

Columbia Emergency Planning Association
December 2, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Jim Huff	CRF&R
Diane Dillard	CRF&R
Blaine Butcher	Boise
Terri Levie	Columbia 911
Steve Watson	Columbia 911
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal's office
Holly Nachbar	St. Helens Federal Credit Union
Steve Salle'	St. Helens Police
Doug Greisen	Scappoose Police
Richard Long	Clatskanie Fire
Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Alicia Little	Dyno Nobel
Kerry Kraft	Columbia Co. Emergency Management
Kevin Hawkins	Beary Special Photography
Robin Loper	St. Helens School District
Hyla Ridenour	CRF&R
Marge Murphy	American Red Cross
Karen Fox Ladd	CHD Public Health
Anne Parrott	CHD Public Health
Adrienne Donner	Cities Readiness Initiatives
Chris Greenhill	DHS Homeland Security
Joseph Errante	CERTS
Al Pierce	ARES
Jim Davis	City of St. Helens retired
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong
Joe Espinoza	Graymont Western
Gerry Meyer	Port of St. Helens
Sally Jones	Columbia 911 Comm. District
Kristi Ward	Georgia Pacific Wauna
Lee Knowlton	Columbia 911

The meeting began with introductions. Jim Huff thanked Graymont for the treats and door prizes.

CRI – They are working closely with Public Health. There are now seven UASI counties.

MRC – Getting plans solidly in place – lots of volunteers.

Public Health – testing continues for the Nora virus at Avamere. Held a flu clinic at Boise – they have plenty of vaccine still available. The first official flu case in Oregon was noted last Wednesday. If you would like posters, call 503 397 4651 x 222.

911 – Sally thanked all who supported the 911 levy. They have room for safety messages in their newsletter. The Governor has announced large budget decreases on

the way and is currently talking about diverting \$8 m of 911 to the State's general fund. Talk to your elected officials.

Port – Doing okay – slow at the end of the year. Still have a few companies in a holding pattern that are thinking about locating in the county. The ethanol plant is up and running – and we are full steam ahead on the airport hangar project. We are adding 10 hangars. PGE just announced an additional 200 watt plant at Port Westward. Also starting a rail project.

Emergency Management – they handed information on the Cascadia Peril exercise. There will be reviews on January 13 and January 29. Reminder that ICS 300 and 400 training must be completed by December 31.

Red Cross – real busy. Began opening warming centers in PDX for the homeless. More trailers and supplies being moved into the western counties including Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook. We are offering partner shelter training --- asking for churches, CERT teams, etc.

State Fire Marshal – Randy Simpson is acting interim fire marshal after retirement of Nancy Orr. More groups are becoming LEPC's. Making some changes to the Hazard substance survey.

Armstrong – they have stopped hiring as they see business slow down. Had a lost time accident last month. Business in Asia has dropped off.

Boise – 85 days without a recordable injury and well over 1.2 million safework hours. Successful flu clinic by Public Health. Last day for most employees will be January 16, 2009. One machine for Boise will continue to operate as well as the #3 tissue machine owned by Cascades. Appreciate all the offers of help from the community.

Dyno Nobel - Business has definitely dropped off, but we will still have a very good year with record production. An ethanol plant (Pure Energy) is eyeing the 10 acres adjacent to our plant. They are considering using wood chips to make ethanol.

Graymont – We are feeling the effect of the Boise closure announcement – we have stopped hiring.

Georgia Pacific – Definitely seeing a very dynamic marketplace. Working on budgets and recognition – we are in the slowdown mode with some possible curtailments.

Credit Union – we are not asking for any bail-outs as we did not participate in the home loan programs. Have decided to keep all of our community donations in place.

SH PD – Steve noted that St. Helens is experiencing significant financial difficulties. Boise has traditionally paid for 97% of the waste water treatment and so know that will have significant impact on City when they close the pulpmill. Franchise fees are also down. He reminded us about Donut Day (a fundraiser for the food bank) – Saturday, December 13. Did arrest a person in a shaken-baby case.

Scappoose PD – Doug noted that police business goes up when business goes down. They too are participating in donut day. All proceeds go to the food bank.

Sacagawea – Robin noted they sent a letter to Boise employees explaining health care options provided. The community luncheon is slated for Tuesday, December 16 – 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Health Center.

ARES – The third Sunday of each month is when ham radio tests are administered at CRF&R. In January they will hold another general class for radio operators on Wednesday nights at the OHSU Extension office.

CRF&R – 14 fires in November and 208 medical calls, as well as 3 hazmat events. Just hired five new firefighter/paramedics. Glenn Boles retirement luncheon on Dec. 19. Toy and Joy benefit is December 12 at Buccini Hall.

LEPC – The executive committee has been nominated – Jim Huff, Jay Tappan and Diane Dillard – still looking for a treasurer. There are 7 sub-committees

- EHS – Ron Youngberg, Vicki Harguth, Greg Godfrey
- Planning – Karen Ladd
- Resources – Anne Parrott, Lee Knowlton, Sally Jones, Doug Greisen
- Finance – Mike Greisen, Mike Sullivan
- Info. Mgmt. – Steve Salle, Bill Goodwin, Terri Levie, Sue Reedy, Ederlinda Ortiz Clawson, Larry Lucas, Weyhi Zhao
- Program – Diane Dillard, Steve Watson, Blaine Butcher, Beth Santangelo
- Membership – Anne Franzen, Earl Fisher, Joseph Errante

Next meeting (Jan. 6) we will review the by-laws, goals. Thanks to 911 for providing us a base of operations now that Boise is restructuring. Membership is open to the public but only those who have completed the LEPC membership application will be eligible to vote. Signing these forms guarantees legal protection. Columbia Community Mental Health will provide treats and door prizes. The meeting will be at the 911 Center.