

## Beginning with Brian

Seventeen people present.

Attendees included Portland Fire, Transportation, (BES) Environmental Services, Office of State Fire Marshal, Oregon OSHA, Siltronic, Kanto Corp, TCI America, Univar, Linnton Environmental Group, Ashland, Certainteed Roofing, Chemical Distributors, Koppers, METRO, and Tarr LLC.

Brian Bailey opened the meeting with introductions.



## Announcements/News:

### ***NINA/HAM radio group:***

The Amateur Radio Operator training took place on two Fridays in March with 11 people passing the licensing exam. Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> will be an opportunity for those with call numbers to practice on air at Galvanizers at 11:30 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m.

Please email Keith Berkery to let him know you are attending.

Thanks to Greg Madden for putting the training together and to all who participated.

### ***US Dept of Transportation News:***

New U.S. Department of Transportation regulations have been proposed for loading and unloading hazardous materials.

Comments are due the end of May. Loading and unloading operations are where many injuries and deaths occur involving hazmat.

See Fed. Reg. Vol. 76, Number 48, Friday, March 11 for the proposed rule.

Also, new rules are proposed for DOT department inspectors to give them greater authority to insure safety of hazmat in transit. See the PHMSA website: [www.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov)

**Univar:** Rick Smith commented that they have been doing training (shipping, loading/unloading) for a while and have training materials to share with the group.

Please contact Rick for more information.

### **Office of State Fire Marshal**

**Topic: Disaster Readiness Planning Guide – Your Road to Readiness**

**Smoke & Fire Safety Action Plan**

**When: May 12, 2011  
10:00 a.m.**

**Where: GALVANIZERS Inc.  
2406 N.W. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Portland, OR**

**Questions: Contact Brian Bailey  
Phone: 503-219-7801**

**Office of State Fire Marshal:**

Krista Fischer updated us on LEPC news. The Multnomah County Local Emergency Planning Committee is in place with an executive committee and bylaws. The Chair of the CEPA LEPC will be invited to talk at the next Multnomah County LEPC meeting on how they work.

Lane County, Coos County, and Lincoln County are all in process currently.

A question was asked about budget cuts aimed at the CR2K program at the State Fire Marshal's Office and what impact that would have on the formation and continuation of the LEPCs being formed.

The CR2K program would lose three positions even though it is not tied to the general fund-it is a fee-based program. Constituents need to write letters in support of Community Right-to-Know to the state legislature to let them know that we value and need this program.

**Kanto Corporation:** John of Kanto Corp asked how to go about notifying OSFM about the plan to double amount of ammonia on site. They have 30 days to notify and can apply to do it online.

For people that ship using fleet lots, the 52<sup>nd</sup> edition of the DGR (Dangerous Goods Regulation) is available. There are lots of changes to placards and labeling regulations.

Global harmonization is a good idea to reduce paperwork. Differences in amounts considered hazardous under different regulations causes difficulties.

**OR-OSHA:** Penny Wolf-McCormack of OR-OSHA pointed out the OSHA does not require that industry use a particular format. OSHA is working on harmonization.

**Bureau of Environmental Services (BES):** Cloudy Sears of BES described enforcement issues due to poor employee training.

One company received a shipment of 12 gallons of xylene that had not been requested. The employee receiving it called the shipper and said they did not order it.

The shipper said it was water soluble and they did not want it back, so the receiver could do whatever they wanted with it.

The employee flushed it down the toilet at the end of the day.

This was an illegal discharge and adversely impacted the wastewater treatment facility.

The next day, employees at the firm could not go into the building due to fumes. This continued through the next day.

Apparently there was an old sump underneath a stairway, unknown to the company, which had retained some of the xylene.

The company was fined and had to suck up the contaminated water and dispose of it properly.

**Regarding storm water permits:** In another incident, concentrated surfactant spilled off a dock. A 400 liter tote had a hole in it. Dry sorb was thrown on it. It was pouring rain.

Much of the leaking surfactant went into the storm drain. Employees called their boss. They had no training in spill response.

The environmental "guy" was not called. The spill response plan was not followed.

This was a violation of city code of discharge to storm sewer. Also was a violation of DEQ rules on storm water and the Clean Water Act. A big fine resulted.

Brian told about a 400 liter tote with a 4 inch protruding drain. The valve was clipped on the truck and spilled onto the loading dock.

