

Columbia Emergency Planning Association (CEPA) LEPC
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2008

Present:

Jim Huff	CRF&R
Diane Dillard	CRF&R
Blaine Butcher	Boise
Steve Watson	911
Jay Tappan	CRF&R
Hyla Ridenour	CRF&R
Nancy Harwood	RSVP
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Comm.
Greg Godfrey	Dyno Nobel
Alicia Little	Dyno Nobel
Anne Parrott	CHD Public Health
David Morrisson	ARES/RACES
Joseph Errante	CERT
Mary Lou Busch	Mist-Birkenfeld
Derek White	Columbia Co. Emergency Management
Grace Clark	Columbia Co. Emergency Management
Jeff Schwarz	St. Helens Comm. Federal Credit Union
Roy Barbour	American Red Cross
Roger Barbour	American Red Cross
Kate Fagerholm	American Red Cross
Mike Sullivan	Portland General Electric
Henry Heimuller	Columbia County Rider
Joe Espinoza	Graymont Western
Krista Fischer	Oregon State Fire Marshal's office
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal's office
Larry Lucas	Oregon State Police
Todd McMichael	U. S. Gypsum
Rich Grant	Oregon DEQ
Al Pierce	ARES
Kerri Smith	NW Regional Education Service District
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong
Mike Greisen	Scappoose Fire
Lee Knowlton	911
Gayle Case	Member at large

Jim Huff opened the meeting. He thanked USG for the treats and door prizes. Introductions around the room. Today is Election Day and he encouraged everyone to be sure and vote.

Law enforcement – Larry talked about the “possible explosive device” found in uptown St. Helens. Great job of response by several different agencies. It was later discovered that it was a transformer taken from a job site.

Columbia Rider – lots of activity for their agency. Henry said they have two new buses coming. They will be offering a Christmas lights tour for seniors and disabled. He needs volunteers and also welcomes donations.

NWRES – Kerri Smith introduced herself and said she will be taking over for Cynthia Jaeger.

ARES – they will be offering tests on November 15 for people wishing to become licensed ham operators.

Scappoose Fire – responded to a self-inflicted shooting near Longfellows.

CRF&R – 336 calls in October – 16 of those were fire. Toy N Joy Auction is December 12 at Buccini Hall.

Mist-Birkenfeld – Three MVA’s and a logging fatality – two medical transports.

DEQ – Rich said they are offering a mercury collection event – will be contacting schools and public places. OR has a new electronic waste recycle law that goes into effect January 1, 2009 – such things as TV and computer monitors can be brought in for free. Check out www.ecycleoregon.com.

OSFM – Terry said they now have four LEPC’s in Oregon with 14 or 15 other counties looking at forming one. Oregon LEPC’s will be covered under the Oregon tort claims act.

Public Health – Anne noted that Ederlinda and Ashley had been presenting their chronic illness program. They will have a flu pod in Rainier tomorrow 2-6 p.m.

911 – Steve said they are finishing a project for Columbia County road department – a reconfiguration of their radio system.

Co. Commissioner – Tony noted they are having a flood review of last year’s catastrophic event – it will be held in Vernonia. Oregon was one of the first states to recognize the need for diversification and so has so far avoided serious repercussions from the economic downturn. He continues to work with the Oregon Economic Development Comm.

Emergency Management – Grace noted that the county’s Hazard Mitigation plan is being wrapped up. They have consulted with all the diking districts to make sure they are re-certified. Have taken a Train the Trainer course for ICS 300-400 in Salem. She had extra copies of a 2009 Emergency Management calendar.

She then introduced Derek White who has joined the staff and who will be working on the Cascadia Peril exercise. There will be a table top January 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the Columbia 911 center. And then January 29 at the Clatskanie River Inn – the main exercise is April 27. Derek was an emergency manager for Ottumwa, Iowa.

Red Cross – Kate noted they were adding supplies to the upper coast region. They are looking to form Strike Teams before big storms. Immediate responder meeting will be held November 11 in St. Helens at Sunshine Pizza. Roy reported OTC is taking the lead role in the consolidating finance and administrative functions – they are still looking for a CFO. Need to train shelter managers.

OSFM – preparing for Nancy Orr's retirement.

Industry – Armstrong has just finished an environmental audit. Stormwater testing next month. Gearing up for four shifts. Boise – following up on safety walk-through. Kicked off United Way campaign. Reminder Diane's retirement open house if November 14 at Buccini Hall – 4-6 p.m.

Northwest Natural – no rep.

USG – over 1300 safe days and 1.15 million safe hours. They have three shifts 5-6 days a week. Dyno – still getting cozy with their new owners (an Australian company). They have 11 years without a lost time injury. Had an EPA audit on Oct. 27 after an ammonia release in September. Business is doing well. Greg said the program on A&E last night about a train derailment of chlorine rail cars showed how important it is to have response plans.

Graymont is going full steam ahead and PGE said Beaver and Port Westward both running well. Peggy Fowler will be retiring as their CEO and Jim Piro will take over as CEO.

St. Helens Federal Credit union – have been upgrading their contingency plan and tested it on October 12. Worked closely with SH Police. They used a bomb simulation. Said the credit union, unlike a lot of other financial institutions, did not get involved in the real estate lending practices – they have money to lend.

RSVP – working a lot with Citizens Corps – will be sending 7 people to conference. Clatskanie has 22 people in training. Will be focusing on neighborhood connections and more 24-hour kits. Attended a “vulnerable populations” workshop – thanks to Mike and Doug Greisen for their assistance with this project. Also appreciated the trip by Columbia Rider to a Salem recognition volunteer event.

Today's Program – gave an overview of legislation for the Community Right to Know legislation and the initial federal efforts. In 1986 the SARA Title III

legislation formed rules for chemical emergency response and planning infrastructure.

The new LEPC's will have nine planning elements.

- Identify facilities and transportation routes of extremely hazardous substances
- Emergency response procedures- on and off-site
- Communication emergency coordination
- Emergency notification procedures
- Methods for determining probably affected areas
- Describe emergency equipment
- Outline evacuation plans
- Provide and train for emergency responders
- Include methods and schedules for exercising the plan

Initial industry efforts began with citizen planning committees in order to build closer working relationships with facilities and their surrounding communities. The growth of LEPC's led to all hazards.

Oregon was the only state in the union that stayed with one LEPC – now that has changed and OSFM is now responsible.