

Columbia Emergency Planning Association Meeting

April 6, 2010

Present:

Diane Dillard	CRF&R
Janet Wright	Columbia County
Michael Cave	Dyno Nobel
Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Ed Serra	Clatskanie School District
Terri Levie	Columbia 911
Derek White	Columbia County Emergency Management
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Steve Salle'	St. Helens Police
Kevin Owens	Columbia River PUD
Marge Murphy	American Red Cross
David Morrisson	ARES/RACES
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES
Joe Errante	ARES/RACES
Jay Tappan	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Pat Rubino	American Red Cross
Holly Nachbar	St. Helens Federal Community Credit Union
Jeff Kemp	Pacific Stainless
Frank Grace	Vernonia Police Department
Patty Tillotson	American Red Cross
Earl Fisher	Columbia County Commissioner
Rita Bernhard	Columbia County Commissioner
Jeff Dickerson	Columbia County Sheriff
Theodora Tsongas	Portland State
Steve Watson	Columbia 911
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal
Al Pierce	ARES/RACES
Joe Brooke	Boise, Inc.
David Qualman	Conrad Forest Products
Laney Coulter	NW Education Service District
Jim Malhoff	" " " "
Larry Lucas	Oregon State Police
Mike Greisen	Scappoose Fire
Alicia Little	Dyno Nobel
Jim Huff	CRF&R
Jay Tappan	CRF&R
Ron Youngberg	CRF&R
Mike Sullivan	Portland General Electric
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong
Janet Wright	Columbia County PIO

The meeting was called to order by President, Greg Godfrey. Thanks to Dyno Nobel for the treats and door prizes. And thanks to Bethany Carrie and Michael Cave for helping us set up for today's meeting.

Said Greg - Welcome to Dyno Nobel. We are doing a lead abatement project. Welcome all three county commissioners. We will be meeting here for the next two months and then move to U S Gypsum in Rainier. Water leak in boiler so plant have been down for several weeks – that is about a \$4 million problem for us – we should be starting up this weekend.

In the future we'll transition to more committee reporting vs. agency reporting. Glad to have Ed Serra here today. And we have some interesting topics in the future.

Introductions were made

EHS Committee reports – Ron Youngberg is chair. Derek reported they met two weeks ago. Looked at facilities that have extremely hazardous substances. We haven't gotten a full list yet. Also need to look at facilities in Cowlitz County because they could impact Columbia County. Then will work through Research & Development committee – get resources identified. And then inform the public. The committee did some research and found what they need to do – find out where the substances are and how they move through the county

Information Management – Steve Salle' is chair. CEPA Expo is our primary focus right now – next meeting this Friday April 9 – 2 p.m. at 911. We are in the nut and bolts part of putting the event together – the conceptual part is past. It is on Saturday, July 17 during the County Fair. We will also work with EHS committee to put the information out to the public. One of the LEPC duties is to communicate to the public.

Program Committee – Diane Dillard, Steve Watson, Beth Santangelo, Marge Murphy serve on this committee. It appears we have just one program slot to fill for December. Tony H. suggested we contact Ken Murphy, director of Oregon Emergency Management and see if we can secure a speaker on the topic "retrofitting our schools" for earthquakes.

Membership Committee – Chair is Anne Franzen – we have some vacancies – and we are suppose to have someone from the media on this committee

Finance and Planning – Mike Greisen is chair. They will be working on Business Plan before the end of April.

Next CEPA Board meeting is Thursday, April 15 at 9:30 at 911 center.

Reports

Earl Fisher – introduced Rita

Rita Bernhard – She noted Derek will take about Earthquake drill. Commissioners are dealing with budget issues. Will be a real challenge to fill a million dollar hole.

Lonny Welter – nothing significant for the country road department at this time.

Steve Salle – everything going okay – meeting after lunch with OSFM. Terry is doing the Phase II assessment.

