



Blaine County, Idaho

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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## Meeting Minutes May 10, 2018

Attendance: Nils Ribbi, LEPC; Chris Corwin, BCDS; Craig Aberbach, HFD; Tom Ancona, Mike Elle, KFD; Taan Robrahn, SVFD; Mark Beelaert, SVCO; Will Fruehling, BCSO; Dan Schaffer, SCPHD; Heidi Novich, IOEM; Jacob Greenberg, BCC; Ismael Gonzales, ISP; Aaron Decker, Gene Luze, Christina Taylor, WMD CST; Travis Olson, SVPD and Stacy McLaughlin, WMFD.

(Note: If you attended and didn't sign in, you won't be on this list.)

### Welcome & Introductions

The minutes from the April 12, 2018 meeting were approved.

Website Update included asking participants to verify their information on our current site and get any updates (specifically logos) to Nils, Chris or Stacy. We are currently updating the Wildfire page and would appreciate a review from those in the fire service.

### Presentation

Assistant Chief Tom Ancona discussed responding to incidents involving alternative fuel vehicles. When arriving on scene do a size up and establish command, do hazard control and scene stabilization, develop and disseminate action plan.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of emergency responder death is being run over at a scene. Always have a look out.

During size up it is important to identify the alternative fuel vehicle and communicate to all responders. High voltage systems will shut down if air bag is deployed or system is disconnected and if lines are shorted, become submerged or if voltage changes. Look for a key fob if vehicle has a smart key; put fob in command vehicle. 1) Don't approach from front or rear, 2) Place vehicle in park, 3) Unlock and move power seats out of deployment and roll down windows, 4) Turn off ignition and remove fob, 5) Disconnect 12 volt battery, negative first then positive and 6) Important, Leave high volt disconnect alone! Look for a Ready light, be aware of 'sleeping' vehicle, know where batteries are located and disconnect. Batteries could be located behind the back seat, in the rear of the vehicle and under the cargo area. Don't go through the trunk!

In vehicle fires, fuel is stored in plastic lines, jell batteries burn violently, air bags are unstable and deploy above 300 degrees. In hybrid vehicle fires, look at color of smoke. Allow wear full PPE with SCBA, never fight in front of or behind vehicle, attack uphill and upwind, safe to put a large amount of water on ~ let it burn itself out. Identify gaseous fuel vehicles, look for identification for vehicle type and open the gas door.

- Be Smart
- Size Up
- "Never Say Never – Never Say Always"
- There are no standards.
- Work Smart & Be Safe!!!

Other Items for the Good of the Cause

Members from 101<sup>st</sup> WMD Civil Support Team were on site along with several apparatus. Attendees were encouraged to look at the apparatus and ask questions of the team after the meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>.