Attendees:

- Rich Saalsaar, Philomath Fire
- Sarah Bates, Linn County Public Health
- Marshall Baker Crop Production Services
- Kate Hennessy, Albany Fire
- Jim McDaniel, National Frozen Foods Corp
- Scott Coffin, ATI
- Steve Curfman, NETL
- Mike Bamberger OSU
- Mark Becker, OSU
- Douglas Freeman, RCO International, Inc.
- Glenda Fleming, WR Grace
- Rick Daudert, EnerG2 Technologies
- Karen Selander, Corvallis Schools
- Chad Hawkins, Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office
- James Rodell, Oakville Emgy Preparedness
- Greg Skaer, OFD Foods, LLC
- Lisa Bennett, OCWCOG
- Joe Larsen, LCSO/Linn Emgy Management
- Darrel Tedisch, Albany Emgy Management

The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m.

Announcements: Richard Saalsaar (of Philomath Fire) has assumed chairmanship of the Mid-Valley LEPC.

Approval of minutes: Corrections were made to the December 2016 minutes: “RCRA” and “National Frozen Foods” on pages one and three respectively. Sarah Bates moved and Steve Curfman seconded that the minutes from the December meeting be accepted as corrected. All approved.

Reports from Participating Organizations:

**NETL** – They are trying to prepare for this fiscal year. They are doing planning activities, but don’t have an official budget yet. They are supposed to be getting a new boss next week. Budget-wise, they plan on doing a full-scale exercise this summer.

**Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office** – Not many updates; they stood up an AOC a couple of times for weather. HazMat Rail Emergency Planning has the potential to support hazmat rail through July 1, 2017. ODOT Rail government site gives information on all hazmat rail coming through the area, large quantities as well as “one-offs”.

**Linn County Emergency Management** – They held their initial planning meeting for Regional Debris Management; the plan will be finalized by late August. LCSO is working on a 700 MHz radio system, hoping to start it in April, but there are/will be challenges due to weather (snow). They will still use VHF in the eastern part of the county. APD is already using 700 MHz. Passed out a CERT flier for Linn County CERT.

**Linn County Public Health** – Flu materials available. There is lots of activity going on with flu outbreaks across the state; there are no beds available in the hospitals. It’s still not too late to get flu shots – the vaccine is a good match this year. Jan 26 there will be a PIO area network meeting at Albany City Hall from 0900 to 1030; call Sarah Bates if you’re curious. Later that afternoon, there will be a Linn County Vulnerable Populations meeting from 1330 to 1530 at the OCWCOG office.
City of Albany – Continuing Ham Radio drills; they are hoping to have a class soon to get at least three more people their licenses. Darrel attended the Solar Eclipse meeting in Benton County – Albany will host theirs Jan 27. (Joe remarked that some websites are listing Mt. Jefferson as the BEST place to view the eclipse, and that the trip to the summit is merely a “hearty walk”.) All emergency personnel will be on alert; the country music festival is the weekend just before, and the OSU Hydro-Races may be that weekend as well. The City of Albany just completed its Flood and Dam Inundation Plan, using information from the USACE; they will be going before the City Council tonight for approval.

Albany Fire – Building continues on the new Station 11 on Lyon Street. They had three new hires complete Academy, and they will be taking their place on the line.

Lebanon Fire – They will be hosting Linn County CERT Training in February.

Philomath Fire – They will be putting on an Emergency Medical Responder course which will be open to everyone; the training is first responder training to just below EMT level. It’s an accelerated course which will begin Mar 9 and every Tuesday and Thursday night with CPR as well. The price is $460 (as opposed to $2200 for EMT training). It would be a great opportunity to have someone trained up for any of the different organizations within the LEPC; talk to Rich if you’re interested. They started off 2016 with 13 calls in the first 10 days – this year they’ve had 32 calls in the first 10 days; 17 were vehicle accidents, the rest flue fires and falls mostly.

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments – Not much to report. They contracted with someone to shovel/plow and de-ice their area, since they work with people with mobility issues.

