



**JASPER/NEWTON/SABINE COUNTIES
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 14, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Jasper/Newton/Sabine Counties Local Emergency Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman Billy Ted Smith at 19:00 at the Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department in Magnolia Springs, Texas.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed committee and guest. A special thanks was given to the Tri-Community VFD for hosting the meeting.

Olen Bean gave prayer for meeting and dinner.

Dinner was provided by the TC VFD.

Minutes of last meeting were tabled due to Secretary not in attendance.

• **Committee Reports:**

○ **By-Laws Committee**

- Charles Burchett
- Karen Smith
- Shirley Nequin

No Report.

○ **Compliance & Right-to-Know**

- Billy Ted Smith
- Olen Bean
- Larry Martin

Chairman Smith gave a report of Tier II reports for the past month. Reports submitted from:

1. Buna Independent School District
2. Kinder Morgan Pipeline
3. Verizon Wireless
4. Davis Brothers Oil Producers Inc.
5. Tharp Operating Company
6. Atinum E&P Inc.
7. Propane Fuels, Inc dba Silsbee Propane Fuels #5
8. Union Gas Operating Co. Inc.
9. Talco Midstream Assets
10. Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
11. Propane Fuels Inc. Hemphill



- **Training & Exercise**

- Olen Bean

Olen Bean, Assistant Coordinator JNS Emergency Management gave a report of training and exercise that included:

1. 2014 Functional Exercise to be held in cooperation with Sabine River Authority and the State of Louisiana Parishes adjoin Newton and Sabine County that would include extreme flooding and hazardous materials leaking into Toledo Bend from a pipeline. The exercise would be held on September 22, 2014.
2. ICS-300 class on September 11 & 12, 2013 to be held at Newton Civic Center. Class would be instructed by Billy Ted Smith, Olen Bean and some from Forest Service. Class is free and registration on preparingtexas.org

- **Communications**

- Billy Ted Smith

Roger Erickson of the National Weather Service made a short presentation on weather monitoring services available from NWS and report of the activity in the tropics.

- **Information & Public Education Coordinator: Billy Ted Smith**

Billy Ted Smith brought forth a discussion regarding notification system for Jasper County. The discussion was further expanded by County Judge Mark Allen and Pct. 2 Commissioner Roy Parker. Noted that a previous productive community meeting was held in Jasper with BBX Operating. They discussed the influx of drilling rigs and successful drilling ventures in the Beach Grove Community. BBX had indicated they may could help fund the notification system.

Chairman Smith noted that the LEPC/ETMA and emergency workers appreciated the efforts from County Judge Mark Allen and Commissioner's Court, Judge Melton and Dougharty and their commissioners in support of our LEPC.

- **Planning**

Some discussion regarding Annex Q: Hazardous Materials and copies available on CD.

- **Business/Industry Outreach: Tabled**



- **Recent Emergencies:**

- Discussion by Billy Ted Smith regarding Ebola and the roll CDC is playing.

- **Old Business:**

- **2013 HEMP Grant:** Chairman Smith gave a report of the progress of the Traffic Commodity Flow Study the JNS LEPC is conducting with Texas Transportation Institute through a grant from TDEM.
 - **Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates:** Deputy EMC KK Lloyd gave a report of the progress of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Sabine County.

- **Drills & Exercises:**

- 2015 SRA Full Functional Exercise TX/La – Toledo Dam Breach/Hazmat
 - WebEOC training will be available soon through the Office of Emergency Management;

- **New Business:**

- Discussion on Interoperability Radio Tabled
 - Discussion on new Notification System – Mentioned in Information and Public Education

- **Training/Conferences:**

- ICS 300: September 11 and 12, 2014 in Newton
 - Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite [ICAMEO] (Train-the-Trainer) November 3 – 6, 2014

- **Programs:** Tabled

- **Final Comments**

- Next meeting will be September 15, 2014 at the Sub-Courthouse in Buna. 2:00 PM

- **Motion to adjourn:** Being no further business meeting was adjourned on a motion by Olen Bean and seconded by Roy Parker. Meeting adjourned.

