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Transcript

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Cora Phillips: We'll just wait a couple minutes and then we'll get started.

Cora Phillips: Hello everyone. Thank you so much for joining today. I know some of you might be off work with the holiday season, but I appreciate you joining for the hour. I'll try and make it as quick as possible so you can get to your festivities. So this is the Grand County LEPC meeting. My name is Cora Phillips, and I'm the Emergency Management Director for the county. If you haven't already, please put your name, the organization that you represent, and your title in the chat so I can have attendance. If you aren't receiving my emails regarding the meeting, please include your email in the chat or someone from your organization that you would like to include in this meeting so they get the reminders, details and the agenda before the meeting begins.

Cora Phillips: Did anyone have any comments on the meeting minutes?

Cora Phillips: Hearing none and seeing none in the chat. I will move right along.

Cora Phillips: So some of you have asked, what's the purpose of our LEPC meeting? Under the emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, we must develop an emergency response plan, review the plan at least annually and provide information about chemicals in the community to citizens. Plans are developed by our LEPC with stakeholder participation. So like this past year we were able to complete our Hazard mitigation plan and have it FEMA approved - woohoo - go team! So that's really exciting. And in this coming year in 2024 will be working on updating our Emergency Operations plan with the same contractor, Integrated Solutions. Daiko Abe, whom some of you might remember we'll be working with us again so we're excited about that, too. This LEPC has great representation from a number of different organizations and from our local government so I'm really excited about moving forward in 2024. I think that'll be great for the development of our Emergency Operations plan.

Cora Phillips: And so I wanted to kind of celebrate our team accomplishments and the accomplishments that you've had within your organizations. So we're going to try something a little new for me. And we're going to do a group activity. So where were we successful? What can we repeat next year? And what foundation did we establish to build upon in 2024?

Cora Phillips: I'm going to share a new tab, so don't panic.

Cora Phillips: Okay, so this is Slido. I don't know if anyone has used it before but it's a great way to get participation from the group so you can join by going to slido.com and the code is Grand County, so I'll give you a couple minutes to do that.

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Cora Phillips: If you are joining with the QR code, I don't think you need to put in any code. Only if you're joining through the browser.

Cora Phillips: If you're on your phone, and unable to do both you can certainly type it in the chat as well if you'd like.

Cora Phillips: And feel free to certainly include something that your organization did individually. I'd be happy to hear that.

Cora Phillips: I think we have a good amount of items shared. So thank you so much for your participation. We have communication, community, UASCE, floods, exercises, tabletops, facilitation, potential, yes! Flood is mentioned a couple of times.

Cora Phillips: So looking ahead in 2024. We'll have our Emergency Operations plan kick off meeting. We haven't picked a date yet, but I will certainly send that information to our group once that date is decided. We also have the airport full-scale exercise scheduled for March 7th. Tammy. I know you're on here if you would like to say anything about that or any other details, you're more than welcome to.

Cora Phillips: We can also do that at the Roundtable report. Mitigation efforts - Kara with Rim to Rim Restoration has been great at getting a group collaboration, and completing the Creeks needs assessment and trying to work towards some of those projects to mitigate fire and floods within the creeks. For public Outreach in 2024, there's going to be a focus on fire prevention and working with the State Fire Marshal's Office regarding lithium ion battery risk awareness and response training. If you have any questions about that, just let me know.

Cora Phillips: Also looking at how we address the gaps and improve our reach moving forward. It really requires the whole community approach and involvement from each and every one of you so I wanted to reach out to the group in this forum and see if you had any ideas for 2024 - how can I better support you in my role moving forward. So we have another slido.

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Cora Phillips: Training events. Yes, for sure.

Cora Phillips: And if you want to unmute, certainly feel free to speak more on what you entered.

Cora Phillips: Thank you everyone for contributing.

Cora Phillips: If there's any specific training that you would like to look towards, let me know. You can certainly feel free to send me an email - CPhillips@GrandCountySheriff.org. I can put that in the chat, too.

Cora Phillips: My office is now at the Grand Center in Moab. So also feel free to stop by anytime. Thank you so much.

Cora Phillips: So if you'd like to stay more informed and you aren't on my email list, please let me know. Send me an email at CPhillips@GrandCountySheriff.org or if there's somebody in your organization that you would like added to that list, please feel free to email me their contact information. I'd love to have more people involved in the planning process.

Cora Phillips: So we will be working on our Emergency Operations plan next year and fine-tuning that, really giving it a full and comprehensive update. So once we have that you can model your own organization's plan off of that County Emergency Operations plan.

Cora Phillips: If you're an organization that has what's defined as hazardous materials, I encourage you to go through the Tier II Chemical Inventory Reporting Program form. You can also use this link to report an incident, submit a report and to check the spills database. I'll put that link in the chat too if you're not able to scan the QR code right now.

Cora Phillips: And then our next meeting will actually be the pipeline safety and emergency response seminar. So if you haven't already, they do ask that you RSVP because they are providing dinner. They want to make sure that they have enough food for everyone. I'll put that link in the chat as well.

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Cora Phillips: And it'll be February 7th at the Hoodoo here in Moab.

Cora Phillips: Looking ahead for 2024, we'll have the pipeline safety and emergency response seminar and then the next meeting after that will be Thursday, May 16th and UDOT will be presenting on spills and illicit discharges. We have two more training spots as well so if there's anyone here that would like to present, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'd love to have you.