OSU – (Mike introduces Mark Becker – a new Emergency Preparedness Specialist for OSU.) School started yesterday, they got their Emergency Plan signed and posted to their website (the last one was done in 2009). They have nine months left to complete their NHMP (in September they will hopefully get their FEMA report back). In December, they hosted DPSST Active Shooter Threat Training. It went well. DPSST is looking for more locations to hold this training around the area. There is the potential for minimal property damage, but the training is well worth the risk. Meningococcal Type-B has been identified in the student population – two cases were identified before winter break. They are well into planning to immunize group living space occupants (in order to call an epidemic, there must be at least three cases of the same strain). They are working with Benton County to organize a mass immunization plan (six to eight thousand students in a week).

Corvallis Schools – They are recovering from lost school days (due to inclement weather); it’s probably not over yet. They are working on emergency procedures, lockouts vs. lockdowns. Their intercom system is not great, so they will also be working on communications.

American Red Cross – Shirley Keaton is new to the area; James Rodell is encouraging her to join the LEPC.
ATI – They are experiencing a lot of changes from the business side. They are continuing to stay aware of chlorine hazards, as they are the recipients of much of the by-rail chlorine shipments. They did do a joint exercise with Region 5 about five years ago – it was a good exercise, and they would be interested in doing another one sometime in the future. (Chad noted that a total of about 75 railcars went down last year; it happens all the time, it just doesn’t make the press.)

National Frozen Foods – They are working on balancing production with employee safety (shortening shifts/sending people home early). They are seeking quotes for a Mech Integrity Audit, and will be conducting a HazMat Drill in May. The use of the conference room for the November LEPC meeting is confirmed.

Oregon Freeze Dry – Now officially OFD Foods, LLC. The new owners want to grow the company (and sell it off in the future). Last Friday: there was a packing leak in some anhydrous ammonia valves that set off the sensor, the ventilation, and generated phone alerts. Folks came in and fixed the leak – it was kind of a “non-event” but it was good to see the system works. Only one area in the facility doesn’t have a sensor, but that will be finished up this year. Every room with potential has a detector.

Crop Production Services – They are doing training for the slow season; CPR, defensive driving, working with Albany Tech Rescue for confined space rescue, and working with Tangent Fire for anhydrous drills.

Oakville Preparedness Assn – On Jan 24, they will be “coming out of hibernation” – they are hoping to have Joe Larsen speak with their group. They are also looking to start a communications tree to keep all neighbors in the area in contact with each other. They corresponded with Andrew Phelps of the State Emergency Office about some questions they had – they will be happy to share any answers they get. Brownsville is also organizing in their community for emergency preparedness.

WR Grace – They are having a scheduled maintenance shutdown for a week in a week. They will conduct 24 hours of HazMat training this month. They are looking to expand and plan to break ground in September for additional production and warehouse space.

Wren Preparedness Assn – They were awarded Firewise community certification (very commendable; this involves a lot of work). They received a grant to establish community caches, and they have a full-blown community effort going on.

EngerG2 – They have scheduled annual maintenance shutdown next week. They have also updated their emergency response plan. They do have some questions, as well as some new development and would like some help with that, as well as coordinating a drill. They are conducting a 5-year review of their anhydrous ammonia materials (last was in 2012).

RCO International – They had some discussions with an associate from Multnomah County with regard to propane and gas – are there sources of fuel like this always available for first responders? (Linn County has several pumps they use, and all but one have the ability to hook up
generators for County use in an emergency. Chad noted that Oregon is one of the few states that doesn’t have a refinery, and we would, accordingly, have to be without fuel for a long time in the event of an emergency; contingency planning is vital. Darrel noted that even with accessing local available supplies such as gas stations or through farmers, the City of Albany would barely have resources to last more than a shift, and that’s not even taking into account supplies of water or oxygen.)

Workgroup Reports:

Membership: Nothing to report.

Outreach: Selmet was the last one; there is one coming up LBCC in May.

Emergency Planning Committee: Nothing to report.

Presentations: No presentation at this meeting.

Secretary’s Report: Nothing to report.

New Business: Rich asked group members to come up with relevant ideas to present at meetings.

Old Business: No old business was discussed outside of group reports.

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Next Meeting: April 12, 10:00 a.m., Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments conference room, 1400 Queen Avenue SE #201, Albany, OR 97322

Regular Meeting Adjournment: 1120 hours.

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