

## Columbia Emergency Planning Association

### Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 2, 2013

#### Present:

Anne Parrott	Public Health
Jay Tappan	CRFR
Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas
Diane Dillard	CRFR/Sacagwea/Chamber
Joe Errante	ARES/RACES
Alicia Kahal	Dyno Nobel
Dee Wooley	Columbia 911
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES
Norman Miller	Scappoose Police Department
Roy Barbour	American Red Cross
Earl Fisher	Columbia County Commissioner
Yvette Shepard	Oregon State Police
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal
Vicki Botieff	ServPro
Heidi Ralls	Columbia River PUD
Kevin Owens	Columbia River PUD
Vincent Aarts	Columbia County Emergency Management Coord.
Renate Garrison	Columbia County Emergency Manager
Mark Kreutzer	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Malcolm Hiatt	Oregon Department of Forestry
Cristin Corcoran	Cities Readiness Initiative
Gregg Bailey	Dyno Nobel
Jackque Lomsdal	Dyno Nobel
Patrick Trapp	Port of St. Helens
Marge Murphy	Private Citizen
Emily Berndt	211 Info
Cynthia Jaeger	Columbia ESD
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong
Craig Allison	Port of St. Helens
Pat LaPointe	Onward Communications

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jay Tappan. Special thanks to Columbia River PUD for the treats and door prizes.

Kevin introduced our guest – Heidi Ralls – She is the “right and left arm at PUD”, said Kevin.

Announcements – Cancelled CEPA Expo, donkey basketball April 19, 2014, will be reviewing board members and officers. Next meeting Aug 6 in Clatskanie.

Anne Parrott – introduced guest speaker. Emily Berndt, 211 Agency Relations Coordinator. 211 now has a presence in Columbia County. Expanding throughout the State – her work focuses on strengthening social service networks.

Emily – thank you all for having me. 211 is a three digit number to dial to look for multiple resources. Received 160,000 phone and triple the website visits. National number that has been around for years. They received funding from the Ford Family Foundation – we are anticipating over 300,000 phone calls. Information referral for persons in need, rental assistance, housing assistance, shelter, food, energy assistance. We work closely with Community Action Team, Public Health and Children’s Commission. They get calls at 211 for sandbags, evacuation routes. In Central Oregon we did fire evacuation route. In Multnomah County we actually place families in shelters, coordinate transportation for the homeless. We do monthly blogs, weekly e-mails – sign up to get on our list.

She travels around the State of Oregon – now will show us the website <http://211infor.org>. Emily showed us how to access information of the region you live in – recently cooling centers have been important. We also do Facebook and Twitter. We can provide you with quarterly reports. There were 270 callers and that is good since we just opened. We already track “unmet needs”... showing where there are potential gaps. SafeNet was originally a DHS 800 number and it has always been answered by the 211 call center. We offer followup calls to everyone who calls. We work closely with mental health teams, aging teams. Average call time is 5-7 minutes. We are having bilingual material being printed right now. She showed us how to search on our website. 211 nationally does quite a bit of disaster response. We get funding from all over the state for different projects, we get some state funding and quite a bit from foundations. We work with counties to do a level of fundraising. We have a cloud-based system .. we are very resilient in the event of an emergency. In the larger regions, 911 is very thankful for our ability to respond to other emergencies. Emily will e-mail information to Anne.

OEMA Conference – Annual conference, Oct. 7-10 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene– “Building Bridges – Working Together” ...first person from private sector. Preparedness, mitigation to recovery – the public sector just can’t do it. Private sector is going to be emphasized. Terry Wolfe is inviting all LEPC’s the conference – highly encouraging private sector folks come to this conference. Outstanding two keynote speakers- Mr. Matsui – he was in the heart of the tsunami activities – Mr. Tussing from Department of Homeland Security – How we can work together. Truly I hope it will be an educational lesson for the public sector. We anticipate 200+ attendees – General Hodginson – cost is \$325 for members for 4 days. Currently there is a \$25 annual fee for OEMA. Terry Wolfe from OSFM – there has been chasm between local emergency planning committees – with private sector. On the OEMA website there is a registration form and information on OEMA.

Old Business – getting Board of Directors list revised.

Executive Committee – opening either president or vice-president

Resource Committee – on hold right now

EHS – no report

Information Management – Expo cancelled

Finance – no report

Program Committee - Diane noted that next meeting is in Clatskanie at the PUD. Guest speaker will be Deborah Hazen, Editor of the Clatskanie Chief – dealing with the media in crisis situations!

Membership Committee – no report

Agency –

Pat Trapp – Port of St. Helens – completion of campground at the marina – 23 sites. Airport master planning session- meeting on the July 17 – 6 p.m. in Scappoose. Looking at feasibility study for Columbia City Industrial Park.

Chamber – fundraising project – raffle of stainless steel sink crafted by Pacific Stainless - \$5 each – drawing will be August 24 at Wings and Wheels at Scappoose Airpark

CRFR – Diane mentioned our CRFR team will be participating in the Relay for Life walk – and she showed the shirts we'd be wearing in memory of Pat Martyn.

OSFM – we are gearing up for the fire seasons. We should have State Emergency Response Commission established by the end of the month – budgets are squared away.

CRFR – Mark – no report

CRPUD – Heidi – Kevin – summer is a really big time at the PUD – we are one of the primary sponsors for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration – all day festival – great 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Rainier Days in the Park ...the Scappoose PowWow – we'll be at the Fair – we sponsor the My Fair Lady pageant – and Kids Day at the fair. You will see we broke ground on the fairgrounds substation – adding to the system and should be completed in the first quarter 2014. New customer starts few and far between but we continue to work on system improvements. One of the lowest years on record for outages.