Terry Wolfe – we are starting a project – working with Dyno Nobel – doing plan reviews with the first responders – as part of that process is to take it out to the City and County level. Meeting at 1 p.m. today to bring in the appropriate participants. Going to take Columbia City as the subject City and Columbia County will be phase III.

Greg reminded us - There are three key parts of a LEPC –

- what are the hazards and
- what are the plans and
- how will you communicate to the public.

Terry Wolfe said - We need to look at these plans as to how they relate to the communities. Back in 1986 emergency planning was more in its infancy – more sophisticated now. We don't want to create new plans – just review them.

LEPC applications – we encourage everyone to join and become a LEPC member. CEPA does a lot of communications but the LEPC has some responsibilities. Becoming a LEPC member assures you are covered under the Oregon Tort Claims Act – that is the main reason we ask you to complete the form. Diane will bring forms to the next meeting and Terri Levie will provide us an EXCEL spreadsheet with current membership.

Tony Hyde – we continue to struggle with the budget – double digit increases in PERS. We have started the Columbia County Economic Development Commission – we need to bolster our economy in this county. The cities feel the same way – our outreach will be to large and small businesses. Getting core mission and infrastructure – it will be a 501c6 ultimately – it is going to be business-driven with government at the table to either help or get out of the way. We are making a big push on the federal level – reauthorization of the workforce investment bill and intersurface enhancement act. Conference call with Senator Merkely today and on Friday with Wu – so Columbia County can become a “hub zone” – allows us to take on federal contracts.

Derek White – he distributed some handouts – Earthquake Exercise at the end of the month – QuakeShake flyer on Monday, April 26 go through earthquake plans for home and at work. You have to be ready when it happens when it happens here, it is going to be big. We have other exercises that week with agencies. Anne and I chair Columbia County At-Risk Population Working group – we are identifying people who because of age-related, cognitive, mental, physical, and/or social disabilities who are unable to assist or care for themselves during an emergency and will likely require some type of assistance” – we invite others to join us. Next meeting April 27, 10 to noon – 911 Center. Diane complimented Derek on the FACEBOOK page created by Columbia County Emergency Management.

Anne Parrott – has been presenting a preparedness class for child care providers – helping them understand that they need to develop a plan for their facility. Definite emphasis on earthquake and shelter-in-place. Public health sent three employees and Chief Greisen to a meeting to look at Bio-terrorism threats. Definitely a good workshop. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) had orientation and brought in 6 new members. We will have a total 23 MRC's in the county.

Janet Wright – next week starting to create a comprehensive media plan for the county. On the transit side we are now under contract for the construction of the new transit center at the old Stimson site.

Jim Malhoff...NWRESO – we coordinate activities for the five county school districts

Laney Coulter– NWESD – working with others on an emergency preparedness grant for Columbia Co. OSP – Larry – week ago Saturday fatal motorcycle accident. Probably rider inexperience. Got a new recruit that started in January – going to academy at the end of the month.

Alicia – taking this opportunity to do some environmental projects while the plant was down which include pipe testing and lead abatement – we are number five on the greenhouse gas emissions list – all

that natural gas gets consumed and comes out but actually a lot of it goes back into products such as urea but we still are required to report it as an emission.

Greg noted that PGE was #1 emitter in the State and Georgia Pacific was #2 and Dyno Nobel #5.

Mike Cave – working closed on Phase 1 with Terry at State Fire Marshal’s office – we have responses for ammonia – with plant down we’ve had other problems – response element for Core II.

PUD – Kevin Owens - the month was okay despite a lot of blustery stuff – that unusual weather system a couple weeks ago knocked out the power to most of downtown St. Helens for about an hour or so.

Real windy over the weekend and last night but no known outages except for minor one in Columbia City on Sunday. Steve Salle’ said that power outage even toasted our electric pencil sharpener plus other equipment. Kevin quipped – “At least we didn’t charge you for that extra voltage!”

Frank Grace – continue to work on emergency ops plan and start budget tonight. They have a request from the Vernonia Senior Center – does anyone have a 20 KW generator.

