

Columbia Emergency Planning Association Meeting CEPA/LEPC

October 6, 2009

Present:

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| Steve Watson | 911 Communications District |
| Diane Dillard | Columbia River Fire & Rescue |
| Jay Tappan | Columbia River Fire & Rescue - Chief |
| Hyla Ridenour | Columbia River Fire & Rescue |
| Mike Murphy | Red Cross |
| Marge Murphy | Red Cross |
| Loren Klepper | ARES |
| Jim Huff | Columbia River Fire & Rescue |
| Sally Jones | Columbia 911 |
| Tony Hyde | Columbia County Commissioner |
| Patricia Adams | Supt. Schools – St. Helens |
| Anne Parrott | Columbia Co. Public Health & MRC |
| Dee Wooley | Columbia 911 |
| Lonny Welter | Columbia Co. Road Department |
| David Morrisson | ARES/RACES |
| Joseph Errante | ARES/RACES/CERTS |
| Loren Klepper | ARES/RACES |
| Jeff Kemp | Pacific Stainless |
| Jeff Dukes | Union Pacific Railroad |
| Nancy Harwood | RSVP |
| Earl Fisher | Columbia County Commissioner |
| Rita Bernhard | Columbia County Commissioner |
| Laney Coulter | NWRESD – Columbia Co. Schools |
| Brandi McAllister | St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union |
| Genell Grow | St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union |
| Eric Corliss | American Red Cross |
| Mike Sullivan | Portland General Electric |
| M.F. “Robbie” Roberts | Northwest Natural Gas |
| Kelly Scott | American Red Cross |
| Greg Godfrey | Dyno Nobel |
| Alicia Little | Dyno Nobel |
| Jo Brooke | Boise Paper |
| Roger Barbour | RSVP |
| Caroline Frappier | American Red Cross/CERTS |
| Al Pierce | ARES |
| Gayle Case | CCSAR and MRC |
| Theodora Tsongas | Portland State University |
| Michael Greisen | Scappoose Fire Chief |
| Henry Heimuller | Columbia County Rider |
| Pat Rubino | NW Regional Ed. School District |
| Mary Lou Busch | Mist Birkenfeld Rural Fire District – Asst. Chief |
| Katharine Denckla | Columbia 911 |
| Beth Santangelo | Armstrong |
| Matt Backus | Armstrong |
| Beth Dudley | Columbia Co. Emergency Management |

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| Mike Simek | Oregon Department of Forestry |
| Steven Sharek | Clatskanie Fire Chief |
| Derek White | Columbia Co. Emergency Management |
| Kevin Owens | Columbia River PUD |
| David Capps | Department of Homeland Security |
| Terri Levie | Columbia 911 |
| Janet Wright | Columbia County |
| Chris Greenhill | Department of Homeland Security |

Call to order Jay Tappan. He turned it over to Jim Huff who said “it’s been an interesting 22+ years for me and I am now resigning. Five of us (Dillard, Huff, Rowe, DeFrance and _?_) met and formed CEPA – cooperating, working together doing great things for the community. Accomplishments are many including household hazard waste unit, transfer station, propane roundup, household hazardous waste collection, shelter in place, preparedness kits, pandemic planning and much more. Said Jay, “We appreciate all the service you have given to the community plus the City and Fire District over the year.”

CEPA’s new mailing address: PO Box 127, St. Helens, OR. 97051. Thanks to American Red Cross for the treats and door prizes. New board members include: Jeff Kemp, Anne Parrott, Kevin Owens, Laney Coulter, Greg Hinkelman (Clatskanie City Manager), and Janet Wright. Also new to our organization from DEQ is Peter Anderson.

Board – leadership transition. Jay is interim manager. Going through nominating process and will vote in December. November program features Betsy Johnson.

OSFM – Terry not available today

Cities – no rep.

RSVP – Nancy – Columbia County Citizens Corp barbecue – CERTS, MRC and VIPS, CC Search and Rescue at Camp Wilkerson with James Roddey as guest speaker. Getting to know each other and train together – Derek great leader and Sally did all the decorating. They are still handling the mediation process.

Pub Health – Anne - the first shipment of the vaccine has come into the State and the allotment we receive is based on our county’s population. The vaccine will be coming to Columbia County today or tomorrow and this first week we will only receive 400 doses of flu mist which will be available at the Legacy Clinic, Dr. Kelly’s office and Providence in Vernonia. The OHSU clinic in Scappoose and Public Health opted to not receive any. The third week of October we are anticipating a larger allotment of the vaccine. We activated our department operations center and moved into our Incident Command System. Strep throat is also circulating in the County.

