

Columbia Emergency Planning Association

Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2012

Present:

Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Diane Dillard	So. Chamber of Commerce & CRF&R & Sacajawea Health Center
Nick Nachbar	Boise, Inc.
Craig Allison	Port of St. Helens
Patrick Trapp	Port of St. Helens
Anne Parrott	Public Health Foundation/MRC
Kevin Owens	Columbia River PUD
Yvette Shepherd	Oregon State Police
Mike Greisen	Chief – Scappoose Fire District
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES
Joe Errante	ARES/RACES and CERT
Doug Greisen	Chief – Scappoose Police Department
Steve Salle'	Chief – St. Helens Police Department
Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas
Cristin Corcoran	Cities Readiness Initiative
Lisa Busch	Seniors and People with Disabilities
Rachel Barry-Dame	Women's Resource Center
Chris Greenhill	DHS – Chemical/Homeland Security
Genell Grow	St. Helens Community Credit Union
Brandi McAllister	St. Helens Community Credit Union
Sue Reedy	Ops Manager at Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District
Ron Youngberg	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Henry Heimuller	Columbia County Commissioner
Terri Levie	Columbia 9-1-1
Steve Watson	Columbia 9-1-1
David Morrisson	ARES/RACES
Paul Evans	High Impact Training
Steve Reed	Columbia County Judge
Mike McGlothlin	Columbia City Police
Tiffanie Miscalvitz	ServiceMaster by JTS
Brian Mahoney	Oregon Health Authority
Jenelle Harrison	Columbia Community Mental Health
Mark Kreutzer	Columbia River Fire and Rescue
Ken Johnson	Senior and Veteran Services
Randy McEwen	Portland Community College
Kimberly Johns	Oregon Military Department
Larry Raaf	Oregon Judicial Department – Guest Speaker
Earl Fisher	Columbia County Commissioner
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commissioner
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Stephanie Stafford	Oregon State Fire Marshal Office
Sue Otjen	Oregon State Fire Marshal Office

Jim Huff	Retired
Jean Landers	Columbia Pacific Food Bank
Lorraine Churchill	Columbia County Emergency Management UASI
Rick Bennett	Columbia Pacific Bio-Refinery

Greg called meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the February meeting. – Great turnout with 46 in attendance. Welcome to Diane Dillard and Jim Huff – two of the founders of CEPA back in the 80's. They started the group with just a handful of people and look what it has grown into. Senator Betsy Johnson sends regrets for not being able to attend; she has been busy but thinking about us. CEPA EXPO planning meeting February 13, at 10am – this is the first meeting and any help or participation is appreciated, it takes a lot of planning and participation for this event. Thanks again to 911 center for allowing us to meet here and special thanks to Cities of St Helens and Columbia City for treats and door prizes. Welcome to Judge Reed, and County Commissioners - Tony Hyde, Earl Fisher, Henry Heimuller – also good to have Randy McEwen from PCC and Sue Otjen with OSFM with us.

Guest speaker – Larry Raff from the Oregon Judicial Department. Larry sees several familiar faces in the audience and recognizes our CEPA group as the best organized in the state. Courts are required to have plans in place for continuity, security and emergency preparedness. One thing that has been developed is “court in a box” which contains everything courts need to operate if they were unable to occupy their court house, included documents, forms, CDs, stamps, etc. In order to make this successful, OJD needed to maintain good relationships with trial court administrators and county emergency managers to ensure preplanning. The advisory committee to the Chief Justice came up with the idea of mobile capability to support large scale events in case a court was displaced from their building. A couple of years ago the advisory committee worked to develop this concept. They looked at worst case scenarios for courts and built from there. They chose to go with the concept of 2 trailers – one is in Bend and the other is in Salem with ODOT, if needed OJD could roll both trailers to Portland and set up 4 courtrooms, most other locations could operate with just one trailer or the other. Trailers have video arraignment capability and access to network for files in OJD computer systems. (See brochure attached for trailer specifications)

Response teams from Larry's office include IT people responsible to making the trailer work on site. The first activation was in Baker City after a water problem in the courthouse. Good test of the system, OJD was able to activate and be on the road in about 2 ½ hours. Baker County Judge Baxter had seen the trailer set up at different presentations but never thought he would need to use it. ODOT's job was to get the trailer to location –however they then offered further assistance. They used their reader board to direct people that the courthouse was closed and assisted in other setup and logistical needs, proving to be a valuable asset. At first thought the court thought that they would be back into their building by Friday – but soon realized that it was not going to occur. They then looked at other local facility options – they needed connectivity and communications. The grade school turned out to be the best option for the new court facility setup. Everyone was very quick to act and worked well together which is essential in these situations. Weather at the time was extremely cold. They did a good job of using placards to provide information and using security for the temporary facility. ODOT crew also had access to other tools – the crew went and got a backhoe and provided the added value of clearing the parking lot and putting up shelters –they were very invaluable.

