

# Columbia Emergency Planning Association Meeting

March 2, 2010

Present:

Diane Dillard	CRF&R
Steve Watson	Columbia 911
Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Sally Jones	911 Communications
Jim Huff	CRFR&R
Jay Tappan	CRF&R
Alicia Little	Dyno Nobel
Janet Wright	Columbia County
Henry Heimuller	Columbia County Rider
Joseph Errante	CERT and ARES/RACES
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES
Gayle Case	Citizen Corps and MRC
Beth Dudley	County Emergency Management
Theodora Tsongas	Portland State University
Genell Grow	St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union
Caroline Frappier	American Red Cross
Doug Greisen	Scappoose Police
Jeff Kemp	Pacific Stainless
Keith Locke	City of St. Helens
Jim Huff	CRF&R
Roy Barbour	Red Cross
Michael Greisen	Scappoose Fire
Al Pierce	ARES/RACES
Doug Greisen	Scappoose Police
Nancy Harwood	Retired Senior Volunteer (RSVP)
Anne Parrott	Public Health/MRC
Cristin Concoran	CRI
Derek White	Columbia County Emergency Management
Roger Barbour	RSVP
Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas
Marge Murphy	Red Cross
David Qualman	Conrad Forest Products
Kevin Owens	Columbia River PUD
Mary Lou Busch	Mist-Birkenfeld Fire
Steve Watson	911 Communications District
Terrie Levie	911 Communications District
Mike McGlothlin	Columbia City Police
Kimberly Johns	Natural Guard/ORSDI
Frank Grace	Vernonia Fire
Nancy Harwood	RSVP
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal
Janet Wright	Columbia County

Dave Morrisson	ARES/RACES
Rita Bernhard	Columbia County Commissioner
Brandi McAllister	Credit Union
Eric Corliss	American Red Cross
Mark Gunter	City of St. Helens
Sue Reedy	Columbia 911
Katharine Denckla	Columbia 911
Lee Knowlton	Columbia 911

The meeting was called to order by President, Greg Godfrey. Thanks to Scappoose Fire and Police for the treats and door prizes. And thanks to 911 for letting use the conference room. The next three meetings will be held at Dyno Nobel.

We have responsibilities as a LEPC to make progress on certain issues so we will be working on committee status and give you some specifics on what they do.

### **CEPA LEPC Structure**

Up until now CEPA has been more of a communications forum – it’s a great group to start a LEPC with. Remember Bhopal, India – chemical release at night – killed 25,000 and injured 150,000 . There were also several other serious incidents – what came out of these was the lack of emergency planning and community awareness. EPCRA was enacted – Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know. This regulation does two things –makes sure there are emergency plans in place and forum to let the community know. OSFM oversees the LEPC’s. For CEPA LEPC we cover Columbia County. CEPA became a LEPC last year. We want to continue outstanding communication but we have to get to work done too.

### **Committees**

**EHS** ---- We are an “all-hazard LEPC” – so we aren’t just limited to chemical disasters, so acts of terrorisms, natural disasters and extremely hazardous substances are covered. We have the largest exposure to Columbia River of any county in Oregon, we have underground pipelines, So this committee will identify where the extremely hazardous substances are – and find out what is flowing through here. And then it requires the facilities to report.

Review industry hazardous materials

Liaisons with EHS industries and OSFM

Technical assessment of potential vulnerabilities

Members – Ron Youngberg, Greg Godfrey, David Qualman, Derek White

### **Finance & Planning –**

Maintain record of income and disbursements

Examine and recommend use of funds

Develop annual budget, in cooperation with executive committee

Participate in development of business plan

Forecast revenue needs and recommend revenue sources

Research and support grant application and funding opportunities

Members: Mike Greisen, Chair, Roger Barbour, Mike Sullivan, Jeff Kemp, Janet Wright

### **Information Management**

- Outreach to business, local government, industry, other agencies (NGO)
- Public outreach and education – CEPA Expo, work with resource committee to develop plans to educate public
- Information Dispersal – CAN, PIO Group, arrange to publish required notifications (6-8) newspapers – we need to have an annual meeting, pamphlets, articles, materials at various events
- Members: Chair, Steve Salle', Bill Goodwin, Larry Lucas, Roy Barbour, Anne Parrott, Keith Locke, Nancy Harwood, Jim Huff, Gayle and all CEPA Expo members

