

ECHO Minutes April 10, 2014

17 people attending: Siltronic, TCI America, PBOT, Ajinomoto, FBI (2), Portland Fire Bureau, PSU, Koppers, Univar, Galvanizers, Tarr LLC (2), OPSR, Multnomah County Emergency Management, OSFM.

Member reports:

PDX Fire: LNG coming to Vancouver Way by the end of the year.

PSU: Working on several projects

FBI: Salem, May 8th: Public information session: bomb tech to discuss precursor chemicals: 8 am at Chemeketa Community College. New special agent in charge: Greg Britzing. Citizens' Academy in the fall: 6 wks, 1 night /week: what FBI does and how it is done.

PBOT: met with Portland NET volunteers.

OSFM: there are now 10 LEPCs, most are county based except for Linn/Benton. OSFM is now convening a work group to make recommendations on how to establish planning districts; do we need an administrative rule? Several new LEPCs in counties starting up, e.g., Lincoln and Harney counties. An announcement is coming out for a new Fire Marshal. The Hazmat Team Conference is next month. Gregg Allen: retiring June 20th.

Koppers: securing rail cars before shipment. SHE conference: theme was responsible care: keep safe and healthy and care for the environment.

Mike Eyer – oil trains –Vast increase in movements of oil products. There are problems that need to be resolved with train safety.

Terry Wolfe – Hazmat teams will be discussing it to be prepared. Bakken crude oil is very volatile: how to handle it? They want 111 upgraded tank cars – but that only covers half of the car against puncturing; but if cars don't stay upright, they are still vulnerable.

November 30, 2011 new cars had to have upgraded standards, but if ordered before then, they don't have to be upgraded.

Presentation: Mike Maloney – Multnomah County Emergency Management is involved in planning and coordinating what others do. They don't do operations. The Health Department is having an exercise next week of a dirty bomb. Question: did they include the bomb squad in exercise planning? Can never get all people necessary involved.

The NW Regional Response Team is working on oil trains-- planning efforts are not coordinated among agencies. e.g., if there is an oil train fire, where are all the caches of foam? Regional response teams have equipment caches around the region. Marine response teams have foam. Need to better connect work with fire bureaus. Number of oil trains is increasing and they are thinking of routing oil trains down the I-5 corridor.

ATC 20 by Applied Technology Corp – rapid damage assessment protocol for buildings after earthquake or major disaster – trying to get everyone on same page, for example, if responders come from elsewhere. PBEM is finishing its damage assessment plan.

EOP will be revised based on comments and there will be an opportunity for comments in August.

The Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization is trying to better align planning efforts.

Damage declarations have to go through city, then county, then state. The county (State?) role is to quickly bring Federal assets to bear.

Thank you Mike for a very informative presentation. Also big thanks to Theodora for these great minutes.

And as always, a big thanks to Galvanizers for providing the meeting space, coffee and treats!

Our next meeting is scheduled May 8th, 2014. 10 am, usual place. No speaker is scheduled so we will continue our discussion of sheltering in the NW Industrial area and other concerns should a major event happen.

Everyone be safe and have a great weekend.