

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting
May 11, 2016

Those in attendance: Terry Wolfe, Reed Finlayson, Steve Lusch, Brigid Kennaday, Toni Rose, Jackie Higdon, Dan McLain, Tracy Grauf, Pete Kimbrel, Tracy Powell.

Meeting began at 12:06pm in the Douglas County Courthouse room 310.

Terry Wolfe gave the group an update on the grant application. It has been accepted by the committee, and will go forward in the approval process. The award announcement will be made in September. The grant monies will be used to hire a contractor who will assist in acquiring emergency response plans. In the coming years, the LEPC would be looking to exercise plans, research train and truck commodities that come through the county, HAZMAT response training, to name a few. In January, the group will need to decide on the next project to fund the new grant year.

Steve shared that he participated in the grant review process in Salem. The group reviewed between 18-20 applications. He found it helpful to see what other LEPC groups were doing.

Dan shared the Douglas County HAZMAT team has done rail response training. Terry pointed out that railroad companies do not report to counties what is being transported. They report prior quarter transports to the state. He also shared there was a commodity flow study done about 6 years ago to analyze goods shipped on trucks. Marion County LEPC requested a \$20,000 grant and are working with Portland State University students to analyze transport data. He suggested UCC would be a good resource.

Pete introduced Reed Finlayson, a representative from the Douglas County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (DCCOAD). Reed approached Orenco about building a water purification system to be used in case of emergency. Reed gave a brief history of the volunteer-based group, which began in November. The idea is that volunteers and donations (monetary and goods) could be funneled through the organization. They participated in December's Galesville Dam failure drill. Their current focus is a back-up source of potable water. Reed shared the response has been positive, but when asked, most respond that they will help when there is a need (disaster), the focus being on reacting rather than preparing for a disaster.

The next meeting will be DCSA, to be held June 8. OSHA will give a presentation on the top 21 OSHA violations.

The meeting adjourned at 12:49pm.