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HELP CAER in East Multnomah and Clackamas County.....

would like to invite each and every one of you who receive this newsletter to attend our next quarterly meeting.

We are a very relaxed group of individuals, fun to be around, and we have many interesting ways of handling a variety of issues which may affect the way you do business in the area of safety and business recovery.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS: Gresham City Hall, Conference Rooms, March, June, September, and December

PARKING: Gresham City Hall parking lot.

JUNE MEETING

Gresham City Hall
1333 NW Eastman Parkway
Wednesday
June 1, 2011
10:30 – Noon

TOPIC

Future Direction of HELP-CAER

With the formation of the Multnomah County LEPC, we are looking for input from the HELP-CAER members on what they want from our CAER group.

**Upcoming CAER - HELP meetings: September 7, 2011;
And December 7, 2011**

Multnomah County LEPC News – Monthly LEPC monthly organizational meetings have occurred at Portland Community College, March 4th; Mt. Hood Community College, April 8th and the University of Portland, May 23th. Agendas and minutes are found at

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Local_LEPC_Information.shtml#Multnomah_County_LEPC

The next meeting will be June 17th and will focus on completing the initial training, establishing goals for subcommittees and determining Emergency Plan review training dates and sites. Quinn Taylor from our HELP-CAER group is on the executive team.



LEPC Meeting Notice

Meeting date: June 17, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: TBD, Portland, OR

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Local_LEPC_Information.shtml#Multnomah_County_LEPC

If you are not receiving meeting notices contact Krista Fisher, Office of the State Fire Marshal krista.fischer@state.or.us

Notes from the March 2, 2011, HELP-CAER Meeting, Gresham City Hall, Oregon Trail Room

Karen Reynolds, Mt. Hood Community College, convened the meeting with introductions and safety information.

Regulatory News:

Office of the State Fire Marshal, OSFM, Krista Fischer reminded us of the Friday, March 4th, Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting at Little Theatre Bldg, Sylvania Campus, PCC. The interim executive board will present draft by-laws for discussion. There are 85 facilities in Multnomah County that need to participate.

Interim Executive Committee Members are Jim Swayze, Eric Trummel, John Shaw, Brian Bailey, Joe Partridge, Quinn Taylor, Morris Thompson, and Mick Kratovil. All of you who have some interest, please come to the meeting.

OSFM is working with Scott Porter of Washington County to get a LEPC started.

The OSFM website has a place for CAER groups to post meeting notices and newsletters.

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Local_Emergency_Planning_Committees.shtml#Local_Emergency_Planning_Committees_LEPC_in_Oregon

Oregon Department of Transportation, ODOT, will provide an update during the presentation.

HELP-CAER Networking News:

Dale Shamp, NACO Material Handling, stated that his firm moved two downtown locations out to the location on Blue Lake, consolidating people. It has been a big project and there are many temporary employees.

Bob Fowler, Toyo Tanso USA, Inc. said they have been busy. Answering the question of, “Do you have an emergency response team?” Bob said they do not. They are working to set up citizens’ emergency response teams (CERT) in East County - they have 35 people now and want up to 45-50. The next training is at PCC Cascades campus, Sat Mar 5th and 12th

Quinn Taylor, MicroChip, has been holding joint Emergency Response Team, ERT, training at the Intel Campus. They have 80 members in their Emergency Response Team and respond to Level A.

Staci Huffaker, Mt Hood Community College said the college has been practicing their emergency responses with seven fire events in the past months, a significant evacuation drill for a campus with up to 11,000 people present. The ICS team is working their way through the FEMA online and face to face classes. This past fall six employees became Red Cross First Aid / CPR / AED trainers through a Multnomah County grant that Stevie Bullock spearheaded. The universities and colleges are working together, sharing resources and training. Karen Reynolds is starting her 35th year in training hazmat at MHCC! Wow! Salutations to Karen!!

Guest Speakers: Greg Johnson and David Rios, Oregon Department of Transportation, ODOT

The back story: Jim Slauson sent an email to Mike Eyer a month ago – no response; so he called Mike’s phone number and found it was disconnected. Mike has been our liaison to hazardous materials and transportation for twenty some years. He was with the Public Utilities Commission and followed the department to ODOT’s– motor carriers division then, went to rail in 2000. What a surprise to learn that Mike has retired!