911 – Sally - Halfway into what is going to be a 2-year project – building of radio site on Clatskanie Mountain. The largest concern is the state revenue prediction that keeps getting more dire. Legislature will be meeting in February again. In Columbia County we rely on the 911 excise tax – about 25% of our funding comes from that.

County Commissioners – Tony – Friday we have our regional emergency management group – set policy for the region (Clackamas, Clark, Washington, Multnomah and Columbia Co) – working together for 20+ years. Looking at what is coming up in issues and initiatives. PERS

had a 25% loss – that will be made up by unfunded actuarial monies – that means our costs are going to really soar. Looking to assist diking districts with their new flood plan rules. Mike Simek and I are talking about wildland fire suppression plan. Rita – spending a lot of time dealing with housing issues – NOAH took some people off the program and now money came from HUD. Recruiting for new NOAH director. Involved in the hospital project and very supportive – after all the hearings and testimony over 9 years – it is evident that we need some additional medical care in this community. Earl – this past week working with ARES and sherrif’s department and EOC – appreciate Sally’s input. Some of you will receive a letter regarding a new committee that will address concerns with law enforcement in CC. Please respond.

Emergency Management - Derek – Been busy with exercises – City Hall and High School in Clatskanie – good interaction with schools and the emergency responders. Very lucky to get some grant money about \$88,000. November 3rd there will be a session for elected officials at Rainier HS – discuss how we can get more elected officials involved with the process of emergency management.

ARC – Didn’t have any responses in CC last month.

Corps of Engineers – channel deepening right off our shores – using points in Ridgefield and SH – there will be an informational meeting on October 15 – 6 to 8 p.m. at Columbia Learning Center.

Armstrong – Beth and Matt – 117,000 safe hours – biggest project is H1N1 – making sure employees have access to information and vaccine. Still working 3 shifts but only 5 days a week.

Boise – Jo Brooke – continue to set safety and production record over 1.5 million hours – we are very pleased “Boise Block” which is a new product being made on H2 – it is breaking records – very profitable food grade wrap. We are ahead of schedule and making money.

NW Natural – nothing significant to report – look forward to a reduction in your gas bills. Working on gas storage at Mist. There are a couple of wells being drilled.

CRPUD – Kevin – Public Power Week – Over 2000 consumer owned utilities in the US. Columbia County has three consumer owned utilities - open house at PUD – tonight is customer appreciation dinner. We will probably serve 700-800 people. Good year so far safetywise – gave us time to get our crews working on various projects – catch up on some of the stuff that gets deferred. Our sales are down about 8% from last year.

Dyno Nobel – we shut down for scheduled maintenance down Sept. 12 brought in about 200 contractors – major shutdown. Our new owners put quite a bit of money in the plant (probably put \$7-8 million) as well as doing inspections and refurbishing equipment – they see a pretty bright future for the St. Helens plant. This investment will insure us a long reliable run. Starting plant back up in stages last week and this week. Everything good on the environmental front.

Graymont – no rep

GP Wauna – no rep

PGE – Mike reports - Beaver plant has finished up 5 units. Port Westward is running very well – shut down to do a backwash this week. Port Westward has made application with Oregon

OSHA for SHARP status. Beaver is looking to the VPP program with OSHA 600 days at Beaver without a lost time.

Pacific Stainless – we are building a new building right across the street – power coat line going in. We are not laying off anyone – holding our own. Half our business is the commercial restaurant business – high tech still giving us business.

Credit Union – Genell – introduced new CU person (Brandi McAllister) – running lean and mean. Dusting off pandemic plan and reviewing it. Have done some updates to the building. First time grandmother today!

Railroad – Jeff Dukes – over in the metro area – we do some interchange with the short line railroad. In the Albina yard – that entire facility moved to Brooklyn Railyard (near McLoughlin) – tank car school in Pueblo, CO. this week. Sponsored a person from Hermiston Fire Department to attend. Instructs responders on tank car safety. We have stored locomotives moved to Hermiston and Seattle – that is a very big move on the economy. Good indication that things are on the upward. Two different drills this month – Eugene and Springfield Fire Departments.

Law enforcement – no reps

National Guard – no rep

Transportation – Henry Heimuller – you’ll see some targeted area marketing – appreciate your participation. We are working with school bus contractors so we can have organized contacts – Most importantly ground breaking is going to be happening Oct. 23 at 2 p.m.

Roads – Lonny reports - Participating in UASI – 13 more radios for Columbia County – we have obtained enough 16 channel radios – so public works can talk to everyone. Three weeks ago we got final report on bridge on JP West Road - down from 40 ton to 2 ton. Will be looking at strengthening devices.

