

Columbia Emergency Planning Association Meeting

July 6, 2010

Present:

Diane Dillard	CRF&R
Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Jay Tappan	Columbia River Fire & Rescue – Chief
Henry Heimuller	Columbia County Rider
Anne Parrott	Public Health
Paula Miranda	Port of St. Helens
Mike Cave	Dyno Nobel
Alicia Little	Dyno Nobel
Caroline Frappier	American Red Cross
William Dubois	Columbia County Emergency Management
Mark Kreutzer	Columbia River Fire & Rescue, OFDDA, NAFO
Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas
Debbie Mattinen	Georgia Pacific
Mark Griffin	Corps of Engineers
Anne Franzen	U. S. Gypsum
Jeremy Wilson	Service Master by JTS
Eugene J. Murphy	Local Citizen – J&R Sales
Joe Errante	CERT and ARES/RACES
Mike Sullivan	Portland General Electric
Steve Sharek	Clatskanie Fire
Jim Huff	CRF&R
Lorraine Churchill	Columbia County Emergency Management & UASI
Renate Rudolph	Columbia County Emergency Management
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commissioner
Earl Fisher	Columbia County Commissioner
Kelly Scott	American Red Cross
Nancy Harwood	RSVP

Greg called meeting to order - Thanks to USG for hosting today's meeting and thanks to CRF&R for the treats and door prizes. Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 3 at 10 a.m. in the School District Offices, 555 S. W. Bryant St., Clatskanie, OR 97016. Our guest speaker is Jeff Dukes of Union Pacific. Be sure and sign LEPC membership forms. If you watched news yesterday – lots of activity in St. Helens as they dealt with arsonist/vandals. The CAN system was activated. Diane has forms which you can use to register.

Welcome to Lorraine Churchill, UASI Grant & Program Coordinator, 503.366.3928 and Lorraine.Churchill@co.columbia.or.us is our guest speaker. She distributed a handout – feel free to contact her. She wears other hats including is a Sgt. in State Defense Force, Search and Rescue volunteer and UASI grant coordinator.

What is UASI and why does it exist? On Dec. 17, 2003 – presidential directive 8 was issued in response to the September 11 attack on our nation. This directive establishes policies to strengthen the

preparedness of the United States to prevent and respond to threatened or actual domestic terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

UASI grant program's mission is supporting the planning, equipment, staff and training and exercise needs of high-threat, high density urban areas of the U.S. Our Urban area is considered a Tier II which includes 53 areas receiving the remaining 45% of the total available UASI funding. DHS.FEMA is at the top – then Oregon Emergency Management and Portland Urban Area. Since 2003 the Portland area has received \$48 million in funding. The authority money stream requires that we have IGA's. The main greatest funding is interoperable communications. Minneapolis bridge collapse rescued 50 people within 8 minutes. Also used money for urban search and rescue, onsite incident management, hazardous materials response and decontamination, community and citizen preparedness. Columbia, Washington, Clark, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties are in our Urban Area. City of Portland acts as our grant administrator.

Population – 3,790,060 – Oregon census

Our county has about 50,000 people vs. 537,081 in Portland alone – we have great players in the room that go to UASI working groups – and we have great State representatives/senators who help us. Anne Parrott is part of our public health working group, Mike Gresen – is the County's POC and so he has a vote, Citizen Corp. Trying to find ways to improve communication - there had been four different groups which will now be formed into one group to increase organizational efficiency. To establish a coalition of agencies to assure all-hazard disaster preparedness.

Tiered Purpose

5 county seats, 1 for City of Portland, 10 City seats and 1 Metro seat. That is upper management tier.

The Steering Committee will develop regional strategy – sets priorities and endorses the work plan and related funding strategy. Composition will be 12-15 appointees.

The Program Committee will develop regional work plan and develops supporting funding plan – Composition is one chair from each working group.

Standing Work Groups, Task Forces, Focused Advisory – Regional Staff. We will have a training and credentialing board, our county gets credit for it. Our WEB EOC partners will be able to pull up who is trained. One director, 6 technical regional coordination, two grant supporters and one admin. Support.

UASI provides funding for equipment including interoperable radios, MDT's, personal protective equipment, laptops, satellite phones, variable message boards, infrastructure hardening, response vehicles, mobile repeaters, radiation detectors, multi-gas monitors, portable potable water system, thermal imaging cameras, rescue tools.

Law enforcement – Doug Greisen, Steve Salle and Andy Moyer – over \$820,940 received.

Fire EMS – Mike Greisen and Brian Burright - \$534,000

County – Lonny Welter – over \$649,110

911 Communications – Sally Jones and Steve Watson – over \$525,288

We have received over \$2 million in this county and have participated in regional partnerships and awards. The grant does more than equipment – it also funds staffing and planning efforts.

It also enables local training – weapons of mass destruction, ICS 300 and 400, first aid and CPR, and ICS 100 and 700 and there is more training to come. If you have a desire for preparedness training let Lorraine know.

Impetus for discussion – know your neighbor - \$\$\$ plus regional vision = regional relationship building. We will know each other and who to call when. Feel free to offer up ideas. We share regional training calendars. Lorraine attended the UASI national conference in California – It was an annual exercise – you get a chance to see all the latest in equipment and technology. Incorporate private partners in this exercise with the emergency responders.

CEPA/LEPC BUSINESS MEETING

Greg talked about our committee works - We got our business plan sent to OSFM – hope to receive word on our request for commodity flow study.

