

Wyoming Chapter of ARMA
General Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 11:30 a.m.
Uncle Charlie's
6001 Yellowstone Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82009

Please Note: These minutes are abridged.

WY Chapter Members present: Tony Adams, Ramona Christensen, Lisa Lane, Debbie Leonard, Kathy Levasseur, Pat Newbern, Barb Thomasee, Tim Tyler, Albin Wagner, Deanne Widauf and Rich Wilson.

ARMA International Member present: Bert Sanchez

Guests: Jennifer Mickel and Jeanine West, guest speaker.

11:30 a.m. President Pat Newbern announced that the Year-End Dinner would be June 9, 2011 at Sanford's, upstairs. The chapter will pay \$15.00 towards each chapter member's meal. Guests are welcome. Please let Donna know your dinner choice and guest's dinner choice. Donna is working diligently getting the slate for the Chapter Board together so if you are interested in a board position please let her know by May 13th, 2011.

Kathy Levasseur introduced Jeanine West from Laramie County Emergency Management Unit. Jeanine works as an executive assistant with the unit.

Jeanine related to us that Emergency Management is the coordination of local, state and federal governments response to emergencies or disasters. There are five parts/plans to every emergency/disaster, 1. Preparedness 2. Response 3. Recovery 4. Mitigation or Security 5. Protection. Survival is easier when you are prepared.

There is a need to plan; to have an emergency supply kit; to have a family emergency plan and a work place emergency plan. Jeanine informed us that the number one hazard for Laramie County residents is not what we might think of first as in tornados, snow storms, terrorism or even floods...the number one hazard in Laramie County is hazardous materials. In order to survive after a disaster each person and pet should have food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantities to last three days, some emergencies such as a pandemic influenza may require you to stay home for two weeks.

Documents that you should have in your emergency plan are: marriage license, birth certificates, mortgage documents, titles, wills, insurance policies, bills, appraisals, other records such as shot record, pet records and important family papers. Do you stay or do you go? It depends upon the emergency. Can you shelter in place? It is a good idea to have an "out of state" contact included in your evacuation plan.

Laramie County is taking queues from other disasters around the country and is working to have enough shelter areas for pets so that there will not be one life lost because a person would not leave their home because their pets would have to stay in the home alone.

Jeanine passed along these websites for more information regarding disaster supply kits: www.redcross.org , www.fema.gov and www.ready.gov.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lisa Lane, secretary.