

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEPC
Meeting Minutes
Friday January 15, 2016
Portland Fire & Rescue Training Center – Portland, OR

Members Present: Recorded by sign-in sheet

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

Members present approved meeting minutes from December 11, 2015

Terry Wolfe and Rachel Madjlesi provided an update of the HMEP Grant process

- Timeframe for submitting Grant applications will be later than usual this year, expected to be in late February or early March
- New grants can be multi-year in scope eliminating requirement to finish all work and have bills submitted by September 30th or risk losing funds
- Mt. Hood Community College needs to add some information to the application and submit it for review through their internal approval chain
- Several other Oregon Counties are also applying for Grants this year. Money that is available will be split between approved applicants

Shon Christensen of Portland Fire & Rescue's Hazmat Team was introduced as the new Hazmat Training Lieutenant. He is replacing Bryan Profit.

Brian Bailey of Siltronic Corporation discussed a fire involving a fuel truck and rail cars that occurred off Highway 30 near the St. John's Bridge on December 13, 2015.

- Siltronic Corporation shutdown production operations in response to the fire and brought all employees on site indoors to shelter in place
- The shelter in place experience raised questions about their shelter plan
 - How to determine distance between Siltronic assets and the fire
 - How to determine distances between neighbor facility assets and the fire
 - How to determine what neighboring facility alarm signals indicate
 - Are facility resources adequate for sheltering in place for long periods
- Siltronic decided they have a good shelter plan and resource availability
- After an hour, Siltronic received scene leader approval to resume production

Shon Christensen of Portland Hazmat provided additional information on the fire

- Initial report received was that a gas tanker had hit rail cars
- Learned about the fire when arriving on the scene
- No driver or first-hand witnesses were available to provide information on cause
- Used rail car placards to determine that the cars contained asphalt
- There was no risk of explosion from the rail cars, no shock wave or shrapnel, just large flames and smoke
- 30 minutes elapsed from arriving on scene until getting the fire under control
 - Additional foam needed to be brought to the scene to suppress the fire
 - Rail cars needed to be cooled with water before applying the foam

- Initial reports listed Siltronic Corporation's address for the location of the fire
- Emergency Notifications were sent to 235 phones within a half mile isolation area
- Linnton Neighborhood was not included in the emergency notifications because it was outside the half mile isolation area
- A half marathon passing through the St. John's neighborhood was diverted by event organizers, not Portland Fire or Police
- Portland Fire and Police do not communicate on the same channels, but they can listen in on each other's activities

Jim Dunlap is planning to send an LEPC outreach letter to facilities reporting Extremely Hazardous Substances on the Hazardous Substance Information Survey by February 1st.

Alison Boyd of Multnomah County Emergency Management sent a draft copy of Multnomah County's Human-Caused and Technological Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment report to LEPC members for review.

- Report is a broad overview that excludes specific details like locations and names
- Seeking comments from members on content and if the information is helpful

Jim Dunlap listed dates for when the FBI's Citizens Academy program will hold its next class in the spring. Those interested need to apply for the 7 week course. Jim can provide a recommendation for nomination to the program.

Shala Klink of Tarr LLC advised that the Third Annual "You be the Chemist Challenge" for 5th through 8th graders is coming up again and is looking to build up to a State Challenge towards the end of April rather than just a local challenge. The challenge is open to public school, private school, and home schooled students. Teachers provide participants with a test. The winner of this local/state event wins an all expenses paid trip for the student and parent to compete in the National Challenge in June. More information can be obtained from Shala at sklink@tarrllc.com

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50