So, Jim investigated further and found Greg Johnson of the ODOT Portland Field Office who brought along David Rios for today’s presentation. They have two people working half time to supervise inspectors for hazardous materials transported on public highways.

David gave a quick summary of the players: HAZMAT regulations are the purview of the US Dept. of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) and Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA). The State of Oregon adopts all USDOT regulations.

After 9/11, with the inception of the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA), new security regulations were put in place to cover:

- Enroute
- Unauthorized Access
- Personnel
- Security Action Item Training

As part of the effort to harmonize international transportation, TSA will be taking over training (presently Federal Motorcarriers Safety Administration) and security plans (presently Pipeline Hazardous Material

Safety Administration). The requirements will be broken into tiers for particular industries. Known changes involve information on shipping papers and security plan requirements.

David said that the most common violation that the inspectors find among carriers is lack of training. 49CFR172.700 Subpart H, defines the requirements for any employee involved in the transportation of hazardous materials. Companies have 90 days to train workers who “touch” the materials in any way. The awareness training needs to be function specific and documented. The training is required every three years.

Many people feel that three years is too long between refresher trainings, especially since there were more hazmat releases at inspection sites during 2010 than ever before. People are cutting costs, using canned training or contracted training. Employees are “trained” but do not know what to do. DOT Awareness should have company specific training elements. The knowledge is there and oftentimes it is found in the people who are already doing the job.

Thanks to David Rios and Greg Johnson for making themselves available on short notice, and for their informative presentation.

Thanks to Gresham City for providing space for our meetings. Thanks to Karen Reynolds for coffee and delicious coffee cake! Karen asked for volunteers to bring coffee and treats for the next meeting.

Our next meeting is June 1st at 10:30 am.
Meeting adjourned at 11:54

Information:

Oregon DEQ

<http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/>

Hot Topics

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Air Toxics Assessment estimates potential health risks from air toxics nationwide. EPA estimates that 17 air toxics are above health-based benchmarks in Oregon. Because of this serious health concern, DEQ continues to make reducing air toxics a priority.

Environmental Protection Agency – Oregon News

<http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/or.html>

(Seattle – April 25, 2011) Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the final report on analysis of air toxics monitoring data near **Harriet Tubman School in Portland, Oregon**. EPA and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will host a public meeting on the air monitoring report at Harriet Tubman School on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

EPA News Releases, Region 10

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d96f984dfb3ff7718525735900400c29>

Every hour, one American dies from skin cancer – the number one cancer in the U.S. To help people learn easy ways to combat the disease, the U.S. EPA SunWise program has partnered with the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention to designate the Friday before Memorial Day (May 27) as “Don’t Fry Day.” EPA encourages Oregonians to learn about and practice sun-safe behaviors this Don’t Fry Day to reduce overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation – the main cause of skin cancer.

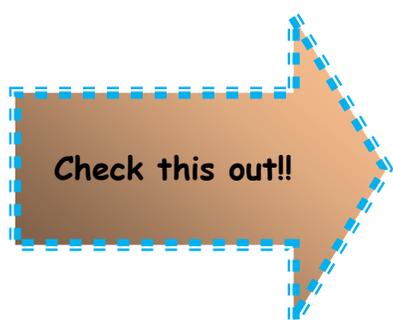
FEMA News Releases

<http://www.fema.gov/news/recentnews.fema>

Lots of news on the Joplin tornado

Gresham Emergency Management website

<http://greshamoregon.gov/city/city-departments/governance-and-management/emergency-management/>



“Are You Ready?” Workshop June 18th, Mt. Hood Community College

Learn how to prepare individual and family disaster kits, making a family plan, when to evacuate, shutting off utilities, mapping your neighborhood.

Morning and afternoon sessions: 8:00 am-12:30 pm, 1:00-5:30 pm.

Northwest Regional Training Center – Homeland Security Training schedule

http://www.nwrtc.org/homeland_security/training.php

Oregon Emergency Management Training Calendar

http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/plans_train/train_exercise.shtml

Oregon Emergency Management Association

<http://www.oregonemergency.com/>

Upcoming Membership meeting, June 15, 2011, Best Western Hood River Inn, 1108 East Marina Way, Hood River, OR 97031

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Oregon Waste Water Agency Response Network (ORWARN) <http://orwarn.org/>