

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEPC
Meeting Minutes
Friday May 13, 2016
Portland Fire & Rescue Training Center – Portland, OR

Members Present: Recorded by sign-in sheet

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

Members present introduced themselves

Members approved meeting minutes from April 7, 2016

Jeremy Van Keuren of Portland Bureau of Emergency Management provided a presentation on Portland's Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NET)

- During emergency disasters about 90% of rescues are done by neighbors
- NET trains local volunteers to provide help safely and effectively
- New volunteers start with basic training covering essential skills
- Active volunteers spend 12 hours/year on outreach, meetings, and training
- Portland currently has ~1,000 active members and 1,500 applicants
- Free to join, but volunteers are asked to purchase their own emergency kits
- More information is available at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/31667>

Terry Wolfe of Oregon State Fire Marshal explained why outreach letters were sent to facilities that identified themselves as being subject to the planning requirements for Extremely Hazardous Substances on the annual Hazardous Substance Information Survey

- Purpose of sending letters is to ensure companies that are required to participate in the planning process have the chance to do so
- Goal of the planning process is to establish emergency plans for each facility and add those facility plans to the county emergency plan
- Multnomah County LEPC submitted a grant application to start the planning process by gathering the 9 Planning Elements from EHS facilities

Executive Committee Update:

- ECHO needs to be incorporated into the bylaws as the Training Sub-Committee, and a volunteer is being sought to fill the role of Chairman
- DEQ sent a letter to the Governor outlining plans to collect information and conduct inspections at facilities in Oregon that use certain metals listed under EPA's Urban Air Toxics Strategy

Stories about electronic waste being sent to developing countries instead of being properly recycled have been in the news lately. Members were advised to consider finding a recycling company that doesn't export such waste.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00