

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.
Umatilla County Justice Center
Pendleton OR

Present: Thane Jennings, Calpine; Ben Weinke, City of Hermiston WWTP; Doug Paine, Good Shepherd Medical Center; Pat Hart, Hermiston Fire; Scott Stanton, Hermiston Fire; Craig Williams, Hermiston Foods; Scott Rose, Perennial Power; Gary Betts, KBLU-FM; Virginia Blakelock, KBLU-FM; Dennis Hull, National Weather Service; Terry Wolfe, OSFM; Gary Woodson, Pendleton Fire; Deborah Fritts, PGG; Jacob Devine, Smiths Frozen Foods; Jodi Florence, UCEM; Jake Remillard, UCEM; Joe Harn, Citizen

Approval/Correction of Minutes

Approved

State Fire Marshal's Office – Terry Wolfe

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant – we have submitted the grant application to hire a consultant to work on our LEPC emergency plan. Three other LEPC's have submitted the same proposals. Applications will be reviewed.

OSFM office currently has no State Fire Marshall. The interim Fire Marshall is Jim Walker. Currently, nothing is changing with LEPCs due to this change.

Administrative Rule – Will establish how the State breaks up LEPC's into planning districts. There have been several meetings throughout the State. Out of these meeting, a work group will be formed to work on the Administrative Rule. LEPC's should continue as they are.

HazMat Conference will be in Seaside in May. LEPC's are invited to attend. OSFM website has more information about the conference.

OSFM is updating the reporting process for Community Right to Know (CR2K). Industry may be able to report online within the next couple of years.

Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) is asking for more details on reports. The survey will look different. If you have any questions, call the Hazardous Substance Information Hotline at 503-378-6835, or 800-454-6125.

LEPC Emergency Plan Update

HMEP Grant Application – has been submitted
Pat Hart has agreed to contract with LEPC to update the LEPC Emergency Plan.
He will gather data from all facilities then put the plan together. This will meet our obligations to EPCRA.

Drills/Exercises

Upcoming Exercises:

- PGG Hermiston – May 29
- Oregon Military Department – Aug 22 – Umatilla Army Depo.
- PGG – Fall 2014 – We'll have a tabletop exercise first, followed by full scale or functional exercise at McKennon Station in Pendleton.

Oregon National Guard, in Pendleton, wants to do a training exercise with drones at Meacham. The scenario will be a crash involving a Chinook, a lost crew member, and drones locating crew member. A tabletop will take place in June, followed by a full scale exercise in the fall.

Anyone who would like to do a drill, let Jack Remillard know and we will help plan it. We can do full scale, functional (which is exercising one piece of an emergency plan), or a tabletop exercise. Most of the work is done by the exercise planner. He will plan the exercise with company, based on what part of the emergency plan you want to exercise. The facility hosting the exercise typically provides the site for the exercise and food/refreshments for the exercise participants.

Sub-Committees

Planning – no report.

Resource Development - no report

Training and Exercise - see above

Public Outreach - This is our annual meeting. The purpose of the Annual meeting is to review the Emergency Plan and update it. The public then has opportunity to ask questions, and facilities can educate the public about their sites. Once our LEPC emergency plan is in place, we will review it at each annual meeting.

Regional Training Facility – Scott Stanton

Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services (HFES) and BMCC were working on plans for this facility. However, since the BMCC bond failed, they may or may not be able to help with it. HFES has a four year plan to build this facility.

Jim Whelan (Stanfield Fire) and Scott Stanton will be going to a conference regarding these facilities. They are looking to partner with industry to help with the cost of building the Training Facility. If the facility is just for fire training, the focus will be only fire. If industry is involved with the facility, training could include more such as confined space training and other training needs for our region.

HAZMAT Spills/Reports

No full team responses for HazMat team, other than phone consults.

If you need a HazMat team to respond to a spill, when 911 is called, ask Dispatch to specifically send out a “State Regional HazMat Team”. This will get the regional team.

HazMat Presentation – Scott Stanton

Scott presented an overview of the State Regional HazMat Team for our area.

Other Training

National Weather Service is offering Weather Spotter Training on May 19. If you are interested, contact Dennis Hull at (541) 276-8243 or Dennis.Hull@noaa.gov

Next Meeting Date: May 20th @ 1:30 p.m. at Hermiston Fire Station #3 on Westland Road.