

Columbia Emergency Planning Association
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2009

Present:

Jim Huff	CRF&R
Diane Dillard	CRF&R
Steve Watson	911
Jay Tappan	CRF&R
Michael Cave	Dyno Nobel
Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Joseph Errante	CERT
Marge Murphy	American Red Cross
Mike Sullivan	Portland General Electric
Henry Heimuller	Columbia County Rider
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal's office
Al Pierce	ARES
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong
Mike Greisen	Scappoose Fire
Cristin Corcoran	Cities Readiness Initiative
Chris Greenhill	Department of Homeland Security
Kimberly Johns	Oregon Military Department
Kevin Hawkins	Beary Special Photograpy
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commissioner
Steve Salle'	St. Helens Police Dept.
Janet Wright	Columbia County
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Dept.
Ann Franzen	U. S. Gypsum
Kate Fagerholm	American Red Cross
Andrew Moyer	Columbia County Under Sheriff
Lee Knowlton	Columbia 911
Sally Jones	Columbia 911
Anne Parrott	CHD Public Health
Hyla Ridenour	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Adrienne Donner	Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)
Jeff Dukes	Union Pacific Railroad
Steve Sharek	Clatskanie Fire
Mark Griffin	Military Sealift Command
Derek White	Columbia County Emergency Management
Beth Dudley	Columbia County Emergency Management
MF Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas
Larry Lucas	Oregon State Police
Caroline Frappier	CERT team
Doug Carpenter	Scappoose Police

Laney Coulter
Patty Adams
Paul Evans
Terri Levie

Northwest Region Education Service Dist. (ESD)
St. Helens School District
Governor's Office
Columbia 911

The meeting was called to order by Jim Huff. Thanks to the City of St. Helens for treats and to the 911 center for the door prizes.

Introductions were made. First time attendee – Jeffrey A. Dukes, Hazmat and Field Safety Manager for the Union Pacific Railroad – jadukes@up.com. 503 249 3024.

CEPA Expo – very successful – fair set an attendance record one day. One hundred fifty kids now have permanent ID records after the Expo.

DHS – No rep.

CRI – Adrienne – just finishing annual assessment. Push Partner registry in Columbia County – she will be our guest speaker next month.

Dept of HS – going to governor's meeting on pandemic flu

MRC – Anne – participated in CEPA Expo – had a “germ station”

Public Health – H1N1 planning for the region. Set up meetings to discuss continuity of operations. There is a flu summit August 21st in Salem.

Salle – Expo went pretty well – now own a new banner – donation bucket \$34.26 – photo netted \$96 and bike helmet \$52 in donations. No one got hurt. Meeting this afternoon at Dyno to talk about doing a Shelter in Place in the northwest directories phone book.

OSFM – fully geared up for the fire season. Doing a lot of travel helping LEPC's get set up. Developing a collaboration website. Hazardous emergency preparedness team prepping – sponsoring advanced hazmat life support – two day course. Normally about a \$400 person class – it will be free.

Cities – no rep.

RSVP – no rep.

911 – Sally – We all congratulated Sally on the recent recognition by SDAO – thanks goes to my board for supporting my involvement at special districts. Getting ready to break ground on Clatskanie Mountain – will give us better coverage and interoperability with Clatsop County – funded by grant. Steve Watson working very hard on this.

Port – no rep

County – Tony – summer time means less meetings – Working with Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission – thinking about preparing for winter storms.

Region 10 has their oversight meeting August 27 in Bothell – if you have particular issues with FEMA – let Tony know in advance. The emergency communications office has been seeking input. Tony talked about diking districts – gone from \$5000 to a ¼ million to get the information. Waters of the U.S. – has taken out the word “navigable” waters – single largest take the nation has ever had. Next couple of months going to put together a comprehensive economic development commission.