The set up consisted of 2 shelters – worked with the court to determine best set up for their situation. The 2 shelters were made locally in Eugene, the trailers were built in Dallas, OR and the contractor was local from Stayton. Each shelter is lined and has a heat pump; they are pretty sturdy and simple to set

up. These trailers have been customized so that they can be connected and also connected to the trailers. One of the challenges is that there is no sound insulation – noticed with the large generator – that was handled by moving the generator a ways away. The other noise issue was with the damage repairs in the building being noisy – had to restrict the noise to non court hours. First set up did not have flag set or seal or drapes to cover the tables on site arrangements were made for these items. The set up consisted of one table for Judge, one for Prosecution, one for Defense; temporary shelters don't work for jury trials. The other room was for court administration –fortunately internet and phones were still working so there was not a need to use the satellite phones. Ideally when the temporary setup arrives – there will already be a new local facility chosen to start moving into for longer term usage. Baker County moved in and did things even without being asked – bringing in Port-a-potties. Cost of trailers – about \$200k invested per trailer – includes, trailer, 2 shelters, 2 generators, laptops and satellite capabilities. (See brochure for additional specifications)

OJD is now working with Oregon Emergency Management to see how this asset can be included in their inventory for other purposes as a state resource if needed. The call for the trailer response went through OERS (Oregon Emergency Response System). For the Baker County situation the State will be reimbursing the state emergency response trailer program for 50k in expenses. One thing that was learned and improved after the incident – a local contractor offered to make a splitter to run two ducts from one heat pump for about \$100 dollars rather than running 2 separate heat pumps, resulting in efficiency with less equipment being needed. Court was running out of the tents for 2 or 2 ½ days without missing any court dates.

This was a great example of a great crew, great response, and great communications with emergency responders. The response was seamless and a great example of how this can work.

DYNO Nobel – Greg Godfrey– starting June 11 - 400 contractors for about 3 weeks then another week to restart plant. 18 million in maintenance and 12 million in capital project work. This plant is best run most profitable globally and 90 percent of employees live in Columbia County. Steve Sallé offered assistance if needed. Greg advised have a team that does logistics for these. Putting in some truck staging lanes in front of plant – part of 5 million dollar project.

Sacajawea – Diane Dillard – Nothing new. Thanks for cards, calls, food and visits.

OSFM – Sue Otjen – Every other year is hazmat conference – this year some HMEP grant money offers scholarship to each LEPC – last weekend in Feb – Ron Youngberg will be attending from our LEPC. Phase documents have been changed to a savable form on website now. We have been able to keep up the websites even with budget restraints. Last time here talked about cuts – will continue to keep LEPCs healthy and functioning and looking to develop new ones. What is the most benefit to the LEPC from the OSFM? Stephanie Stafford – full time grant coordinator – new position. Added grant applications onto website – Project October 12 to September 2013 – Grant info attached to email. Total about 208k to Oregon LEPCs last year - we did not apply – but OSFM is hoping we do this year; Stephanie will help us with process.

CORD – Lonny Welter– winter has been nice to us – trying to make sure water in ditches, sanding and de-ice as needed.

Commissioners: Tony Hyde – typical struggle with budget – working with timber issues – meeting with delegates. FEMA declaration – meeting on Thursday – based on recent winter storm – high costs to roads and utility companies. Tony Hyde will be in Washington DC soon if any issues we want to bring up. Insurance cards for prescriptions – only requirement is live in Columbia County and be alive. Average about 27-28 percent savings. Also pays for pet meds – which no other card does. Earl Fisher – driver's safety assembly at Scappoose High – Ford motor brought out cars for kids to test – simulations in skid cars and DUI cars- only 40 assemblies on the west coast. Thanks to SPD and Scappoose Schools for their support. Safety corridor meeting last week – potential changes will be presented early summer late spring.

PORT –Patrick Trapp - 2 options to allow 2 firms to proceed with coal export –will not see barges or trains tomorrow – but allows exploration of the options of permits, construction and future operations. Craig Allison – RR track rehab site at Multnomah hopefully complete by end of month.

Oregon Military Department - Kim Johns – no activations currently – actively planning exercise for later this year. Helicopter on Mt Hood today for search.

PCC – Randy McEwen – PCC for Columbia County is in the early stages: Yes we will be building Columbia County Center. Option of Regional Training Center – looking at option to link the two facilities in some way – also trying to determine what the facility should and should not include. Do not have a timeline yet – expectations are that the academic planning conversations will probably take about 2 years. Currently in process of gaining a lot of input – if you have groups that would benefit or want Randy to come to your agency and speak he is happy to. His contact info is attached to email.

