

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Minutes

November 8, 2011

Fire Station # 3
78760 Westland Road

Present:

Mark Swanson, PGG

Bob Allstott, Pendleton Flour Mills

Jacob Beach, Smith Frozen Foods

Jack Remillard, UC Emergency Management

Scott Stanton, HFES

Ben Weinke, City of Hermiston

Dean Marcum, Stanfield Fire

Tyler Nokes, Pendleton Fire

Sean Basford, City of Hermiston

Chris Wrathall, HFES

Dave Stewart, UMCDF

Seth Cooney, OSP

Pat Hart, HFES

Doug Paine, GSMC

Kym Peterman, ARC

Richard Winter, Echo / UMCD CSEPP

Jodi Florence, UC Emergency Management

Additions to agenda

Tyler Nokes suggested we discuss the Information Officers position

Approval/Correction of Minutes

Correct minutes from September 27: The confined spaces equipment will be available for use by LEPC members. There is a misunderstanding with Hermiston Generating about the equipment. Pat Hart will talk with them and explain what will happen with the training and LEPC.

Moved, seconded and approved with corrections.

State Fire Marshal's office – Sue Otjen

Sue is the Assistant Chief Deputy for the office and works in Emergency Planning and Response. They are trying to build back programs that were cut due to budget issues. The hope is that the funding will come back for those positions. Bill Brauer, Krista Fisher and Terry Wolfe are working in other departments. Only their position were cut, not the people.

We were awarded the HMEP grant for Confined Spaces/HazMat training. This will help our committee to move forward with the training needed. The draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) has been sent out. The grant coordinator is Stephanie Stafford. Her time is dedicated to HMEP grant and LEPC projects.

Pendleton Fire is also considering training. They have funding from DPSST and will coordinate and include others (such as public works).

HMEP Grant – We did receive the grant for Hazmat training. Scott Stanton will coordinate the grant. The grant money (\$15,300) needs to be spent by Sept. 30, 2012. Grant is for training (not

equipment) for confined space entry. We want to meet the needs of LEPC and the folks in the county. The Subcommittee will meet and decide how to best spend the money.

Exercise

Dean Marcum is planning on an exercise on May 5th, 2012. He has had a preliminary planning meeting. Conagra has asked to use their facility. The exercise will include a large explosion. December 14th will be the next planning meeting.

Jack Remillard will also have an exercise in the April or May 2012. He will include a Search and Rescue scenario. This exercise meets the requirements for the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant. SAR also has training requirements. A tabletop exercise is planned for December to go over the scenario prior to the Spring Exercise.

In 2013, Umatilla County will plan an earthquake exercise in Milton Freewater. Jack has talked with Linda Hall in Milton Freewater and would like to also get Walla Walla involved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Planning – Sean and Tyler met and briefly outlined the goal for the Planning committee (to get questionnaires completed). Sue will check on the Phase One Questionnaire form. Currently, you can print it, but cannot save it on the computer.

Resource Development – Letter to Chamber of Commerce to request resources in an emergency. Jodi will draft a letter and work with Jack Remillard to get started on the Resource list.

Public Outreach –Jodi's job will be ending with the close of the CSEP program and she may not be available to LEPC. We will need to have someone take over this position. There are lots of entities attending LEPC, maybe a staff person from one of the members could take over the position.

HazMat incidents – We have not received any reports about HazMat incidents. Jodi has received some reports in the past from Kris Steigler, but has not received anything recently.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee

(Doug Paine, Pat Hart, Craig Williams)

Met with University of Oregon folks who are working on updating the plan. . Pat and Doug will attend a meeting with the County next week.

There was a question on requirements for facilities to notify LEPC in the event of a chemical release. ConAgra requested a letter stating that LEPC would be notified through other means. Sue Otjen will check on the reporting requirements and let us know.

Next Meeting Date: January 10, 2012