

MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2015
Hermiston Fire Station #3
Hermiston

Present:

Ben Weinke - City of Hermiston
Sean Basford – City of Hermiston
Klaus Hoehna – City of Pendleton
Scott Spendlove – City of Weston
Doug Paine – Good Shepherd Medical Center
Scott Stanton – Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services
Carol Vorce – Hermiston Foods
Brad Knight – Hermiston Generating
Jerry Cullers – Industrial Fumigant Co.
Gary Betts, Virginia Blakelock – KBLU-FM
Terry Wolfe – Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office
Tim Byam – Pendleton Flour Mills
Deborah Fritts – Pendleton Grain Growers
Jacob Devine, Ryan Bagley – Smith Frozen Foods
Jodi Florence – Umatilla County Emergency Management

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved.

State Fire Marshal’s Office

Terry Wolfe – His office has been doing refresher training for fire season and now waiting for fire season to start.

LEPC Conference Update

Terry Wolfe - The LEPC conference went well. There were some new LEPC members in attendance. The training included Basic 101 on LEPCs.

Klaus Hoehna – The conference was good, especially the Basic 101 class. It put in perspective what LEPC is all about. Linn-Benton County has a strong LEPC, with objectives and they get a lot of grant money. They do projects, have planning and exercises, and look ahead a year or more to plan and submit grant requests.

Reporting Requirements / OERS

The last meeting had a discussion about who can/should call OERS to report an incident. OERS will take multiple calls for the same incident. The first call will get an assigned number and any additional calls will be added to that incident. Notification of the SERC (which is

required by facilities) is made only through OERS. There can be a fine for not making the notification in a timely manner, about 15 minutes.

LEPC Emergency Plan Update

HMEP Grant - Doug Paine talked to Pat Hart. Pat is doing the site visits to gather information for the LEPC emergency Plan. Pat is also contracting with Morrow County LEPC to work with them next year on their emergency plan. Our plan will be ready by September, which is the grant deadline.

Drills/Exercises

Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake – State Exercise - June 2016

In preparation for the 2016 exercise, Umatilla County Emergency Management is hosting a presentation on the effects a 9.0 earthquake would have on Eastern Oregon. The presentation will be held at the Umatilla County Justice Center in Pendleton on June 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. (NOTE: The time has changed for the presentation from the original flyer distributed). Contact Jodi Florence if you would like to attend.

Good Shepherd Medical Center will have a mass casualty exercise on June 4th in Hermiston.

Dean Marcum would like to do an exercise in Pendleton. Any facilities who would be interested, contact Dean.

HAZMAT Spills/Reports

There have been five HazMat team responses since January:

Train derailment near Meacham

Pendleton semi-truck

Diesel spill

ConAgra spill

Arlington –diesel

They will be getting a new HazMat truck this fall. It will be located at the Main station.

Other Business

BMCC Fire Science Program is hiring a coordinator. Classes are going well. If the BMCC bond passes, part of the funds will include a training tower at Station 3 in Hermiston.

Morrow County and PGE want to be involved and will help financially. The training will benefit the local communities. If you have a facility/company that is interested in helping, contact Scott Stanton.

Discussed crude oil transports in our area. Terry Wolfe stated that the legislative assembly is working with the State to provide foam trucks to deal with oil transports. They will be strategically placed along routes.

Klaus Hoehna - The City of Pendleton will be holding a Confined Spaces Training the week of June 8th. There are 16 slots available. The training includes information and practical confined space rescue. The trainer (Oxarc) has a training trailer with props to provide multiple training opportunities.

Scott noted that the proposed training tower (BMCC program) would allow local people to come to Station 3 in Hermiston to practice confined space rescue.

If interested, contact Klaus or Chief Palmer.

Blue Mountain OSHA Conference in Pendleton on June 2nd. Our LEPC will have an exhibit there to advertise LEPC to facilities.

Next Meeting Date:

July 21, 2015 at The Vert, Little Theater Room in Pendleton at 1:30 p.m.