

## **Local Emergency Planning Committee**

Minutes from October 19, 2010

Hermiston Fire Station #3

Present:

Scott Stanton, Hermiston Fire

Dean Marcum, Stanfield Fire

Craig Williams, Hermiston Foods

Rod Holland, URS

Ben Weinke, City of Hermiston

Richard Meeks / Mark Swanson, Pendleton Grain Growers

Scott Spendlove, City of Weston

Brad Knight, Hermiston Generating Co.

Mike Palmer, Hermiston Generating Co.

Lyndsey Croghan, Smith Frozen Foods

Robert Bailey, Westland Irrigation District

Tony ?, ConAgra Foods, Weston

Sandra Stewart, ConAgra Foods, Weston

Shane Duthé, Hermiston Foods

Kerri Deal, ConAgra Foods, Weston

Greg Loftus, Pendleton Flour Mills

Doug Paine, Good Shepherd

Scott Morris, City of Stanfield

Rosanna Brown, Umatilla County Emergency Management

Additions to Agenda: Confined space rescues team (Scott Stanton)

### **Approval/Correction of Minutes:**

Correction: Pendleton business Miracle should read Americold.

Motion passed to approve as written after this correction.

### ***Sub-Committee Updates***

#### ***Planning***

Tyler Nokes, Scott Stanton, Ric Tunstead, Tom Bohm

Scott reports this committee has not met since the last LEPC meeting. Tyler and Tom have been at the academy and only returned recently. Letters went to two Pendleton businesses, Pendleton Flour Mills and Americold.

Tyler has tried to make contact with these businesses but has not been able to. The committee also talked about sending a letter to someone in Hermiston.

#### ***Resource Development***

Dean Marcum, Scott Morris

Dean suggests that everyone look over the sign up sheets. So far, only first responders have signed up and there must be representation from industry. The industries should be the driving force with assistance from the first responders.

Doug suggests that letters sent to industry in the past may have gone to the wrong person in the company. It would be better to find the name and contact information for the person that is involved in the day to day operations. There might be a better response from them. If you find have names and contact information for these types of people, send it to Jodi ([jodi.florence@ucem.us](mailto:jodi.florence@ucem.us)) so she can send them a letter. Bill was expected to send out the list of those that are mandated to be on this committee but has not.

### Training and Exercise

Dean Marcum, Scott Stanton

Scott reports that they had a small exercise with ConAgra regarding a release. They worked on emergency planning. It was a great first step to collaboration between the hazmat team and ConAgra.

Dean notes that if there is a company interested in doing an exercise, contact him and he will help set it up. There are responders in every town that will work with industry to plan for an emergency response.

Doug notes that the CRCC has been driving the emergency planning for many years with the CSEPP program but that program will be ending in 1-2 years and LEPC will become the emergency planning group for the community. The CRCC meetings are not open to industry people, CSEPP only, but Doug can take questions from this group to the meetings. If there are things this group would like to learn, the CRCC is a good resource. This LEPC is still working on its function and process. The first of the Phase One Questionnaires were sent out to the industries that were on the list of who has the most dangerous chemicals in Umatilla County. The questionnaire helps us to understand what is in place and how to handle an accident or spill. Then, these businesses bring first responders in from their area and they fill out what their capabilities are, based on state mandates.

The next step will include the lesser hazards in the county. All planning for these will come out of this committee.

There isn't anything specifically under training and exercise. It is up to each industry on their own to set up drills/plans. There are no plans currently to do a county wide training but that could change when CSEPP is done.

### Confined space

Scott Stanton, Kerri Deal, Mark Swanson, Ben Weinke, Chris Wrathall, Rod Holland, Greg Loftus, Craig Williams

Scott reports that Chris Rathal (541-567-8822) will be the coordinator for this team. He is a Hazmat tech. He will coordinate logistics, training, and operations for the next 12-18 months.

There is not currently a team. This will be a combined effort between industry and first responders. They plan to have Chris trained as a trainer and get the team set up.

Scott thinks that the state LEPC has funding that can help with the training fees.

Scott reports that hazmat techs are trained, but lose certification without using it. Right now, there is no way to keep it up without the equipment and opportunity.

Hermiston Generating (?) has a lot of equipment they would like to donate to the team.

A sign up sheet was passed around for the subcommittee of this group for a Confined Space Rescue team.

### **Hazardous Substances Incident Reports**

As was decided last meeting, this committee was notified by the state of one incident at Union Pacific.

### **State Fire Marshal's Office**

Bill did not attend today's meeting.

### **Conference Calling**

Bill might be interested in calling into meetings. The attendees from Weston are also interested in calling in. Dean reports that they are in the process of upgrading equipment and, when finished, Station #3 will be a good location for conference calling.

Hearing no other suggestions, meetings will continue to be mid-month, in the mornings. Doug will check availability and Jodi will send out the information out for the next meeting.

### Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning

Jodi provided CDs of the plan for distribution at this meeting. It is the county plan and this committee decided to accept it as is and review it after the next CSEPP drill.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, November 23, 2010**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center**

**Conference Center 2 (across from Pharmacy)**

**For those who would like to “attend” via conference calling, use the following number:**

**(541)667-3800**

**Pin Number 786637**