Chamber – no report

School – we started school year with emergency response teams and increased videos – trained teams to address threats, fire, evacuation. Attended governor’s summit on H1N1. Curriculum will be mandated to address classroom education – Thursday night forum is on H1N1 – partnership with Public Health – 6 p.m. at the Middle School. Second forum will be on drug and alcohol – third scheduled for April – on mental health and abuse. School district website now has a video crosswalk safety, fire and H1N1 – click on and tune in. Participating with city council on a city routes grant.

ESD - Laney – Rainier has had a couple of kids and staff that are out due to illness but not confirmed H1N1 yet. Opened up health care clinic – dental van coming Nov. 13 to Rainier – need to raise some funds – cost is \$600/day. Clatskanie already had their emergency drill in their grade school. Wants to make all schools aware of what to do in an emergency – needs radios. Scappoose first report of swine flu this morning – did ICS 100, 200 and 300.

Sacagawea – no report

ARES – Statewide radio exercise on October 17 – centering around distribution and related issues.

Fire – Mike slowing down – 109 incidents – one a barn fire and one structure – OSHA came and visited us. CRF&R – OSHA also visited. Airplane crash yesterday. Small two seat aircraft crashed on approach to Scappoose airport – plopped down in deep dark woods – LifeFlighted him out. We had 300 calls. Hyla's birthday is today. Hyla noted that this is Fire Prevention Week – visiting with children throughout the district. Mary Lou – there is drilling going on at Mist – equipment coming in. Mist schools get fire training each month (30 minutes). Am scheduling classes for the home schoolers in November. Donated two radio and handheld radios to Clatskanie School superintendent of schools – OSHA hasn't found us yet. Steve great job to Beth and Derek for training – learn how notify emergency responders of the family status. Mike Sullivan presented confined space information to our crews yesterday installed Beaver/Port Westward frequency. We are doing K-6 fire prevention classes

ODF – if you do find Mist-Birkenfield, they put out a spread of food. We were there to do a review of the recent 23 acre fire. Hazard mitigation flooding – remember the Woodson mud flow – very debris prone soil there. The fills are taken care of. We want for a competitive grant – we got the grant for \$300,000 – implement the community wildfire protection plan in the County. Primarily focusing on fuel reduction efforts. Asking CEPA to give us ideas how we can leverage this money. No burning.

Department of Homeland Security -Chris Greenhill – We went on alert to fires in southern Oregon – went on alert for tsunamis in the South Pacific – participated in HC training – and at the air base – hazmat and riot control teams – scenario was a release of anhydrous ammonia. Full Level A suit up and riot teams in Level B suits. Have 250 some players from multi agencies. Dave Capps – now fully trained and back from the academy – five us total now in Region 10. As of January 1 – now required to have AED on site if over 50,000 square feet

MRC – completed Clatskanie ICS 100 and 200 – three new pending applications.

Applications for CEPA/LEPC are available – these must be completed so you can vote in the upcoming elections.

Roy introduced Eric Corliss – Director of Emergency Services at ARC. Been with ARC for 13 years – Helping people prevent prepare and response for emergencies. Red Cross structure in Oregon needs to change - Key services,

Biomedical Services – 90% of blood used in Oregon come from ARC.

Health and Safety Services – first aid, aquatics, caregiving,

International Services – we have teams in American Samoa working on relief efforts and holocaust tracking. Just last month got 60 inquiries.

Service to Armed Forces – we provide the critical communication link – on average messages are relayed every 22 seconds.

Coping with deployment – work with families left at home. And how do you support them as they return home. If there is a need in Columbia County, let us know.

Preparedness – get a kit, make a plan, be informed. Practice social distancing, plan to be prepared for H1N1 – more than 3 days needed.

Disaster Services – the organization responds to 70,000 disasters every year – disaster ranges from single family disasters to large catastrophic events. Marge Murphy is one of many in Columbia County who works on response to single family fires.

Collaborating and Coordination – Roy is our lead liaison for Columbia county. We want to partner with the county. Work with State ECC and FEMA Region X. When we responded to fire in Mosier – we worked through VOAD.

Reviewed the Red Cross structure. When a disaster destroys 200 or more homes – we shift the focus of service delivery. Focus around sheltering, feeding and mass care.

Contact information - Eric Corliss – 503.528.5670, 503.284.1234 or 1-800.911.9515.
corlisse@redcross-pdx.org.

Said Jeff Tappan, “From the fire side of the house, we appreciate what ARC does for us on the smaller disasters we often face.” Fundraising for ARES next two weekends at pumpkin maze at Oregon Hills Farms. Welcome back to Kelly Scott from ARC.

Reminder – next meeting is Tuesday, November 3, 10 a.m. at the 911 Center – our guest speaker is Senator Betsy Johnson. GP Wauna will be providing treats and door prizes. The next board meeting is Thursday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the 911 center. The names and e-mail addresses of your CEPA board members are attached to these minutes.