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Brock Fry	Texas A+M AgriLIFE	409-384-3721
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Ray PARKER	JASPER County	409 384 5343
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DOUG SMITH	STI GROUP	409-289 4086
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JOHN SCOGGINS	TRI COMMUNITY VFD	409-622-9571
Sean Morgan	TRI COMMUNITY VFD	409-224-9430
Billy Ted Smith	JNSEM	409-994-2543
Glen Smith	✓	409-994-2543

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HAN 365: CDC Ebola Update #1

Summary:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working with other U.S. government agencies, the World Health Organization, and other domestic and international partners in an international response to the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa. This document summarizes key messages about the outbreak and the response. It will be updated as new information becomes available and distributed regularly. Please share the document with others as appropriate.

Background:

CDC has activated its Emergency Operations Center to respond to Ebola. Below, please find resources and guidance that we hope will be useful to you and your organization. Please share with your colleagues and networks.

In this HAN INFOService:

- Ebola Cases and Deaths (West Africa)
- Online Resources
- Key Messages Summary (full Key Messages document attached)

Ebola Cases and Deaths (West Africa)

Updated: August 9, 2014

- Suspected and Confirmed Case Count: **1848**
- Suspected Case Deaths: **1013**
- Laboratory Confirmed Cases: **1176**

Updates on cases and deaths can be found on the CDC website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/guinea/index.html>

Online Resources

Web Resources

[What's New](#)

[Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever](#)

[Questions and Answers on Ebola](#)

[World Health Organization's Epidemic and Pandemic Alert and Response \(EPR\)](#)

[Interim Guidance about Ebola Virus Infection for Airline Flight Crews, Cleaning Personnel, and Cargo](#)

[Personnel \(Updated\)](#)

[Ebola Virus Disease Information for Clinicians in U.S. Healthcare Settings \(NEW\)](#)

[COCA Call: What U.S. Hospitals Need to Know to Prepare for Ebola Virus Disease \(NEW\)](#)

[Digital Press Kit \(NEW\)](#)

[Radio Spots for Outbreak](#)

[Infographics \(English and Spanish\) \(NEW\)](#)

[Outbreak Map](#)

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Summary Key Messages

- This is the largest Ebola outbreak in history and the first in West Africa.
- The outbreak in West Africa is worsening, but CDC, along with other U.S. government agencies and international partners, is taking steps to respond to this rapidly changing situation.
- Ebola poses no substantial risk to the U.S. general population.
- On August 8, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that the current Ebola outbreak is a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
 - The PHEIC declaration underscores the need for a coordinated international response to contain the spread of Ebola.
 - Information about the PHEIC declaration is available on the WHO website www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2014/ebola-20140808/en/#.
- A person infected with Ebola virus is not contagious until symptoms appear.
- The virus is spread through **direct contact** (through broken skin or mucous membranes) with the body fluids (blood, urine, feces, saliva, and other secretions) of a person who is sick with Ebola, or with objects like needles that have been contaminated with the virus, or infected animals.
 - Ebola is **not** spread through the air or by food or water.
- As of **August 13**, no confirmed Ebola cases have been reported in the United States, other than the two U.S. health workers evacuated from Liberia.
- As a precaution, CDC is communicating with American healthcare workers about how to isolate patients with known and suspected cases of Ebola and how they can protect themselves from infection.
- Early recognition of Ebola is important for providing appropriate patient care and preventing the spread of infection. Healthcare providers should be alert for and evaluate any patients suspected of having Ebola.
 - A case definition for Ebola virus disease is available at www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/case-definition.html.
- CDC and its partners at U.S. ports of entry are not doing enhanced screening of passengers traveling from the affected countries. However, CDC works with international public health organizations, other federal agencies, and the travel industry to identify sick travelers arriving in the United States and take public health actions to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.
- CDC also is assisting with exit screening and communication efforts in West Africa to prevent sick travelers from getting on planes.
- CDC recommends that people avoid nonessential travel to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.
- CDC recommends that people practice enhanced precautions if traveling to Nigeria.
- Recommendations and guidance may change as new information becomes available.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national, and international organizations.

Categories of Health Alert Network messages:

Health Alert Requires immediate action or attention; highest level of importance

Health Advisory May not require immediate action; provides important information for a specific incident or situation

Health Update Unlikely to require immediate action; provides updated information regarding an incident or situation

HAN Info Service Does not require immediate action; provides general public health information

##This message was distributed to state and local health officers, state and local epidemiologists, state and local laboratory directors, public information officers, HAN coordinators, and clinician organizations##



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- **Prayer** – Chaplain Roy Parker
- **Dinner: Host Tri-Community Fire Department**
- **Read & approve minutes from last meeting.**
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