

Beginning with Brian

Brian opened the meeting with introductions.

17 members present.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Announcements/News:

A twelve-inch gas main exploded in Allentown, Pennsylvania. So far, there is one known fatality and 5 people are missing. A comment was made that there would have been no smell or odor to warn of a leak and potential for explosion because the odorant was not added yet.

Lessons learned: prepare/plan/have that "to go" kit by the door. But how to prevent leaks or have an early warning system to get people out of harm's way is still a question.

Brian circulated a brochure on a company arranging ID cards for personnel to get into a plant in an emergency, to get through a police barricade, and work with the incident commander to inform about processes needing proper shut-down.

This "clearance" would need buy-in from police and fire bureaus. Apparently, there are companies making these arrangements for a fee. Jan Secunda informed us that EPIC, the private sector emergency preparedness group, is working on just such agreements. She will send the information to Brian.

The next ECHO meeting is:

Who: Derek White
Columbia County Emergency Management

Topic: Shelter in Place

When: March 10, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Where: GALVANIZERS Inc.
2406 N.W. 30th
Portland, OR

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Greg Madden of NINA (NW Industrial Neighborhood Association) announced that there will be two HAM radio license classes on March 18th & 25th, possibly at Galvanizers. The training will be to use emergency radios at 33 fire stations that have HAM kits. Some HAM operators also have a portable antenna for their car. Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM) has a communication center in S.E. Portland. HAM radios should not be used for business communication purposes. An HRO (HAM radio outfit) costs about \$1200.



Spring arrives in March

Cloudy Sears of **Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES)** informed us that Multnomah County emails have changed to: _____@multco.us

Also, Davy Crockett Barge is grounded on the north side of the Columbia River four miles upstream from the I-205 Bridge.

It is a derelict ship with a new owner that was never moved. It is leaking oil with PCBs. The oil leak has been contained with booms. Washington Department of Ecology, Oregon Dept of Environment, and the US Coast Guard are a unified command.

Pressure on the middle of the barge has made it buckle, so it was filled with half a million gallons of water in the bilge, so it leveled out and stabilized.

Divers were sent to determine what was on board. They are currently removing some hazardous materials. The current plan is to chop up the barge and take it to Swan Island to clean it out.

If anything goes wrong, a spill could affect many shores. There could be problems with access, for example, to drinking water wells on Marine Drive on the Portland side of the river.

PROGRAM:

The agenda for this ECHO meeting was to discuss the developing Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Multnomah County.

Four ECHO members, Mick Kratovil (Lacamas Labs), Brian Bailey (Siltronic), Eric Trummel (Alpenrose), and John Shaw are on the interim executive board that will be meeting on Feb. 11th at Alpenrose Dairy to develop by-laws for the LEPC. These draft by-laws will be presented to the full LEPC membership at the next meeting on March 4th.

There was some discussion of which companies are required to participate in the LEPC and it was pointed out that, for example, a local university is in a two year process to switch out EHS chemicals. Then, if they have no other EHS chemicals exceeding the reportable Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQ), they will not be required to participate in the LEPC.

- What is the role of ECHO in the new LEPC?
- Do we want to be a subcommittee of the LEPC, a place for people to go to get information?
- That would depend on which subcommittees are going to be formed. We need to know that before deciding.
- It is better to volunteer than be assigned.

We should see where there are overlaps of agencies and see how we can address gaps. There are POEM, MultCo EM, Portland Fire Bureau. Who is in charge in an emergency? The fire fighters are the first to respond. They won't wait to be called by the other agencies to respond.



The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) will train the LEPC to do the Community Capability Assessments to help determine who will do what in an emergency.

In Phase I, Portland Fire works with each EHS facility: each fills out the Phase 1 questionnaire ahead of the meeting in which gaps will be identified and addressed.

Phases 2 & 3 take the questions to the next levels: city, county, and state, to determine who does what, when, under what circumstances. Each discipline meets with their organization's information to determine who will do what in an emergency.

Where are the gaps? Develop action items to address gaps. Identify resources. Who has them? Are there grant funds available? This needs assessment is ongoing and changes with time.

This also enables facilities to identify gaps in their neighbors so they can prepare for their releases. Some facilities may become shelter for others. This promotes a collaborative response in emergencies.

The meeting of the interim board tomorrow (Feb. 11) will be to develop by-laws and bring them to the full Multnomah County LEPC to accept, modify or reject. The full LEPC will meet on March 4th from 9-11 am. Location to be determined.



Winter's beauty

March 27, 2011 is the 47th anniversary of the 1964 earthquake and tsunami in Alaska.



Next month we will have a presentation on Shelter-In-Place by Derek White, Columbia County Emergency Manager. Hope to see you all here on March 10, 2011, 10 am.

Thanks to all for the good discussion, clarifications, and to Galvanizers for their generous hospitality.

And thank you Theodora for taking such wonderful minutes.

Be safe out there!

Brian





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ECHO

Emergency Communications for Hazardous Operations

UPCOMING MEETING

Date:	March 10, 2011
Time:	10 am – 11:30 am
Topic:	Shelter in Place
Presenter:	Derek White Columbia County Office of Emergency Management
Location:	Galvanizers Co. 2406 NW 30 th Portland, Oregon