

Umatilla County LEPC Minutes

December 2, 2009



Present:

Dean Marcum, Stanfield Fire
Richard Winter, UMCD, CSEPP Support
Thane Jennings, Calpine HPP
Stan Ross, Oregon Emergency Mgmt
Jeff Dukes, Union Pacific Railroad
Greg Loftus, Pendleton Flour Mill
Larry Hinkle, Pendleton Flour Mill
Matt Kosmos, UMCDF
Rod Holland, UMCDF
Tyler Nokes, Pendleton Fire

Pat Hart, Hermiston Fire
Greg Sherman, OSP
Doug Paine, Good Shepherd Hospital
Mike Boise, Walmart
Michael Duffy, Pioneer HiBred
Don Cobb, Innovative Emergency Management (IEM)
Whitney Brunson, Smith Frozen Food
Jodi Florence, Umatilla County Emergency Mgmt
Bill Brauer, Oregon Fire Marshal's office

Minutes approved with corrections. Add Mark Milne and Richard Winter to list of attendees at last meeting.

By-Laws

A draft of the By-Laws were sent out for members to make comment or suggest changes. Pat Hart received some good comments from several people. Committee will continue to work on finalizing them.

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

Training will be offered March 16 – 17. HSEEP is a Homeland Security program that is the basis for all exercises in the United States that involve government money (grants, programs, etc). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) is the backbone of all emergency response functions. It is an organizational system that can expand or contract based on need and number of people responding to an incident. HSEEP is the system for evaluating an exercise in preparation for an incident or emergency.

In order for agencies to receive Homeland Security funding, they have to have people trained through this program. The only exception is the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) and Radiological Emergency Planning (REP).

Suggested pre-requisites for HSEEP training: IS 100, 200, 700, 800

These courses, along with many others, are available, free of charge at FEMA.gov. Click on the "Emergency Personnel" on the right, then under the Training section, click on "Emergency Management Institute – FEMA training website". "FEMA Independent Study" tab at the top, then "ISP Course list". Courses are listed numerically. All courses are free and open to anyone interested.

To sign up for the HSEEP training, fill out the attached 75-5 form and return to Stan Ross, Oregon Emergency Management at: ross@oem.state.or.us or fax to (541) 966-9650

Sub Committees:

Bill Brauer recommended that we begin three subcommittees:

1. Planning – this committee would use the Phase One questionnaire of pre-existing plans with industries and do an annual review of the plan. He is willing to be part of this committee to get it started.
2. Public Information – Would put out public notices and general information to the public.
3. Resource Development – evaluates resources available in our county so emergency responders and others know what is available and where to get them if needed in an emergency.

Members are asked to consider which subcommittee to be part of by next meeting.

Bill also reminded that LEPC applications need to be filled out by anyone who has not done so.

Round table:

Monitoring, Sampling and Analysis Workshop (MSAW) is planned for January 20, 2010 at Tamástslikt, from 9 a.m to 3 p.m. The workshop is free.

MSAW is training that will focus on recovery after an incident at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. LEPC members are invited to attend to learn about recovering from an incident. More information will be sent out to LEPC members.

Stan Ross - Oregon Health has identified 100 worst chemicals and location in Oregon. For planning purposed Doctor Michael Holcomb with Oregon Health may be willing to help with planning.

Pat Hart would like to get a Confined Space Rescue Team formed. A group will be meeting on December 16th, 10:30 a.m at Pioneer HiBred to discuss team formation. There are several steps to form a team: initial training, equipment purchase, and ongoing training. Mike Boise can send letter to have Walmart get involved. Irrigon Fire received a grant to do training and may be interested in applying again. Hermiston Fire and Good Shepherd are interested in being involved.

Bill Brauer reminded us that LEPC members can receive money from the Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant (HMEP).

Stan Ross – Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers free training for emergency planning, how to run an Emergency Operations Center, home and community safety and much more. The training is free online at FEMA.gov

Pat – added to Stan Ross' comments about EMI. The national fire academy is located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The training is free. FEMA will pay for flight, participants only have to pay for meals (about \$100 for the week).

Next Meeting: February 16, 10:00 a.m. Fire Station #3