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Focus on Oregon

Local Resources for Local Issues

Local Emergency Planning Committees

Helping you achieve your goals

The Office of State Fire Marshal's Planning & Training Assistance (PATA) staff is launching this electronic newsletter as a resource for Oregon's Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC).

Information relating to emergency planning, training, regulations, and other special reports will be included in upcoming issues.

We welcome your contributions and comments.

The newsletter is a forum for your LEPC to share experiences and to increase communication among LEPC members in Oregon.

This newsletter will be emailed to each LEPC Information Coordinator to share with their members and other interested individuals. It will also be available on the Office of State Fire Marshal's website.

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LEPCs in Oregon are as diverse as our landscape. Whether rural or urban, planning for a hazardous materials incident is an essential piece of being prepared for all-hazards.

Every community in the state is vulnerable to transportation, pipeline, railway, manufacturing and industrial hazardous materials incidents, all with potential disastrous consequences.



New LEPC Website

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal has added a new area dedicated to Oregon's Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) to their website.

We have cleaned up the layout, simplified navigation, improved the “search” capacity, and expanded the available resources. These improvements will help you quickly and easily find the information you are seeking.

Along with the new features, you can review minutes, agendas, and LEPC meeting schedules; access the LEPC Toolkit, view education/training and grant opportunities, and more.

We invite you to explore the sight and let us know what you think. Visit the website at http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Local_Emergency_Planning_Committees.shtml.

Hot off the Press...

Chemical Safety Board (CSB) Safety Video emphasizes Value and importance of Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to communities

A new safety video from U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) shows the need for emergency response agencies, companies, and communities to work closely together to prepare for a chemical accident.

The video, 'Emergency Preparedness: Findings from CSB Accident Investigations,' uses computer animations, interviews, and news footage to depict a series of chemical accidents that illustrate the need for effective training, communications, and community planning. In some incidents, firefighters and police were overcome by toxic chemicals and forced to retreat from neighborhoods; in others, firefighters and workers were tragically killed, and others injured.

In the video, CSB Chairman John Bresland notes, "Preparations by companies, emergency responders, government authorities, and the public are critical to reducing injuries and saving lives. It's not only important to be prepared, but everyone must communicate, have an up-to-date plan in place and practice that plan regularly. We hope that our findings will help keep communities safe."

Source – U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) Newsroom, June 10, 2009

To view the video go to:

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Local_Emergency_Planning_Committees.shtml#Media
or www.csb.gov

HMEP Grant Recipients 2008 -2009

Planning Grants

Oregon Department of
Environmental Quality
\$34,000.

Incident Response
Information System

Clackamas County
Fire District #1
\$25,000.

Anhydrous Ammonia Exercise

Baker City
\$10,000.

Hazardous Materials Exercise

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation provides grant funding to Oregon state, tribal, local governments, and public sector agencies for hazardous materials planning and training.

The purpose of the grants is to improve local effectiveness in preventing chemical accidents, promote safe and efficient response to hazardous materials incidents, and enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

The HMEP Grant Program distributes fees collected from shippers and carriers of hazardous materials to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) for hazardous materials planning and training activities.

The Office of State Fire Marshal is the grant recipient and administrator for Oregon's Local Emergency Planning Committees.

PATA PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT IN PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



HMEP Grant Recipients 2008 -2009

Training Grants

City of Burns Fire Dept
\$4000.

Awareness and Operations
Training

Estacada Rural Fire District
\$14,790.

Consolidated HazMat Training

Molalla Fire District
\$2,925.

Flammable Liquid Training

Molalla Fire District
\$2,625.

LPG Response Training

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
\$11,100.

Rail Response Training

Oregon Fire Instructors
Association
\$12,225.

First Responder HazMat
Safety Training

Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
\$3,000.

HazMat Rural Response
Training

HazMat Teams Program
\$11,000.

HazMat Teams Outreach
Training DVD



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