SFD – Mike Greisen – 149 emergency incidents – no major incidents.

Senior and Veterans Services – Ken Johnson - Just hired Grace Clark as a County Veterans Service Officer; she has background in Emergency Management with our county.

Medical Reserve Corps – Ann Parrott – did not receive national funding this year, will look for grant funding for supplies and exercises.

EOC – Lorraine Churchill – recently received some good questions – outreach – PIOs get in touch with her – info sharing meeting at SFD no date set yet. Purpose to inform PIO's and create networking between them. Will also set up Utility meeting – Regional Road board thru WEB EOC is updated by Lonnie and CORD. Working to bring public works and utilities together for responses that require both agencies.

CERT – Joe Errante – training on apple box stove for cooking in emergency situations. Also participating in Amani Run – gathering volunteers for this.

ARES - Dave Morrison- continuing with infra structure development

OSP – Yvette Shepherd – no significant report

CCPD – Mike McGlothlin – completing hazard mitigation plans, met with Peter Tassoni EM to touch base on plans.

SHPD – Steve Salle – April 21, donkey basketball Saturday pays for required mail computer costs, last year great attendance – CEPA fundraiser – silent auction input or donations from CEPA? This pays for CEPA operational costs. Next Monday 13th, 10am – CEPA Expo Planning - contact me if want to be involved – if no interest, not doing it. Couple of federal funding BYRNE-JAG grants – goes to state of Oregon – criminal justice makes the decisions – recently decided between drug courts, drug task forces, and another option – they did away with funding for drug task force which is the CENT team funding – in September that funding is done – if chance mention to legislators that this is not best choice – please mention it – this could be the down fall of drug teams. Steve can draft a letter to attach to minutes to send out for support.

Columbia County Courts - Judge Reed – Betsy was upset that the Commisision did not have any LE on it for this decision on the Grants for LE that Sallé mentioned looking at possibly getting that changed. Columbia County drug court – very small due to funding – our offenders tend to come from cases from the drug team. Money issues – watching Salem very closely legislators held back 3 ½ percent last time, threat of more – had to lay off 2 ½ people – another cut could mean another 1 ½ lay off; staff can't keep up with work load.

NW Natural –Robbie Roberts – rates still low – don't think changes for quite some time. In June will be doing biannual trip to Mist underground storage facility. Invite all to join us. May need to do backgrounds for the tour in June

HIT – Paul Evans – thanks to the Port for patience and upgrades to make facilities usable – assembly will be taking place by June/July. Also info from air guard – exercise – working to bring local emergency responders into the exercise – to show how tools work together in a crisis.

SPD – Doug Greisen – nothing new

CRPUD –Kevin Owens – FEMA summit on Thursday – January only about 50 percent of snow pack – great weather for electricity business.

Commissioner – Henry Heimuller – Have heard only excellent feedback about the partnerships for response during the recent storm. CORD, ODOT, Utilities, Fire Depts., Police, and all other responders all demonstrated excellent team work. Other thing – Sally Jones husband Louis going through some medical issues, doing better but drop card if chance. New 9-1-1 administrator, Lee Knowlton – lost father in law last week – a card or email would be nice if find in heart – keep them both in prayers.

State Public Health - Brian Mahoney – State Public Health activated during storms– helped keep track and support local and state operations right now ops center stood down – supporting vaccinations for break out of meningococcal in Crook County Oregon

Cities Readiness – Cristin Corcoran – push partner coordinator – way to connect community response and organizations – to respond in case of various needs. Program going well – enrollment about 25 percent of community protected. Thanks to Robbie helping bring in more orgs for response – talk to me for questions.

Department of Homeland Security – Chris Greenhill – cyber attacks – quite a bit of reports of suspicious photo taking of refineries and other facilities. Read updates - tighten fusion center – to clarify if see someone sitting and taking pictures of plants, call it in.

Service Master – Tiffany Misclevitz – mild winter pretty quiet

SHCFUCU – Brandi McAllister and Genell Grow - CPR training for staff. Shared branching – can use either Wauna or SHCFUCU – they work together.

Community Mental Health - Jennelle Harrison – nothing to report

Womens Resource – Rachel Barry Dame -- 120 crisis calls – March advocacy training – April hosting a “walk a mile in her shoes” – male friends put on heels and walk – more info coming. Will be down Hwy 30 in St. Helens.

DHS – Senior Services - Lisa Bush- nothing to report

CRFR – Mark Kreutzer –nothing to report

Jim Huff – drought continues in Texas

9-1-1 – Sue Reedy – nothing to report

Columbia Food Bank – Jean Landers – nothing to report