The air show is tentatively scheduled to take place in March of 08. Goodfellow AFB will need to run another exercise to support the air show the month prior to the event (Feb). Tammy suggested a table-top exercise. Also, Tammy would like to have more than one table-top before the actual air show. Tammy will take care of the design for the exercise. Goodfellow AFB will not have jurisdiction, but will be in a support role. Wayne Click stated he would like to reinforce some key points from previous exercises into future exercises. The video of the last exercise will be shown at next meeting.

A.J. Turner brought up the table top exercise he is working on for the San Angelo Independent School District. The exercise will focus mainly on trespassers and unauthorized personnel on school grounds. The next exercise will be around the second Thursday of November. Will also try to incorporate new Mass Alerting system.

National Weather Service unveils status of EAS plan and WFO All Hazards Response Plan. NWS had meeting in Reno NV, to discuss plans and ability to assist in response to bad weather. Emergency Managers and First Responders meeting in Abilene showed the potential. NWS would like more input on what they are required to give and what resources they can offer. NWS will conduct more training on NIMS and try to fix communication problems. New technology will help NWS get more information out faster to first responders. NWS can only give long term information and statistics over 3 hours time. Department of Homeland Security is working on getting weather radios into public schools. EAS system will alert by county. Still needs improvements, trying to get EAS onto television since television is the best way to get information out to the public. Ron Perry and Tammy asked NWS to get involved in more exercises. During exercises it will become more important to have weather information at the scene.

Media is calling about fire conditions. Not in serious fire threat as of now, but the KBDI still shows 300-400 range. When KBDI shows 500-600 range will be in serious threat for fires. All information can be accessed on the Texas Forestry Service website.

Announcements; November 2<sup>nd</sup> will be communications unit leader training. Local dispatchers are free to attend the 1 hour class. November 8<sup>th</sup> will be senior official's workshop. November 14-15 will be public information officer's course. December 13<sup>th</sup> is day of Table Top exercise. Will occur from 0800-1700 at West Texas Training Center. Exercise will revolve around a pipeline explosion and wildfire. Multi Agency Coordination System training rescheduled. The class will be week long training at College Station.

The next meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the COG.

Motion was made to adjourn by Nicole and Seconded by Wayne.