

MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.
Good Shepherd Medical Center
Hermiston, OR

Present:

Thane Jennings, Calpine; Ben Weinke, City of Hermiston; Klaus Hoehna, City of Pendleton; Doug Paine, GSMC; Craig Williams, Hermiston Foods; Gary Betts, KBLU; Virginia Blakelock, KBLU; Dennis Hull, National Weather Service; Vincent Papol, National Weather Service; David Hodges, Marlette Homes; Dean Marcum, Oregon Public Health; Terry Wolfe, Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office; Matt Benedict, Pendleton Fire; Deborah Fritts, PGG; Jacob Divine, Smith's Frozen Foods; Jack Remillard, Umatilla County Emergency Management; Jodi Florence, Umatilla County Emergency Management; George Ficenc, Crop Production Services; Bus Fields, US Forest Service

Additions to agenda

none

Approval/Correction of Minutes

Approved

State Fire Marshal's Office – Terry Wolfe

Agency Operations Center has been activated for the fire in Estacada. There has been a lot of turnover in the office and they are still filling positions. Jim Walker has been appointed Fire Marshall by the Governor. Those who applied for the HMEP grant should be notified soon. The grant money is usually available in November. Umatilla County LEPC applied for the grant to fill out our Emergency Response Plan.

LEPC Emergency Plan Update

HMEP Grant - see above notes

Fire Science Program

The Fire Science program will start this fall at Blue Mountain Community College. See the BMCC website for more information.

Hermiston Fire Training Center

The plans for the training center are on the "back burner" for now, due to the fire season.

Rope Rescue Team

This summer there was a car accident that involved rescuing a woman who was trapped in her car over a ravine. Firefighters used ropes and a ladder truck to remove the woman from the vehicle. Hermiston Fire will be putting together a rope rescue team and will train local firefighters to assist with these types of accidents.

USDOT Emergency Order – Crude Oil Carriers

<http://www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/Pages/SERC/CrudeOilReports.aspx>

See website for information

City of Pendleton had training from Union Pacific on hazardous materials.

Drills/Exercises Recap

PGG Feedville, May 29

The exercise involved a hazardous materials incident with 15-20 victims. PGG learned a lot about their emergency plans and were not as prepared as they thought they were. Deborah Fritts stated that they really learned the value of an exercise.

Update on PGG: On September 5th, PGG sold all of agronomy to Crop Production Services (CPS). They have taken on most of the employees and are leasing the facility from PGG. CPS will take over and be the contact point for McKennon Station exercise on October 29th.

Oregon Military Department, Aug 22

Oregon National Guard used their Civil Support Teams (CST) from Oregon, Washington and North Dakota to do an exercise on August 22. The exercise scenario involved a terrorist event with explosives. The exercise took place at the

Umatilla Army Depot. Umatilla County Emergency Management, Morrow County Emergency Management, and the National Weather Service and local first responders participated.

Upcoming Exercises:

PGG McKennon Station, October 29 (date change from Nov. 4)

This exercise will take place in Pendleton at McKennon Station (PGG) from 1 – 5 p.m.
If you are interested in attending or observing, contact Dean Marcum at 541-561-5237.

Exercises are not regulated by LEPC. The hospitals are required to do two per year; Umatilla County Emergency Management is required to participate in 4 per year due to funding from a State grant. When industry holds an exercise, it helps other agencies meet their requirements.

If you are interested in hosting an exercise, contact Dean Marcum.

HAZMAT Spills/Reports

No reports

Elections

The Chair position needs to be elected. Nominations for Chair were opened. Dean Marcum nominated Ben Weinke. Ben declined the nomination due to work commitments.

Doug Paine was nominated to continue as Chair. This was approved by vote of committee members. Doug Paine will continue as Chair for LEPC.

Other Business:

The American Red Cross representative is moving back to Portland. We will no longer have an office in Pendleton. We will have a few local volunteers, but they will be deployed from Portland. There will not be a local director assigned in our area. A rep from the Portland area will deploy and train volunteers at the local level.

November elections are coming up. Please read about the reformation of the fire departments and be informed about them. The reformation seeks to combine Hermiston and Stanfield Fire Departments into one District.

See website for more information <http://www.hermistonfire.com/new-district/>

Jack Remillard encouraged committee members to talk with businesses and co-workers about taking part in LEPC.

National Weather Service weather briefings will start in mid-November. To participate, contact Dennis Hull at dennis.hull@noaa.gov.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 18 @ 1:30 p.m. at The Vert Auditorium in Pendleton. The address is 480 SW Dorion Avenue.