Emergency Management - Derek – introduced Beth Dudley – who is interning in our office. Opened some cooling centers last week. Looking for a slight chance of rain. Remind everyone of earthquake talks – Scappoose Friday 6:30 and Saturday 10 a.m. in Clatskanie – James Roddey from DOGAMI. Continuing on-line outreach – CAN, Public Health outreach – also have a Twitter session. Started a Facebook page last week.

Sally thanks Derek for the assistance with the brochure we mailed to all residents. We have extras for your agencies

Red Cross – Finished one of our four mitigation processes. Gave out smoke detectors and first aid kits. Supported some cooling centers. Fire calls up in the last month.

Opened a shelter for Section 8 housing after large apartment fire.

Ramping up training for hurricane and winter season. This will be Kate's last meeting for CEPA - a new Vista member will be here.

Dyno Nobel – operator sprained his ankle – back to work under restricted duty. Audit by Homeland Security surface inspectors – this regulation monitors railcars with hazardous chemicals. Product demand still been good. The plant slowed down due to high heat. Prices for product a little low – our profits still pretty good. The company struggling world wide. We have a two week maintenance shutdown coming up beginning Monday, Sept. 15 – may see a lot of activity.

PGE – hit new record electricity delivery. Because of economic downturn we were able to fulfill all the needs. 572 days without a work lost injury at Beaver – and over one million at Port Westward. Met with Clatskanie Fire Department. Cascade Grain has gone into a "caretaker status" – flushed out all ethanol that they had on their site.

NW Natural – moderate expansion of Mist storage fields – finished by mid-summer next year. This is good for the region – helps mitigate the single gas pipeline we have.

Should be another rebate in the fall. Also doing a lot of exploration going on says Tony – so it is helping wood workers out of work.

Armstrong – pretty quiet – no hiring.

Union Pacific – Jeff – happy to be here – in this position since November. Very eager to meet others.

Law

Sheriff – had reported burglary from Clatskanie PUD – over \$8000 worth of scrap being stolen – high profile case on Sauvie's Island last week.

OSP – lot of heat related responses. Lot of calls to area beaches. Luckily not a lot of major MVA's.

Scappoose PD –

SH PD – remind that if you have CEPA property that needs to be stored – give to me and we have a locker.

Co. Rider – public transit alive and well. Finalized the purchase of the Friesen/Simpson property – finalizing architect. Clatskanie/Rainier transit centers getting upgraded and used as park and rides. In July expanded Kelso route 5 days – also added a fixed route in Vernonia – and improved ridership in St. Helens and we just ordered a bus that will work the Vernonia route. Another 43 passenger motorcoach will be ordered tomorrow if commissioners approve.

Chamber – board meeting today. We have a new president, Ken Gates.

School District – Patty – lost one of our incoming seniors in motorcycle accident – will begin school year much more somber. By these children seeing what can happen – encouraged student safety. We have lost three students in the last year – join me in peace and prayer. Some vandalism at the Middle School and installing cameras and bringing on security guards. We have had two SRO officers and now reduced to one – tough decision. We do have a truant officer through ESD.

Laney Coulter – administrator for Columbia County ESD.

Sacagawea – no report

ARES – gearing for Hood to Coast race – gearing up 70 operators to run communications for them.

Clatskanie Fire – recognize local industries for their cooperation. Few violators of burn ban – down one forestry unit that is being shipped to east side of state.

Scappoose – 122 incidents last month – working less than an acre fire in the dikeland – the fire is underground.

CRFR – 356 incidents which is up about 50. 4th of July okay – STP went well. Expo was good – lot of heat related calls at the fair. One off-duty administered CPR and saved a life – used AED. Set up cooling center. Used community alerting network – 7000 people in our district.

Thanks to OSFM for paying for printing of our new brochure.

Steve Salle' said - Speaking of AED's – I own one and I need about 13 – so if you hear of a grant let Steve know.

National Guard - Kim Johns – doing some upgrading at the SH Armory – building \$75 million facility at Camp Withcomb.

