

LEPC
September 28, 2010
Hermiston Fire Station #3

Attendees: Ben Weinke, Dean Marcum, Ric Tunstead, Bill Brauer, Robert Harris, Richard Winter, Sean Basford, Melinda Alexander, Lyndsay Croghan, Thane Jennings, Kerri Deal, Rosanna Brown

Introductions

Approval/Correction of Minutes - accepted as written

Planning Sub-Committee Update

Tyler Nokes and Tom Bohm were not present at today's meeting. Doug was on the subcommittee but will not be now since he has taken the Chair position. He does not think they have met since the last LEPC meeting.

Tyler sent an email regarding the first survey and Bill responded. Pendleton Flour Mills, Miracle, and a third?

The committee will need a report from Jodi or Tyler regarding the response. A tentative date of the 7th was scheduled but has not been firmed up with Tyler.

Confined Spaces Rescue Team Sub-Committee Update

Doug is unsure where this is headed as he is not a part of it. Pat was not at the meeting so there was not a report made. The topic has been bumped to the next meeting.

Reopen nominations and election of Co-Chair

Doug reports Pat Hart has agreed to accept the Co-Chair position if he is elected. Going with the assumption that a majority of those present is required, nominations were opened for anyone else for co-chair. The motion to close nominations passed with Pat Hart being the only nominee and he was elected unanimously.

Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning

Dean reviewed the county's plan and thinks it's good. It covers all hazards and was revised in 2009 with a 5 year rotation and includes communication with CTUIR. It also includes a list of questions to ask when it is time to do the revision in 2014.

There is already a group designated to do the revision so Dean is unsure what the county wants from this committee.

Dean's recommendation is to leave it as is for the time being. It should be reviewed after the next CSEPP exercise to see if any additions could be made. LEPC could then endorse it after it has been reviewed by additional members, including those from industries.

Jodi will send it out to everyone, so that those that would like to read it can and will be able to give feedback at the next meeting.

Meeting schedule options

To address the concerns about low meeting attendance, the dates/times/locations were discussed.

Would using a conference call encourage participation?

Fire Station #3 is working on getting a better system in their facility so conference calls could work there. Doug will check with the hospital to see if a conference room is available. He does see a potential issue though because, due to construction, the hospital will be short 3 conference room in a couple of months.

With regard to frequency of meetings, Bill suggested having meetings every month while trying to increase attendance. It is difficult to build solid sub-committees with sparse attendance.

Bill passed around sign in sheets with suggested sub-committees. He recommends putting a membership committee in place immediately and work toward having representatives from DHS agencies attend. Their participation is in the federal statutes. He also suggests noting members is good standing and bad standing and contacting those in bad standing to remind them about meetings and their attendance. The membership committee can also try to solicit attendance by other cities and their agencies. There should be at least one representative from each city.

Kerri has agreed to review the list of those required to participate that Bill will send to her.

The forms are for individual members and, if you are signed up, you are considered a member and covered by some benefits. It is a good idea for each individual person to fill out the application.

Melinda will discuss membership with Tom Groat.

Bill points out that you can put things in place but unless you have a group of people that will do the work, there is not action behind it.

Jodi will email the original membership letter to Doug and Kerri.

The committee will continue to meet monthly and Dean will set up the bridge for next time. Jodi will send out the information about the bridge for the next meeting.

Everyone else is tasked with making a list for the next meeting of organizations that you think would be of value as an asset to this committee so the membership committee can contact them. Some of these agencies are; Corp of Engineers, federal departments, department of transportation, Cold Springs dam, railroad.

Dean asked that Jodi look for a list of agency contacts from the Natural Hazard Mitigation plan Dean reviewed

State Fire Marshal's Office

The State Fire Marshal's Office is currently working with Multnomah County on creating a LEPC. And Lincoln County's LEPC is up and going. Lane County has an orientation scheduled for 10/22 and is pretty close to having their committee up and going. STERC is the state agency that county LEPCs are formed under.

Doug reports that he is starting to see MOUs and that shows that the LEPCs are being recognized as an integral part of disaster planning for industry. He also reports that Jodi received a request from Kristen Stigler about notification of the committee after an incident.

After discussion, this committee has decided that they would like the state to notify Jodi when there is an incident and she will notify the Chair, co-chair, and Planning sub-committee chair and they will discuss these during the meetings. It will be an item on every month's agenda.

Doug, as chair of this committee, can go to CRCC meetings and bring up any LEPC items for discussion. The next CRCC meeting is November 9.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19 10am Station #3