They had to suck the tote out but contained the spill and no violations were occurred, (to my knowledge).

**Presentation:** The speaker from Portland Public Schools (PPS) could not attend, so Brian Bailey made a presentation about preparedness in schools.



PPS received a \$650,000 grant for Readiness Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) 2011-12, with a focus on the Four Phases of Emergency Management:

- Prevention-Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response and
- Recovery.

These should be incorporated into all school, district, or campus emergency management plans. The list of grant objectives is quite extensive and includes: forming an advisory team, setting up a web page, creating a crisis

response team, conduct Vulnerability Assessments for each site, level 100/200 ICS (Incident Command System) training for administrators, conduct a district wide emergency drill to include all first responders, create a multi-language hotline, provide 120 students with CPR/AED training, etc.

The complete list of objectives can be found at:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/security-services/4793.htm>.

The Vulnerability Assessment schedule for schools can be seen at

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/security-services/5737.htm>.

All PPS classrooms will have "Emergency Go Kits" using funds diverted from the grant.

PPS indicates in its "Parent's Guide to Emergency Preparedness" that in an emergency, no child will be permitted to leave until the all clear. Students are the teachers responsibility.

PPS Website has training materials so schools not on the grant can work on preparedness.

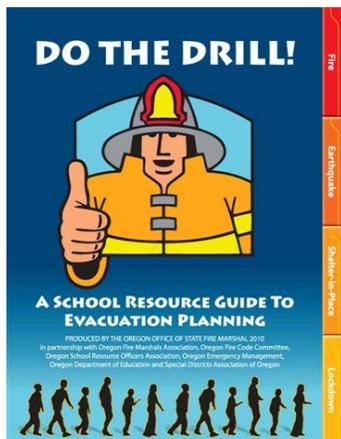
#### Comments:

The Office of State Fire Marshal has a program called "Do the Drill" to provide schools with information about conducting drills for fire, earthquake, shelter-in-place, and lock down. This information is assembled into a *School Resource Guide to Evacuation Planning*

The Oregon Emergency Management, Oregon Fire Marshals Association, Oregon School Resource Officers Association, and Special Districts Association of Oregon partnered with Office of State Fire Marshal develop the "Do the Drill".

The guide is intended to ensure consistency in the messaging about school fire evacuation planning, drills and reporting.

The guide is available online at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/SchoolEvacPlanGuide.pdf>



### General Discussion:

Earthquake preparedness:

- bolt the house to the foundation so it does not slide off.
- Water and gas shut off – The Red Cross has a universal wrench for gas and water shut off.

For gas, only shut off if you have a leak because it will take days or weeks to get the gas company to turn it back on.

- See NOVA website for more information on Japan's Killer Earthquake.
- There have been reports of radiation scares to employees about Japanese products.

Region 10 EPA Office of Ecosystem, Tribal and Public Affairs' Judy Smith is transferring to Bristol Bay and will be replaced by Dan Phalen.

EPA's budget has been cut \$1.6 billion! Federal OSHA has a budget of \$568 million (only!) and that will stay the same.

Oregon OSHA instituted an austerity plan a few years ago and their budget is not from the general fund, so they are holding. However, legislative fund sweeps are damaging.

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**Our hoped-for visit to Kanto Corp for our May meeting has been postponed**

Brian will develop another program for the May meeting, coming up on May 12<sup>th</sup>, at Galvanizers, 10-11:30.



Many thanks to Galvanizers for the venue, the coffee, and the treats, and to

**Brian Bailey** for keeping us informed and for being the back-up speaker.

You are welcome! And thank you Theodora for the wonderful minutes.

Ya'll be safe out there!

**Next Up-** Our own Krista Fischer will walk us through the Disaster Readiness Guide and Planner, Your Road to Readiness.

Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM Galvanizers.

Brian

*A small reminder for those who say “it can’t (or won’t) happen here.*



**Train derailment and ethanol fire May 4<sup>th</sup> on St. Helens Hwy.**



**Some of the folks that keep us safe.**



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## **UPCOMING MEETING**

Date: May 12, 2011

Time: 10 am – 11:30 am

Topic: Disaster Readiness Planning Guide -  
Your Road to Readiness

Smoke & Fire Safety Action Plan

Presenter: Krista Fischer / Judy Okulitch  
Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Location: Galvanizers Co.  
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