Jeff Dickerson – that power outage did affect jail pretty severely but at the same time found some vulnerabilities and developed some new policies. Some things went wrong – when the generator kicked in it “fried” some equipment. We just graduated a 5th deputy – gives us total of 9 deputies to be able to respond – biggest thing for us is our volunteers – a key resource to help us expand capability of the Sheriff’s office.

David Qualman – Conrad Forest Products – they are starting up a new process and hired another shift – should provide us with more stable employment.

Jo Brooke at Boise – we are currently changing truck access to mill – working with CRF&R and police. Reviewing all of our emergency response plans. First aid CPR training for all employees. Safetywise doing good.

Holly Nachbar – SHFCU – the credit union has been here for 60 years – it was designed to be part of our community – anyone in Columbia County can be a member. We are a 501c4 – we do not pay taxes – the spread between deposits and loans goes back into the community.

Pat Rubino – NWRESO – she is working with handicapped.

Marge Murphy – Red Cross - one fire that ARC helped out with this last month. Gathering a list of churches that we can present our “Prepare Oregon” information – and the 72-hour kits. She advised that she is asking folks to prepare for a week not just 72 hours.

Patty Tillotson – ARC – said this has been interesting discussion and anything we can contribute we would be happy to.

Kristi Ward – GP – had some great successes – set a new safety record over a 1 million hours without a lost time accident – Their incident rate is 0.3. Getting ready for annual maintenance outage – that will last for about a week and half – all of our team members. Explained why the papermill emissions figure seemed high – it’s because they have installed \$400 million paper machine equipment – Wauna is not a huge greenhouse gas creator – using latest technology.

Beth Santangelo - Armstrong – pretty much day by day – tomorrow emergency plan drill. 352 days safe work.

Mike Greisen – Scappoose Fire responded to one fire – 137 total incidents

Jeff Kemp – Pacific Stainless – first aid training the last few weeks – included new AED.

Theodora Tsongas – nothing new to report – doing a write up on the history of CEPA

ARES – Dave Morrisson – doing some infrastructure upgrades – microwave transmissions with other counties – also ham radio operator class in May.

CERTS – Joe Errante said their team will be out there for the local fun run (Amani Center)

911 – Steve and Terri – going through a hiring process. Our OWIN partnerships grow stronger –

Clatskanie Mountain project about finished. Working on a continuity of operations – LBL Technologies.

One of our vendors – made a proposal for new consoles on the operation floor. So we are going to be a test site. Expand from 5 positions to 6.

Sacagawea Health Center – Diane reminded folks that the annual Benefit Auction is May 15, 5 p.m. at the Olde School.

CRFR – 338 calls – did respond to Goble fire but the victims did not request ARC assistance. Seismic upgrade in St. Helens about finished.

SH Police – Steve S. - Bomb threat – SHHS – school evacuated 1000 kids into one of the rainiest, windiest days with many only having t-shirts on – got 26 school buses for shelter – we closed some roads – found nothing. We have no suspects in the incident.

Greg noted – LEPC's deal with EHS, Natural Disasters and Acts of Terrorism – this bomb threat would be classified as the last of the three.

Greg introduced Ed Serra – Superintendent of the Clatskanie School District – Ed's power point presentation as well as the Circle of Eight document is attached. Ed's main emphasis was the importance of relating closely with local emergency responders – and he hopes to make sure all superintendents in Columbia County are prepared to deal with a crisis. Derek White, Emergency Manager for the County said, "It's not often you find school districts to be so proactive in emergency preparedness and we are extremely fortunate for having Ed take the lead on this." Another very important tool is the Incident Command System – you must use it in an emergency – you have to appoint people to do tasks and then let them do it.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 4, 10 a.m. at the Dyno Nobel facility in Deer Island. Our guest speaker is Anne Parrott, Public Health Department. She will be discussing mass prophylaxis in Columbia County. Columbia 911 will be donating treats and door prizes.