EHS – Ron Youngberg
Resource Development Committee – Derek White

Derek and Ron got training on software that tracks plumes/clouds – that way they can determine what areas will be affected.

Information Management Committee – Steve Salle – big focus is CEPA Expo. Another outreach project would be to inform businesses of what the regulations are concerning hazardous materials.

Finance – Mike Greisen – working with Terry Wolfe to fine tune how we are going to do budget for CEPA.

Program Committee – Diane Dillard – we have open slots for speakers in October and December. Trying to get Andy Bryant from NOAA to come speak in October. Thanks to Senator Johnson and Tony Hyde for getting us some really “high-powered”, well-known speakers for CEPA this year.

Membership – Ann Franzen – one of things we have to look at is coverage – we need members from different sectors.

Tony – there is a lot of interaction with UASI – that started with REMG – more importantly UASI is important to get all five counties connected. We are finally working as a team – can't stress how important this is.

Jay T. – real early yesterday had a series of arson and **mischievous** activities – small fires and vandalism – it all culminated about 7 a.m. when fire broke out on **18th** and Tualatin in a church. ATF came in. Area around S. 17th and 18th – there was a hazmat involved – gas went into sewer which went into Richardson's Furniture. One Life Flight – incident during fireworks. Big car chase up Scappoose Vernonia Hwy.

RSVP – Nancy just got back from New York City – we're in our new office at the Columbia Learning Center – 375 S. 18th Street – in partnership with RSVP and Foster Grandparent program. Open house September 22nd.

Clatskanie recovering from 4th of July celebration – Steve –

PGE – Mike Sullivan - Port Westward is on line and Boardman is back on line- now over 14,000 windmills in the northwest. But when the wind stops there has to be readily available instantaneous power – so it is a big thing. We are suppose to close the Boardman plant which is the only coal fired plant in Oregon.

Joe Errante – said the ARES/RACES special day went very well – CERT people are going to be supporting first aid tents at Fair and events in Clatskanie.

Rainier Days coming up this week – one thing we are doing at J&R – taking donations for parking. The Boy Scouts will do this for us so we can keep fire lanes open.

Jeremy Wilson – ServiceMaster – getting hot – many of these events are outside and we have cooling fans --- ServiceMasters has the fans. Hydration is important.

Ann Franzen – USG’s safety record has over 1.7 million safe hours and 1700 safe days since last lost time – business is still pretty slow.

Henry Heimuller - - CC Rider – we selected general contractor for the new transit center – should be breaking ground within a month – like to see everyone come to CC Fair and Rodeo and the CEPA Expo.

Mark Griffin – working with Corps of Engineers – pumping 2 million cubic yards of sand – to fill in Jantzen Beach area.

Kristi Ward – GP – we were kind of limbo as to which LEPC we belonged to; however, the State Fire Marshall’s office has made the decision that we belong to the Columbia County LEPC.

Robbie Roberts, Northwest Natural – confirming – Nov. 2 – Northwest Natural Gas – will be presenting the CEPA program on pipeline safety. They are also donating several canopies to the EXPO.

Red Cross – Kelly Scott - we typically respond to single family fires – really busy this weekend – working with Renate and Derek on the April 2011 exercise.

Renate – had Shelter in Place Training – 20 people – thanks to Dyno Nobel for letting us use their training facility. We are also sponsoring a class on September 22 in Clatskanie dealing with animal disease response training – swine flu and bird flu – all day training and it is free. We are the first county in the state – Class size is limited to 40 and we already have twenty-six folks already signed up.

Anne Parrott – MRC pretty quiet – working some first aid booths. The CDC has sent us some new information on hydration –Traditionally it has been 8 glasses of water a day or 64 oz. now they are leaning toward 100 ounces of fluid a day - It is really important that people stay hydrated during the hot weather. Also some concern in the County that we have some hot spots of pertussis – (whooping cough) – seeing a significant increase nationwide. Some clusters identified in Rainier and Clatskanie – we have the vaccine at Public Health.

Paula Miranda, Port of St. Helens – search for permanent executive director – our commissioners have indicated they need input on the selection process. We need to know your expectations. Feel free to e-mail me or call and give your input. miranda@portsh.org.

Alicia Little – Dyno Nobel – greenhouse gas emissions – we need to move forward to Title V air permits – increased monitoring and permitting. Michael – thank you CRF&R for use of their training facility. Work with DHS and Homeland Security – we have submitted our site security plan – we were identified as a critical infrastructure – Derek has slated a preliminary meeting for the upcoming exercise. We have gone 12 years - July 1st without a lost time injury.

Diane Dillard – Noted that the Shelter in Place training was excellent – she suggested Emergency Management give out counties number (S.A.M.E.). She has just bought a NOAA weather radio at Ace Hardware. Jay and Diane, working with CERT, will be hosting a pilot program Map Your Neighborhood in July. Diane lives on a street that has a very unique neighborhood from a senior care center, to a person on dialysis, one kids, rentals and private homes.

Lorraine – toured the gulf – will have pictures posted on Facebook – lots of problems from oil spill – tourism business is down 80% - the goo stuck to my shoes and you cannot get it off. Anne Parrott said the CDC labeled this a hazardous materials – very concerning. Michael noted it should be treated as a hazardous waste – off-gassing will occur.

See you August 3rd in Clatskanie. Special thanks to Henry and CC Rider for the transportation to Rainier.