### **Resource Development –**

- Need to look at what plans exist – look at County, municipalities and individual agencies and businesses. We need to make sure the plans are coordinated.
- Evaluate adequacy of existing response capabilities in the community
- Identify alternative resources to draw upon if need arises
- Work with public outreach committee to develop plans to educate public.
- Committee Members: Chair - Derek White, Anne Parrott, Sally Jones, Bill Goodwin

### **Program Committee**

- Plan/develop monthly meetings
- Balance local area and invited speakers from outside the area
- Topical subject matter, incorporating current events,
- (Assessing response of programs for interest by attendees
- Make interesting to wide variety of members
- Assess needs and interest of members and adjust/develop programs accordingly.
- Members: Diane Dillard, Chair, Steve Watson, Beth Santangelo, Roger Barbour, Marge Murphy

### **Membership Committee**

- Determine missing/required disciplines that should be represented in LEPC
- Determine if disciplines are participating
- Problem solve if required members are not participating
- Determine geographical areas miss/inadequate representation
- Recommend and develop plans for correcting membership concerns
- Members: Ann Franzen, Chair, Henry Heimuller, Joe Errante, Greg Hinkelman, Mary Lou Busch, Earl Fisher, Doug Greisen, Pat Rubino,

**Executive Committee:** Greg Godfrey, Jay Tappan, Mike Greisen, Diane Dillard

Dee Wooley, Chair of 911 Communications - Thanks to Nancy Edwards and staff we re-submitted to Special Districts Assn. of Oregon (SDA) – unable to attend because of illness – we wanted to show her award winning video. 911 Center has also brought a cake. Sally was awarded “Outstanding Special District Service Award – Manager of the Year.” We viewed the video --- a round of applause and standing ovation followed.

Website for LEPC's in Oregon

[http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Local\\_Emergency\\_Planning\\_Committees.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Local_Emergency_Planning_Committees.shtml)

(Sally) "I look around this room at all these different faces and one way or another – each one of you share in this recognition – some for the full 19 years others the last two years – from support for our levies, participation in our advisory committee – there a future that is coming rapidly to us that includes more major changes in how we deliver service and how we receive information from the public. Thanks for being such a vital part of CEPA. I will feel comfortable going to retirement knowing this district will move forward."

**Columbia Rider** – most awesome transportation district

**Emergency Management** - Derek – we have been focusing on earthquake preparedness – we feel it is a major gap in our county. There are lessons to be learned from Haiti –we are close to a big city (Portland) and we would be hurting to get resources that will be focused on them and other bigger cities like Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, etc. From Chile, we can learn more – it is a pretty developed country – they have strong seismic building codes and very strong economically. A good deal of their buildings survived. Their tsunami warning system seemed to have worked okay. Looting will be an issue – we need to work with law enforcement. We did have tabletops in early February getting people together. One in SH and Vernonia – had about 50 in St. Helens and 35 at Vernonia – good representation. Need to make sure we have enough fuel. We need more participation from businesses and city leaders. St. Helens Credit Union joined us and told us what the financial service sector can do. It is critical that we get businesses involved. FEMA has said that 40% of small businesses fail after a major disaster. April 26 Quake Shake Day – we want all of you to go over your earthquake procedures at your business, home and agency. Then evacuate after the quake stops.

Jim requested again on behalf of CEPA Expo sub-committee – the next planning meeting is March 18 at 2 p.m. at the 911 Center. Because of budget constraints on many of the former participants – we are looking for new ideas, There are around 14 people involved so far – come with ideas. Need to find ways to support the event financially. Steve Salle' is chair of the event.

Chief Mike Greisen reminded us - Build your home emergency kit to 168 hours – 7 days. The military is busy fighting two wars. Try to get your emergency kits built. Door prizes included - Two Flashlights with three types of batteries. Thermos bottle, First aid kits – Jeff, Jay, Dee, Genell, Caroline were winners

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 6, 10 a.m. at the Dyno Nobel facility in Deer Island.

Our guest speaker is Ed Serra, Superintendent of Schools for Clatskanie. He will be discussing emergency preparedness for schools.

Dyno Nobel will be furnishing treats and door prizes.