

Columbia Emergency Planning Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2016

Present:

Joe Errante	ARES/RACES
Jay Tappan	CRFR
Anne Parrott	Public Health
Diane Dillard	CRFR
Mike Greisen	Scappoose Fire
Mark Kreutzer	CRFR
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commissioner
Henry Heimuller	Columbia County Commissioner
Susan Conn	City of St. Helens
Greg Hinkelman	City of Clatskanie
Ben Denfeld	Dyno Nobel
Paula Lichatowich	Port of St. Helens
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES
Kristi Ward	GP/Wauna
Margaret Magruder	Lower Columbia Watershed Council
Alicia Kahl	Dyno Nobel
Casey Wheeler	Columbia Pacific Food Bank
Karen Izumoto	Columbia County Emergency Management
Craig Allison	Port of St. Helens
Steve Pegram	Columbia County Emergency Management
Adrienne Donner	Cities Readiness Initiative
Ali Vander Zanden	Suzanne B
Eva Frost	Warren Grange/CERT
Michael Bender	Portland General Electric
Wade Mathews	Astoria Fire & Hazmat
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal's office

Jay called the meeting to order at 10:08. Introduced - Wade Mathews and Shon Christensen. Special thanks to Transwestern Aviation for the treats and door prizes.

Donkey Basketball is April 23 and the big thing is the CEPA EXPO which will be July 23 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Always looking for volunteers. Karen Izumoto will be chair.

Guest Speaker – Shon Christensen – firefighter with City of Portland and a hazmat tech on Team 7. Statewide Hazmat program is funded by Petroleum Load fees – We currently have 13 teams. We also have Wade with Team 11 from Astoria. Portland goes to Rainier and Team 11 covers Clatskanie and beyond. OSFM provides equipment, training and the curriculum for team training. They have to go through 80 hours training – month-long – hands-on and classroom. The mission of the OSFM is to

protect citizens, their property and the environment from fire and hazardous materials. We perform outreach and also hands-on with other agencies. Normally 8 hazmat techs on duty every day – the teams are different sizes. Those resources get used up quickly. If we need extra support we can call in other teams.

Our mission is protect life and environment by responding to chemical emergencies and minimizing the dangers associated with them. Last big incident we had involved deconing patients. Right now there are a lot of calls about “white powder.” We are designed to mitigate hazards – we can stop a leak/release. We don’t do cleanup.

13 HazMat teams that cover the state of Oregon and a portion of Idaho. We lost a Redmond team about 7 years ago due to costs.

In 1989 Oregon became the first state to create a Regional Hazardous Materials Response system. Teams respond to hazardous materials incidents that exceed the resources of local jurisdictions. Specialized training including chemical, biological, radiological nuclear and explosive.

160 hours of training plus a taskbook we have to recertify every two years. We are not affiliated with BBPST. We are part time contractors at OFSM.

When to contact:

Any radioactive materials or extremely hazardous substances  
Anytime you have questions or would like a phone consultation  
Anytime there’s been an exposure to the public or responders.

- Telephone consult
- On-site Advisory
- On-site Analysis
- Small team response
- Expanded team response
- Multiple team response

In the state of Oregon we are required by law to make report to OERS – fuels spilled in quantities of 42 gallons or more, unless it enters a waterway or is determined to endanger public safety or the environment. ODOT has some responders but they are responsible for vehicle fluids – if it is part of the load of the vehicle then it is our responsibility. OERS is really good about calling DEQ. Or if it is sewage overflows.

Cost reimbursement – the Hazmat program has the ability to seek reimbursement from the responsible party. We do have ability to waive the cost. We can seek reimbursement for time and any equipment used. If it is a partner agency we can waive the fee.

What Hazmat team will ask you:

- A functioning Incident Command System – hazmat becomes a branch
- Additional person will assist with the decon process and possible for emergency back-up or rescue – usually a fire engine
- An ALS ambulance for the team

#### How to contact

- Notify dispatch via radio
- For CC – Station 7 - 503 823 3856

HM7 – cell 503 209 8337 (while in route)

- HM Coord: 503 793 1606
- Currently Shon Christensen
- OERS 1-800-452-0311

Best to call your local responders and they will initiate the HazMat team

#### What we can do :

- Plume modeling
- Conduct air monitoring (including chlorine gas and ammonia) (also gamma radiation)
- Mistro kit – tests for explosive or pre-cursor
- Radiation detection capabilities – drager tubes, and telemetric tubes
- White powder testing – partner agency is FBI (they want us to check for RAD and explosive)
- HazMat 360 – uses infrared laser and it analyzes substances.
- Simple protein and pH test kits
- Different drug tests for meth, etc. (monitor for CO2 enhancement)
- Butane hash oil –

We have several companies who have their own response team and we work with them. Statewide we had 89 calls for response and probably 2 or 3 times in Columbia County.

#### New Business:

CEPA Expo will occur July 23 – Karen has graciously offered to be coordinator.

Donkey Basketball – April 23 – St. Helens High School gymnasium - fundraiser for CEPA and Kiwanis.  
Cops vs. firefighters.

