

Mid-Valley LEPC Meeting
Northwest Natural
Albany, OR
January 9, 2013
10:30 a.m.
Minutes

Attendees:

Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire/HazMat Team 5
Lori Blau, Cascade Pacific Pulp
Jane Fleischbein, Linn County Health
Glenda Fleming, Absorbent Technologies
Douglas Freeman, RCO International
Haleigh Gokey, Linn County Public Health
Michael Hurick, Disaster Consulting
Deron Neukomm, Grace
Marcene Olson, LBCC

Sue Otjen, State Fire Marshal's Office
Erik Rau, Benton County Sheriff's Office
Matt Rodgers, OSU
Cliff Sabin, Samaritan AGH & LCH
Karen Selander, Corvallis School District
Greg Skaer, Oregon Freeze Dry
Darrel Tedisch, City of Albany
Judy Turner, Selmet

Comments from the Chair:

City of Albany is hosting an ICS 300/400 class February 4-6; Captain Lulay with the Oregon National Guard is instructing. An announcement will be sent to LEPC members.

Linn County Sheriff's Office will be offering a one-day class on disaster preparedness to be held at the Fair & Expo Center; date and additional information to follow.

A copy of the updated 304 Reporting requirements information sheet was sent to members with the meeting invitation email. A copy will eventually be available on the state web site.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 12, 2012, meeting were not available for review.

Reports from Participating Organizations:

State Fire Marshal's Office – Sue Otjen reported on Donna Disch's retirement and that the state will be refilling the position. FY 2013-14 HMEP grant announcement will be coming out in January/February; 60 days will be allowed for returning completed applications. There are possible additional funds for the 2012-13 grant year; a decision is pending and more information will follow.

HazMat Team 5 – Douglas Baily reported that the team has training this week. Deron Neukomm indicated interest from Grace in hosting a joint hazardous materials drill in 2013; with the intent to also fulfill their annual confined space training requirement. Sue Otjen indicated that this type of exercise is an allowable expense for HMEP grant funds.

Benton County Emergency Management – Erik Rau reported that Benton County is working with the City of Corvallis to review and update their Emergency Operations Plan; participating in a vulnerable population exercise with OSU (targeting September 2013); working on evacuation planning in 2013; and launching their CERT program, with classes starting in February - a flyer to follow with additional information.

Linn County Public Health – Jane Fleischbein reported that the County received \$4k toward maintaining the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC); they are waiting for response on grant funding for a functional exercise in September/October; and will be participating in an anthrax exercise in May. Other groups can practice their communications during the May exercise; contact Jane for more information if interested. Flu shots are still available. Benton County is experiencing a Norovirus outbreak.

Haleigh Gokey reported that the MRC has 49 volunteers that begin their orientation next week. In February will be training on communicable disease outbreak investigation.

There is a Basic Disaster Life Support eight-hour first responder training at Lebanon Hospital in March.

City of Albany – Completed Phase II evaluation on December 17. Identified areas affecting the hospital, 9-1-1, and public works that need to be addressed. Darrel Tedisch reported that the evaluation went well overall.

Samaritan Health – Cliff Sabin reported on HazMat Awareness for Hospital/Healthcare Professionals training that will be provided April 23 with grant funds. Samaritan had their audits in December and received positive comments on their emergency preparedness training. They are planning a pediatric drill in April and a multi-hospital active shooter exercise in the fall.

OSU – Matt Rodgers reported that his focus in 2013 will be on bridging the gaps between off-campus locations and the Corvallis campus; EOP re-writes; and campus drills.

LBCC – Marcene Olson reported that their Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted to FEMA for review; they will be testing communications equipment in a shelter-in-place drill winter term; and preparing for an active shooter drill next fall.

Corvallis School District – Karen Selander reported that they are working through safety procedures and plans in the schools.

Selmet – Judy Turner reported that they now have a Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) team in place that will participate in drills on a quarterly basis. Their goal is to manage hazardous materials in-house up to Level B.

Workgroup Reports:

Membership – No report.

Outreach – No report.

Presentation – 2013 presentation idea was suggested on EHS Management System Review with SOCMA (Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates)

Emergency Planning – Will be targeting specific EHS facilities in 2013 to complete their Phase I evaluations.

Resource Assessment – Agreed to change focus of this workgroup to identify training and exercises that will benefit the LEPC members. Tedisch will contact the relative players to generate a comprehensive list.

Information Coordinator Report: No Report

Old Business:

Annual Meeting – February 13 at Northwest Natural. Will invite staff from Linn and Benton County residential care and assisted living facilities, adult foster care facilities, hospice, nursing homes and dialysis centers.

New Business:

Global Harmonization – Members would like to see more information provided in this area in 2013. Lorri will resend the PowerPoint presentation Judy Turner provided last year that Selmet put together. It was also suggested that Dave McLaughlin with OR-OSHA be invited to present on the topic.

Regular Meeting Adjournment: 11:17 a.m.

Next Meeting: Annual meeting February 13, 2013, at Northwest Natural. The next regular meeting will be March 13, 2013, at LBCC.

Submitted by,

Lorri Headrick