

Mid-Valley LEPC Annual Meeting
February 13, 2013
Northwest Natural Gas
7150 Supra Drive SW Albany, OR
10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Introduction of Attendees:

Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire/HazMat Team 5
Lori Blau, Cascade Pacific Pulp
Haleigh Gokey, Linn County Public Health
Kevin Harding, Hewlett Packard
Michael Hurick, Disaster Consulting
Seaton McLennan, City of Tangent
Steven Niskanen, NWFF Environmental
Erik Rau, Benton County Sheriff's Office

Matt Rodgers, OSU
Karen Selander, Corvallis School District 509J
Gregory Skaer, Oregon Freeze Dry
Judy Turner, Selmet
Terry Wolfe, State Fire Marshal's Office
Jan Wilbur, American Red Cross
Jason White, National Frozen Foods

Approval of the February 8, 2012, Minutes

Minutes of the February 8, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted.

Presentations

Overview of the State of Oregon Program – Terry Wolfe provided a history of what has transpired at the State Fire Marshal's Office over the past 18 months and his return to working with the LEPCs. He expressed the new State Fire Marshal's support of the LEPCs and SERC. He provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining why LEPCs came to be and their role in the communities and hazardous materials.

Terry reported that there will be changes with Oregon LEPCs to bring them in complete alignment with the law. He couldn't give details at this time, just that there will be some changes in the future.

Mid-Valley LEPC – Douglas Baily provided a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Mid-Valley LEPC; reviewed the status of the 2012 goals and accomplishments, and the new goals for 2013.

He indicated that there will be an emphasis on Phase I evaluations with EHS facilities in 2013. The question was raised about what agency has the authority to require EHS facilities to participate. Terry reported that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has the statutory authority, and he sees the LEPCs being the conduit to educate facilities on the consequences of not participating.

Matt Rodgers identified there is a difference between 'membership' and 'participant.' The emphasis in 2013 should be on partnerships between the active LEPC members and non-participants to make contact to identify what the barriers are for participation and help provide an understanding of the importance of participation.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Submitted By: Lorri Headrick