Cora Phillips: And I'll leave that up so you can mark those dates in your calendar. We had the radiological exercise most recently with UMTRA. It went really well. I don't know anyone, I think a few of you on here were able to attend. Thank you so much for your participation. We look forward to having more full scale exercises like that in the future. If you have any comments on that exercise or your experience and areas for improvement, let me know. I'd love to sit down with you and chat more about that. [The Office of Emergency Management is] really looking at community outreach in the coming year. We were able to send out a holiday coupon mailer here to Grand County residents reminding individuals to subscribe to our alert system.

Cora Phillips: The PIO group - we've been working to improve our Outreach to the community and really expedite how messages are delivered to the community. That was new this year and we're still fine-tuning it and we're looking at ways to do that better in the future. I've been posting public service announcements to the Grand County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Facebook page. If you need a link to that, let me know. I'll put it in the chat here for you. There's that link.

Cora Phillips: We had the Ring of Fire Eclipse October 14th. Thankfully we weren't impacted too much. It was a little busier in town - similar to Jeep Safari, but the public outreach seemed to work very well. I didn't hear any negative things. It seemed like the public was fairly well informed. Our local grocery store City Market wasn't too terrible in speaking with some locals. I will be applying for the State Homeland Security Program Grant next year so if there are any projects that you'd like brought to my attention, please let me know and we can look to see if the project would align well with this grant. It primarily

focuses on domestic terrorism and there's some Hazmat funding in there too. So just let me know, keep me posted and we can talk more.

Cora Phillips: I'm also working on preparedness for monsoon season next year really Gathering public Outreach material for our Pio group. I'm also working to place some precipitation monitoring equipment and working with the BLM on obtaining right of access. If you'd like to know more about that, I'm happy to speak with you further on that. And that's all I have and we'll move to our round table report.

Cora Phillips: Is there anyone who would like to speak?

Justin Needles: Can I take a second there, Cora?

Cora Phillips: Absolutely Justin, go ahead.

Justin Needles: So I just want to say I appreciate the invite today. So for those of you who don't know me, I'm the Carbon County Emergency manager. But I also sit on the state SERCA board. So that's the State Emergency Response Commission Advisory and I am the rural LEPC rep. So my job with that is to make sure that LEPCs have all the things they need to operate and that they understand what they're supposed to be doing. So I'm just here to introduce myself and say if you have any needs or I can do anything to help you guys move forward, that's my job as that rural LEPC rep. We also have the LEPC conference coming up in March that will be... Apologies, I had it up and then I closed my calendar.

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Justin Needles: Whitney do you have those?

Cora Phillips: March 20th

Justin Needles: Yes, March 20th. So if you're interested in attending that, we encourage everyone to come. We're trying to have a really good agenda for you to make sure the rules and regulations and best practices are available at that conference. So I just wanted to introduce myself to everyone. So thank you for letting me take that couple minutes. Any questions that I can answer, please reach out.

Cora Phillips: Thanks so much, Justin and thank you for supporting our LEPC.

Justin Needles: Of course, anytime I can.

Cora Phillips: Go ahead Eric.

Eric Anderson: Hey Eric Anderson from the Southeast Utah Health Department. I just wanted to bring up a couple things. We have a Healthcare Coalition meeting going on Moab on the 23rd of January which will be at Moab Regional Hospital. Cora, we'd love to have you there and then we have an exercise. We're doing a functional exercise. That's the sixth and seventh of February. It's two hours in the afternoon. They're calling it icy-hot. Essentially, it's a Statewide table top exercise. It's focusing on pediatric and burn surge - a mass casualty incident. The sixth focuses primarily on EMS and the seventh focuses on Hospital response.

Eric Anderson: And we're taking it kind of an opportunity, Cora if you wanted to run a web EOC event. And then on the medical side, we're trying to do another Jabari product called EM resource and EM track that we're trying to track bed counts and patients for this exercise, and we will also be doing a redundant

communication drill with satellite phones, 800 megahertz, VHF radios and internet. I think that was it for us and we would love to participate in the March 7th full scale at the airport, whatever ESF 8 needs that you may have, we'd be happy to help in any way.

Cora Phillips: Thank you so much Eric. I appreciate it.

Cora Phillips: Go ahead James.

James Blanton, Jr.: Yes, I just want to introduce myself. I'm James Blanton. I'm the new assistant chief over at Moab City Police Department. I was told about this meeting the other day and decided I'd join it. Thanks for all of the information and thanks for the invite. If you guys ever need anything from us, please let us know.

Cora Phillips: Thank you so much. Really excited to have you on board.

James Blanton, Jr.: Happy to be here. I spent 30 years up in Salt Lake with the Unified Police Department and Sheriff's Office. So hopefully I can bring some good experience to the City here.

Cora Phillips: Chief Lex Bell spoke very highly of you.

James Blanton, Jr.: Thank you. He's a good friend.

Cora Phillips: All right, if there's no one else for the roundtable report. Thank you so much for joining today. I'm happy to have you all here virtually. Look forward to seeing you in person for the pipeline safety and response seminar. Have a wonderful holiday break and see you in the new year. Take care.

Bill Winfield: Thank you.

Cora Phillips: Thank you.

Les Bolton: Thanks Cora.

Cora Phillips: Thank you.

Justin Needles: Thanks Cora.

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