

**Mid-Valley LEPC Meeting
Northwest Natural
7150 Supra Drive SW, Albany
November 9, 2011
10:00 a.m.
Minutes**

Attendees:

Kristine Babbish, Linn County Health
Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire/HazMat Team 5
Garry Black, City of Philomath
Lori Blau, Cascade Pacific Pulp
Scott Cowan, Albany Fire/HazMat Team 5
Jenny Demaris, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
Jane Fleischbein, Linn County Health
Douglas Freeman, RCO International
Tony Garbarino, Lincoln County LEPC
Lorri Headrick, Albany Fire Department

Michael Hurick, American Red Cross
Seaton McLennan, City of Tangent
Sue Otjen, State Fire Marshal's Office
Erik Rau, Benton County Sheriff's Office
Greg Skaer, Oregon Freeze Dry
Darrel Tedisch, City of Albany
Judy Turner, Selmet
Anthony Vendetti, City of Albany (VISTA)
Betty Williams, City of Philomath

Comments from Chair: Darrel commented on the National Emergency alert that was scheduled to take place during the meeting at 11:00 a.m. An email survey will be sent out through the City of Albany to determine how people heard the alert; the LEPC membership will be included in the email group. The survey will ask if they heard the alert; how they heard it; and where they were when they heard it. Please forward the survey on to your workgroups or other organizations to increase the audience. They are looking for a 15 percent return. The information returned from the survey will be used to evaluate the various communication methods.

A suggestion was made to add the following questions to the survey: Did you know it was coming? Where did you hear about it prior to the alert?

Darrel acknowledged Sue Otjen from the State Fire Marshal's Office and explained that over the past two years or more, although the LEPC has had the support of the State Fire Marshal's Office through Terry Wolfe, Terry hadn't been directly involved and was acting more as a consultant at our request. Decisions about exercises, presentations, etc. have been at the direction/decision of the LEPC. For that reason he feels that the reductions in staff at the OSFM shouldn't have a dramatic impact on the development of the LEPC goals and preparedness outreach as long as members continue to participate to the level they have in the past. Where we will see a dramatic impact is with grant funding, a resource to go to with questions about local and federal procedures and coordination between LEPC's.

Review and Approval of October 12, 2011, Meeting Minutes:

Seaton McLennan made a motion to approve minutes of the October 12, 2011, meeting as submitted; Douglas Baily seconded the motion; and the minutes were approved by a vote of the members.

Presentation - The presentation on hazardous substance incident surveillance and the Mid-Valley LEPC hazard vulnerability mapping project has been postponed until March 2012.

Reports from Participating Organizations:

Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office - Sue Otjen reported on the reduction in positions and the impact to emergency management. She indicated that the employees who were cut from this division were placed in other open positions. There are ten active LEPCs in place, and the state's web site will continue to be made available to the LEPCs for posting information. The new grant coordinator is Stephanie Stafford, with 50 percent of her time allocated to the HMEP grant program. Mark Wallace has been named the new State Fire Marshal.

HazMat Team 5 - Scott Cowan reported on a two-day rail emergency drill in Eugene with the Lane County state hazmat team and civil response team. This was the first opportunity the two hazmat teams have had to train together. He expressed appreciation to Scott Coffin (Wah Chang) for his involvement in the Eugene exercise, presenting on chlorine. A portion of the funding for this training was through an HMEP grant.

He also reported that HazMat Team 5 has one additional member trained to the technical level. The team currently has 32 members, but there is great potential for loss of members due to retirements, etc. They have a tabletop exercise next week with Williams Piping, and Douglas Baily will be participating in exercises in Newport representing Team 5.

Benton County Emergency Management - Erik Rau reported on the quake workshop that was hosted by OSU. There were 100 attendees and a good list of presenters. They will continue with these events on a quarterly or semi-annual basis, and will do more to advertise future workshops.

The County is doing the final editing on their functional emergency operations plan to make it leaner. It will go to the Commission after the end of the year for approval.

The Sheriff's Office has a new mobile command vehicle for use as a mobile command post. It is available for mutual aid with an operator. The vehicle was made available through grant funding, volunteer efforts, and county funding.

Linn County Health - Jane Fleischbein introduced Kris Babbish who is the new VISTA member. They had 17 people show up for the medical reserve corps recruitment in September. They will be conducting radiation training and recruiting volunteers for a corps to be used as worry wells.

It was reported that Cliff Sabin, with Samaritan Health Services, is the emergency manager now for both Albany and Lebanon hospitals, in addition to assuming Stephen Kalb's responsibilities.