County Commission – Earl – like to thank the PUD for their support of My Fair Lady – biggest thing for us is a jail levy that is going to be coming. Our jail system is in need. We are going to need all the support from citizens on this public safety issue. It is a very dire situation. July 24<sup>th</sup> – there is a meeting scheduled for US 30 Safety Corridor – suggesting some improvements put forth by ODOT.

County Road – Lonny Welter – actively pursuing our striping program – the centerline and shoulder lines. Bottom line when you get behind our paint truck stay behind or you may get a different colored car. This year our program will be replacing some badly needed culverts and bridges – large junk comes from state and federal funds. We are up on Nick Thomas road repairing a slide which closed the road two years ago.

ODF – Malcolm Hiatt reports that there are two proclamations to implement fire season restrictions on industrial operations and the general public – The first of those proclamations “Fire Season” which regulates commercial Logging operations begins tomorrow (July 3 at 01:00) and then the second one is “regulated use” proclamation. “Regulated Use” which puts additional restrictions on the public will probably begin in the next week or so. Fire Danger boards going up today and tomorrow. Sympathy to the 19 hotshots who died [in Arizona](#). We probably have close to 100 folks helping in other states.

Columbia County – Tony we did pass our budget – does include 26 day furloughs and roughly a 10% cut across the board for all employees. Legislature – some good stuff probably left on the floor.

Weyerhaeuser bought Longview Fiber - We hope that Weyerhaeuser will maintain “sustained yield” philosophy. Finishing final bridge on the CZ Trail – should open in 35-40 days. Timber bill that looks like Wyden will use his influence to get revenue back into the ONC counties. We need predictable revenues.

American Red Cross – Roy Barbour – actively building our capacity in Columbia County. Held disaster training equipment seminar.

Public Health – Anne Parrott – Columbia City Hazard Mitigation team – emergency preparedness community fair – October 10. Announced recently that the School Based Health Centers in the Columbia County – we are now keeping the centers open during the summer months (2 days a week). We are also opening them for adult services. Small steps forward but is making a huge impact. West Nile virus now confirmed in Oregon and in Washington around Yakima. This is very early for us to see this virus – Malheur County is first county to see it. If you have ponds on your property – talk to vector control about mitigation methods.

ServPro - Vicki – big increase in housefires – from kitchen fires much worse.

Port – Craig – our Oregon Aero hangar building is now fully complete and ready for occupancy. Great asset to the airport. Minor infrastructure work will result in closure of runway for short time – we will be removing trees at the north end- we are wrapping up the rehab of commercial building on Milton Way in St. Helens.

Onward Communication - Pat LaPointe – no report

NW Natural – Robbie Roberts reports there will be an open house for our training town (Sherwood, Oregon) on August 9<sup>th</sup> – this place is truly the gold standard – 12 houses built – we train for digging events, leaks, etc. If anyone would like to go see it, I will arrange for you to see it. Get Ready Event – September in Vernonia – getting families ready for emergencies. Free food and you’ll be hearing more about it. September 14.

CRI – Cristin – OEMA conference [www.Oregonemergency.com](http://www.Oregonemergency.com). Leaving on maternity leave in August

ARES/RACES – Loren Klepper – getting prepared Hood to Coast August 23, 24– using a commercial radio system that will handle communications all the way from Mt. Hood to Seaside.

Norm Scappoose Police– PowWow 11-12-13 – and the STP is that weekend .

OSP – still in hiring process – have some ready to graduate in August. Randy Fargher is retiring Lots of responses needed to Sauvies Island.

911 – Dee Wooley – still pursuing new hires – middle of negotiations with our dispatchers. Clatskanie kicked off – Annual Heritage Festival – 339 cars in the car show . In August – 23-24 – the Horseless Carriage Club will be staying all night – we’ll have guard duty at night.

Emergency Management – Renate says we are looking at a week of ICS training – want to it in person training vs. on-line training. EOC project is moving forward – we have some great local partners.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Vince Aarts – we are now actively recruiting for an AmeriCorps position – preparedness presentations to different audiences including schools, senior center and focus on community outreach. Should be aboard by September 9<sup>th</sup> – send resume and cover letter to the Emergency Management Department. Job descriptions – [www.OSSC.com](http://www.OSSC.com).

ARES/RACES – Joe Erranted - Field Day went well last week – found some great new ham operators. We will man first aid tent at Rainier Days and at the Fair – we are also taking care of traffic control for 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Maritime Festival. The CERT volunteers will be doing this.

Marge Murphy – group of women that are starting a group who will fight against “human trafficking” - *starting a group who will fight against “human trafficking”* – young girls are literally being stolen

Schools – Cynthia Jaeger– although schools are closed – Rainier just finished Kinder Camp – and most have free lunch and breakfast programs. All of the early childhood programs are running in the summer – raising funds for a safe playground. Just got it laid – thanks Tony and Earl for help. Schools will work on safety – bicycle helmets, law enforcement

Dyno Nobel – busy – Gregg Bailey - two capital improvement projects underway - water upgrade at the plant and truck scale. OSFM visited last week – went through chemical inventory. Just had our corporate audit on Process Safety Management – focusing on safety training. Planning for the 2015 plant Turnaround – upgrades to the plant. Jackie – if you drive plant you’ll see excavation – we are putting in more parking. We have all our staff vacancies filled.

Raffle – free suntan lotion for all and door prizes.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 6, Clatskanie – treats and door prizes by Georgia Pacific. Guest speaker Deborah Hazen, editor of Clatskanie Chief – and Senator Johnson and Rep. Witt plan to be on hand with a brief update on legislative session.