St. Helens Senior Center – moved across from Red Apple. Still serving meals on wheels at Buccini Hall.

Introducing Paul Evans



Huff & Dillard meet Paul



Sally & Jay say thanks

Tony Hyde – introduced Paul - First had opportunity to meet Paul day after flood of '07. Your direct liaison is Paul – was one of the youngest mayors in the state of Oregon. Chief head cruncher – when things need to happen and they weren't moving – Paul was there to keep things moving. He represented our issues very well. Sally said in the process of legislation being fostered there are lot of behind scene activities – make sure communications are clear – foster compromises – Paul Evans worked closely with the 911 community – and continues to work with us. Appreciation for ongoing work. Commissioner Hyde has become a friend – and appreciates the cooperation with the 911 community.

You are doing the thing here that we would like replicated throughout the State – you are a model for a lot of good things – when we put Executive Order 08-10 together your CEPA group was the model.

Nathan ?_____entered military – natural born leader. You have to get there firstest with the mostest. The 07 storm was a learning ground for a lot of people – first time since Katrina that Oregon was faced with a multi-jurisdictional crisis with limited resources. We tested some things in TopOFF 4 – in State government some people work together but never talk to each other. The Department of Corrections has lot of resources. Governor wants to make sure that people are protected. Agencies need to work together. In the 07 session the Dept. of Military accepted ownership of emergency management. It is essential that a state agency that is so small in numbers it is difficult to provide the support. Going into the 09 session we planned to supply 14-17 regional

emergency managers but we didn't get it. We also recognized the potential of pre-deployed assets – but lost out in the process to rebuilding armories.

During the 09 session we tried to work out details – Search and Rescue operates under Sheriff's office - now they are covered by insurance. Important law – there was an opportunity during times of crisis – ambulance districts were still by law required to meet their response times – so we passed a law that during a time of disaster – ambulance districts are held harmless during the time they are providing help. In 2010 – we are going to try:

Recovery Park – we can't get the bonds to build the armories – but we have this thing called lottery that provides money for parks. Ten to 15 recovery parks – that we build up in water, sewer – so people are out of hot zones. Theory would be use the space during non –emergency times but counties would have a say where they would be located.

It is time in Oregon that we change the fact that we keep deferring maintenance costs – it is hard to find the dollars to keep the facilities in good shape. Need an amendment to the \$10 permanent rate for emergency management – if you are interested contact me.

Emergency Recovery framework – most important thing about it – it says recovery is the state's responsibility – the Federal government doesn't have the resources it had – plus more importantly we live here and now it is the State's responsibility for recovery and the federal folks are there to help us accomplish it – thanks to many including Commissioner Hyde and Senator Johnson for their work on this – recovery planning cell gets formed and then governor's recovery cabinet. Columbia County was recognized as an economic recovery zone especially due to flooding in Vernonia – and so we get local people involved in the recovery process.

We are trying to find you ways to capitalize construction dollars – local governments need more resources for emergency management – you need to have the option to make that decision to join forces.

Philosophy – Citizen Corps – we are trying to find a way to become more engaged with this group. The nice thing is that there is a funnel for money from the federal government. Going to try to make it more effective and flood it with more people.

Paul grew up in Monmouth – 4th in family as a volunteer firefighter – service to your community and neighborhood so important. Oregon is at a unique place in history – we are going to figure out how to govern ourselves more effectively – you have it right here. I need you guys (CEPA) not to be just be disciples but you need to be and are a model for the rest of the State. Public service – reaching out and finding ways of investing in your community is the key to good citizenship and key to basic democracy. There is nothing more precious that helps people during times of crisis. Talk with Senator Johnson about getting the Recovery Park bill. Paul's 24/7 cell number – 503 949 6378.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 1, 2009 – 10 a.m. at the 911 Center. Our guest speaker is Adrienne Donner representing Cities Readiness Initiative. Treats and door prizes will be compliments of the Port of St. Helens.