#### Board meeting today – highlights

Programs, treats and door prizes, donkey basketball and CEPA Expo, Cascadia Rising, leadership transition in the next year, having monthly board meetings now. Vacancy on the EHS sub-committee after retirement of Ron Youngberg.

#### **Agency Reports**

CRFR – Diane – still with Maui FD and Mark – going to Matzalan FD –

County Commissioner - Tony – RDPO meeting last week – that is Washington included and am wondering about reciprocity agreements. Tony re-elected as chair. Paul Evans – HB 4098 – this bill answers the need for emergency preparedness throughout the State- allows the State to purchase large pieces of equipment and we sign agreements to maintain it. This is a way to purchase large pieces of equipment.

OSFM – Terry Wolfe – trying to get ready for fire season. One thing we found a new Emergency Response Manager– Michael Heffner from Salem Fire Department.

County Commissioner - Earl – wants to thank Shon for the presentation we really depend on cooperation from other departments and Multnomah County

Clatskanie - Greg – waiting for Emergency Declaration to be done

Food Bank – Casey Wheeler – working with Master Gardeners

Emergency Manager – finished ground truth document for Cascadia Rising – keeping it at a fairly table top level.

Ali VanderZanden (Suzanne Bonamicci's office)– been in touch with Governor's office regarding Disaster Declaration and the president signed an order on Earthquake Warning – fine tuning it.

Port of SH – relatively quiet period for Port – awarded contract for new building in St. Helens on Port Avenue and completely renovating building at Multnomah business park.

County Commissioner - Henry – been in touch with our colleagues in Harney County. They don't have the resources we have – the local guys are really under a tremendous amount of stress – just keep them in your thoughts and prayers. I passed around a handout – 2016 has been proclaimed a Year of Wellness in Columbia County – kind of following the coattails of Tillamook County- through Public Health and others – to start the process of getting people to think about issues (obesity, drugs, smoking) – goal is to carry on year after year – Katie Struble – AmericaCorps VISTA at Public Health – kickoff February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Columbia Soil and Water Conservation building.

Public Health -Anne – from a preparedness standpoint this is good – the healthier we are as individuals will assist us in recovering. Attended a meeting last week at TVF&R – kickoff meeting for focus on Disaster Sanitation - \$50,000 UASI grant. Good representation from a variety of State agencies.

State Health - Kris – the Umqua Wellness Center – it was a result of Roseburg shooting- that will be closing on February 29<sup>th</sup> – behavior/health response for Umpqua shooting – now will switch focus to Harney County

County Emergency Management office - Karen – preparedness outreach and education – let me know. She asked me to remind folks to come find me if they were interested in being a part of the CEPA EXPO Planning Subcommittee. If you could ask members to contact me and fill out the poll to find a meeting time that works for everyone, that would be very helpful! . Do you think the times I provided are okay? Because I can always change the options before you send it out. Here is the link

<http://doodle.com/poll/4g8ggtasgnh4qugc>

Scappoose Fire - Mike– just notified about the HazMat grant is coming up with the deadline March 15. It will be a multi-year grant now – they are opening it up quite a bit. Opportunities for LEPC. Mike said we need to do an exercise for the new plan. US Coast Guard coming out – using a helicopter – February 2<sup>th</sup>. Classroom is in Scappoose and exercise in front of courthouse.

Warren Grange & CERT - Eva – CERT group is doing a couple of simple preparedness courses. March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Warren Grange working on Mega Egg Hunt – The breakfast March 13.

Port of St. Helens -Paulette – did award 12 grants in our district (Port of St. Helens)

City of St. Helens - Susan – congratulations on declaring wellness by Columbia County and our city goals coincide. Community Foundation looking for wellness/preparedness - weekend before Cascadia Rising – and looking for a location.

PGE – Mike – corporate folks reached out to ARES/RACES. Our outage will be over Monday – got approval for three full time positions at Port Westward.

Soil & Water - Margaret – anxiously awaiting the emergency declaration and in the meantime working with City of Rainier and owners whose buildings are falling through sinkhole in Foxx Creek. We are finding funds to improve that emergency situation.

GP Kristi – Jan and February – training all employees. The John Day volunteer fire department got a \$5000 grant and helping Knappa school district with training - raised \$140,000 for United Way.

Road Department – Lonny Welter – just recovering from winter

Waiting for next safety milestone – two years without injury – March 2

Dyno Nobel - Alicia – have had change of leadership – Lorne Clark no longer with us and we are actively looking for new.

CERTS – Joe - training and working with blood drive and the Senior Center – department members memorial this Friday – new home for Veterans Open House this coming Saturday. St. Frederic’s Gym – and on South 13<sup>th</sup>.

County Commissioner -- Tony – we are all reeling from last month’s weather – clearly a presidential declaration would be really great – for instance in Vernonia had we not spent \$80 million to mitigate we may have had a terrible disaster. Shout out to new emergency manager – for his efforts during the disaster time – agencies/volunteers – couldn’t have done it – our county should be very proud.

Terry – OSFM - We got our enhanced status back from FEMA.

Next meeting is March 1, 2016 – 10 a.m. Guest speaker is Bill Henley – Hazardous Materials Plan. Columbia River PUD will be providing treats and door prizes. REMINDER BOARD MEMBERS – we have a meeting at 9 a.m.