

Mid-Valley LEPC Meeting

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October 14, 2009

10:00 a.m.

5880 Old Salem Road

Albany, Oregon

MINUTES

Comments from Chair

Terry Virnig chaired the meeting in Darrel Tedisch's absence. He reminded new members present to please complete an application form. He also referenced the ATC-20 Damage Assessment Training on October 21 and encouraged people to take advantage of this no-cost training opportunity. He also reminded members of the November meeting date change in lieu of Veteran's Day; the next meeting will be November 18.

Introductions

Keith Ayers, ODOT Region 2	Wendy Hiatt, Costco Wholesale
Chris Bailey, City of Albany	Jim Howell, Linn County Emergency Mgmt.
Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire Department	Stephen Kalb, Samaritan Albany General Hosp.
Garry Black, City of Philomath	Deron Neukomm, Synthetech
David Capps, DHS NPPD IP Chemical Security	Marcene Olson, LBCC
Scott Coffin, ATI Wah Chang	Eric Ortiz, Freres Lumber
Karla Caudell, City of Halsey	Lisa Scott, Cascade Pacific Pulp
Scott Coffin, ATI Wah Chang	Thomas Shaddon, Ch2M Hill OMI
Scott Cowan, Albany Fire - HM5	Laurie Starha, Benton County Public Works
Douglas Freeman, RCO International	Marsha Swanson, Oregon Freeze Dry
Ronald Greenhill, DHS NPPD IP Chemical Security	Terry Virnig, Georgia Pacific
Kevin Harding, Hewlett Packard	Carolyn Wesolek-Babcock, International Paper
Lorri Headrick, Albany Fire Department	

Review and Approval of September 9, 2009, Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the September 9, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted by a vote of the membership.

Old Business

1. September 30 USAR and HazMat Team Drill - Douglas Baily provided an overview of the activities from the September 30 drill at Evanite in Corvallis, describing the USAR and HazMat Team operations. He also provided a great slideshow of photos. It was a rare opportunity for the different team disciplines to train together. The event went well and the teams gained valuable knowledge from the exercise.

Reports from Participating Organizations

1. Benton County
 - a. Emergency Management - No report.
 - b. Public Works - No report.
2. Linn County
 - a. Emergency Management - Jim Howell reported that the county is working on a six-county grant to provide continuity of Emergency Operations Plans. They will be notifying cities, counties, circuit courts, fire agencies, etc. to participate in the process. Kickoff will be in January.

The County has also received a State Homeland Security Grant to expand the emergency operations center. It can also then be made available to cities and fire districts.

The Everbridge Aware database (reverse 9-1-1 system) has been loaded and they are conducting training with response groups on how to use the program. The next phase will include public notification. He reported that Benton County is also working on this.

b. Public Health - Preparing for 17 vaccine clinics.

3. Cities

a. Albany Public Works - No report.

b. Halsey - Karla Caudell reported that they are identifying hazardous situations in their district and involving the fire department in the process.

4. ODOT - Keith Ayers shared a copy of the "Employee & Family Disaster Preparedness Guide" for use or reference by others. The document is also available in electronic format.

They are working with several counties, including Yamhill and Linn, in identifying alternative travel routes. They are also having winter operations meetings with Tillamook County to preplan for winter storms, etc.

5. State Fire Marshal's Office - No report.

6. Fire Departments

a. Albany - Scott Cowan reported that they are completing H1N1 vaccinations for emergency responders.

b. Corvallis - Douglas Baily reported that Corvallis is also completing the H1N1 vaccinations for their workforce.

Scott Coffin indicated that he may be able to obtain a chlorine car as a training prop at no cost for use by the local fire departments.

7. Samaritan Health Services - Stephen Kalb reported on a H1N1 preparedness workshop for health care providers.

8. Educational Facilities

a. Linn-Benton Community College - Marcene Olson reported on continuation of learning plans for pandemic and earthquake preparedness planning for daycares.

b. Corvallis School District - No report.

c. Albany School District - No report.

9. Educational Facilities - The request was made to add Department of Homeland Security to the Reports from Participating Organizations on future agendas.

Ron Greenhill introduced David Capps as the local representative and trainer for Department of Homeland Security. He reported on an exercise on September 28 at Portland International Airport and that Port of Portland now has a hazmat response team that will be coordinating with local teams.

Workgroup Reports

1. Membership - Judy Turner sent an email indicating that she has made contact with Shedd Fire Department to participate on the LEPC.
2. Outreach - Chris Bailey provided a meeting outline for the annual LEPC meeting and calendar for proposed meeting date. Discussed inviting the vulnerable population committee and school districts in addition to general population. Will also target local government leaderships. After discussion about benefits to holding the meeting during the day or in the evening, the consensus was to hold the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9; location to be determined. Also discussed the need to keep the content minimal and to use the first annual meeting to focus on communications with government, emergency response, and other pertinent agencies to bring them on board.
3. Presentation - Bill Brauer from the State Fire Marshal's Office will be presenting information on the chemical database at the November 18 meeting.
4. Emergency Plan - Marsha Swanson reported that Selmet is preparing for their Phase I Evaluation. Terry Virnig volunteered Georgia Pacific for another Phase I Evaluation.
5. Resource Assessment - No report.

Information Coordinator Report - Eric Ortiz reported that as the Information Coordinator he will be working with Darrel Tedisch on distribution of information.

New Business

1. Nomination Committee Appointments - Jennifer Schroeder had sent an email indicating that she would volunteer to be on this committee. Stephen Kalb and Terry Virnig also volunteered during the meeting to participate.

Membership Discussion Items

1. Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location - November 18, 2009, 10:00 a.m., at International Paper Training Center
2. Adjournment to Workgroup Meetings - 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by,

Lorri J. Headrick
Secretary