Lincoln County LEPC - Tony Garbarino reported on a tsunami exercise they had involving 180 people, including CERT, ham radio operators, and county volunteers. The exercise involved moving people to evacuation centers. They used the Everbridge emergency notification system with good success.

Lincoln County Emergency Management - Jenny Demaris reported that they will be hosting a full-scale exercise in July/August through an HMEP grant. They are implementing a Job Action Sheet system specific to each jurisdiction, but to be used across multiple jurisdictions (six cities, fire, law enforcement, and county emergency management).

City of Philomath - Garry Black reported that they have developed an internal spill response plan for their storm water permit. It identifies what and how much of their staff is able to deal with. They have conducted training and will continue with monthly training to exercise the plan.

City of Tangent - Seaton McLennan reported that they are soliciting through the city's newsletter for community member volunteers as resources for emergency planning. He also reported on water quality issues that will require them to monitor the Calapooia in their area.

American Red Cross - Michael Hurick introduced himself as the new regional representative for the Red Cross and explained that due to budget reductions, Oregon is restructuring to a regional format. He is one of three regional response and recovery reps. in the state. There will also be readiness specialists to recruit volunteers, provide training, etc. The technical support will fall to the regional reps. He emphasized that the Red Cross wants to participate in exercises as much as possible.

They need to recruit volunteers in Linn and Benton Counties. Currently there are only seven to ten volunteers which allows them to handle a single-family house fire, but nothing more.

The Red Cross has a major warehouse in Reno, NV, with supplies for an initial response equivalent to something like Katrina. This is the only supply warehouse on the West Coast and west of Mississippi.

Workgroup Reports:

Membership – Judy Turner reported that she is waiting for information from the state to target members who should be attending. Sue Otjen indicated that she would follow up with Judy following the meeting.

Outreach – No report.

Presentation – No report.

Emergency Planning – Annual reviews need to be completed by Hewlett-Packard and Western Pulp. Selmet may be ready for their Phase I review soon.

Resource Assessment – No report.

Information Coordinator Report: No report.

Local Exercises & Training:

- April 20, 2012, Earthquake Drill, City of Albany - May be rescheduling this exercise until October 2012.
- July 15, 2012, Samaritan Albany General Hospital Alternate Care Facility Drill
- September 2012, Full-Scale Chlorine Exercise

Lincoln County LEPC will be hosting hazmat training in the next year and will send information through Darrel Tedisch to open it up to other LEPC groups.

Old Business:

Darrel highlighted a number of very positive items that came out of the September 14 functional exercise:

- On a scale of one to five, with 5 indicating strongly agree, the average rating of the exercise was 4.58.
- The LEPC needs to continue to facilitate dialogue with the industry /business arena to determine the best methodology for emergency notification.
- There is not a fully established notification process in place for shelter-in-place.
- Continue dialogue on the Linn-Benton Alert System for use to notify the community and groups.

New Business:

Election of Co-Chair - Douglas Baily nominated Seaton McLennan as Co-Chair; Jane Fleischbein seconded the motion. The decision was unanimous in favor of Seaton McLennan as the new Co-Chair.

Approval of Grant Awards - Darrel asked for a motion to accept the following grants awarded by the State Fire Marshal's Office:

- a. Mid-Valley LEPC Chlorine Full Scale Exercise -\$18,000
- b. Mid-Valley LEPC Hazardous Material Awareness and Operations Training - \$5,000
- c. Mid-Valley LEPC Hazardous Materials Team Training - \$12,000

Douglas Baily made a motion to accept the grants as defined; Erik Rau seconded the motion; and the grants were accepted by unanimous decision.

February 8, 2012, Annual Meeting - Darrel made a recommendation to keep the annual meeting simple. He identified the discussions from the last meeting about holding a safety fair. He felt that in order to have a greater audience for a safety fair, it made sense to tie it in with a larger event with more of a public draw. Members agreed.

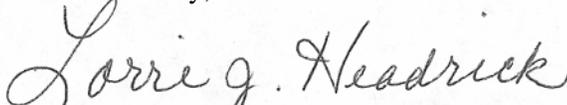
Planning Team for September 2012 Full-Scale Exercise - Jane Fleischbein and Erik Rau volunteered to participate on the planning team. The team will begin meeting once a month in December.

2012 Goals - Discussed the evaluations anticipated in 2012: Phase II - City of Albany; Douglas Baily will facilitate. Also requested a Phase III evaluation with Benton County.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at Pacific Cast.

Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by,



Lorri J. Headrick
Secretary