

Columbia Emergency Planning Association

Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2012 – Columbia 911

Present:

Pat LaPointe	Century Link
Diane Dillard	Chair – South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
Steve Salle	Police Chief – St. Helens Police & Chair of CEPA
Steve Watson	911 Communications
Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commissioners
Mike Greisen	Scappoose Fire Chief
Lee Knowlton	911 Communications District
Anne Parrott	Public Health
Earl Fisher	Columbia County Commissioner
Patrick Trapp	Port Director – Port of St. Helens
Gregg Hinkleman	City Manager - Clatskanie
Cynthia Jaeger	Education Service District
Janine Salisbury	Bus. Manager – St. Helens School District
Rachel Barry-Dame	Women’s Resource Center
Marge Murphy	Private Citizen
Betsy Johnson	State Senator
Tony Hyde	County Commissioner
Cynthia Jaeger	Columbia County Education Service District
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Valarie Koss	Columbia River PUD
Kevin Owens	Columbia River PUD
Joel Peterson	ServPro
Renate Garrison	Columbia County Emergency Management
Holly Haebe	St. Helens CERT
Craig Allison	Port of St. Helens
Dee Wooley	Columbia 911 Board of Directors
Lee Knowlton	Columbia 911 Director
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES
Casey Wheeler	Columbia City Council
Joseph Errante	ARES/RACES
Michael Greisen	Chief – Scappoose Fire District
Donna Disch	Office of State Fire Marshal
Keith Locke	City of St. Helens - Councilor
John Walsh	City Administrator – City of St. Helens
Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas and NEW PRESIDENT OF OEMA
Kristi Ward	Georgia Pacific
Jeff Dickerson	Columbia County Sheriff
Kim Johns	Command Chief – Oregon Military
Cristin Corcoran	Cities Readiness Initiative
Tiffanie Mischlevitz	Service Master by JTS
Jennifer Motherway	Volunteer Coordinator – CRF&R
Randy McEwen	Portland Community College

Doug Greisen
Chris Greenhill
Debbie Guerra
John Plechinger

Chief – Scappoose Police
Department of Homeland Security
PacifiCorp
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Steve Salle' opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to CEPA. He noted that many of us have been here since 8:30 ... attending PCC listening meeting. We want to express special thanks – Steve Watson, Joe Errante and Diane Dillard for their part in preparing for and setting up CEPA meetings. Remember CEPA members are a part of a LEPC (local emergency planning committee) one of 16 in the State. We need all of you to sign the membership form and return to diane@dillardpr.com or ddillard@cepalepc.com. (That form is attached.)

Senator Johnson – it was a historic meeting – PCC has come out and actively sought an opinion from Columbia County residents. Because of Dr. David Rule – what are the characteristics of PCC residents – in the active part of a presidential search. We had a very robust conversation – and we hope PCC left with a feeling that Columbia County is excited about increasing their presence in Columbia County. Go to this website for feedback/comments - www.PCC.edu – bottom right hand corner.

Second thing – matter of considerable importance – we must have robust public safety. Our ability to sustain law enforcement has been limited by the budget cuts. We need local support of the St. Helens Police Levy which will be on the ballot November 6th. I can't think of too many elections that will have more impact on our lives. Please step up and vote. Join us for the phone bank calling – this Thursday, October 4th 6 p.m. up at Actidyne (located in the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce) I would like to recognize Randy McEwen – thank you for your presence in Columbia County. If we can offer a safe place we can attract new business.

County Commissioner - Tony Hyde it is really important to know that this PCC issue has been ongoing – David Rule has been handpicked – with a mission to embrace Columbia County and expand PCC's presence. We have incrementally increased our higher education offerings in Columbia County. We are now at a point where we are about to lose Preston (PCC President) to retirement who has been very supportive of these efforts in the County. We are convinced that the idea of having an emergency management institute on the West Coast is not new. We are at a point where it is costly and takes time to travel to the east coast to get trained. I'd love to see three new hotel starts in one year. The opportunity is there – we have the land, the support and the opportunity. We need to work in concert with PCC. We have a shooting range and a fire department training center. This would save millions of dollars in training for emergency management personnel.

Board Vacancy – Pat Trapp made the motion – and Jay Tappan seconded to name Janine Salisbury to the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously. We were also advised by text message that board member, Ann Franzen from USG, has resigned to due business schedule. So now we have another vacancy on our board and will seek to find a representative from the manufacturing sector.

Thanks to Serv Pro for the treats and door prizes. Introductions were made.

Speakers – Debbie Guerra & John Plechinger – PacifiCorp –

Debbie and John gave an overview of the company's emergency management strategies and procedures relating to nuclear threats

AWARD Presentation -- Renate and Anne presented a plaque from Oregon Emergency Management Association – volunteer – statewide award. The recipient has consistently been the leader of a group of 37 CERT volunteers. Under her direction CERT has contributed 550 hours of volunteers and 194 hours of training. St. Helens CERT team has been recognized all over the state. The award recipient has a true heart of a volunteer – join us in congratulating **Holly Haebe**. Thanks to Joe Errante for photo.



She thanked Terry Moss of St. Helens Police Department and Jay Tappan and staff of Columbia River Fire & Rescue for all the training and coordination. Social thanks to Renate – thank you all the CERT people who show up. In summation, Anne said “Holly is a great volunteer leader.” Chief Salle’ said, “Our CERT group is nothing but the best.”

Emergency Management – Renate - we finally closed out UASI grant. Working on EOC grant.

Public Health – Anne – we have flu vaccine. \$20 for a shot. Received cards for prescription drugs – there are over 80% of the pharmacies participating. Special diabetic discount card – doesn't matter whether you have insurance or not.

Port – Craig – just continuing to click along with projects at airport and marina.

911 – Dee Wooley – no report

ARES/RACES – Loren and Joe said they have a simulated emergency test Saturday – 9 a.m.

Col City – Casey Wheeler – once we have the “Bahl” case wrapped up, things should be quieter in CC.

Scappoose Fire – Mike – keep busy with citizen calls for help and response.

CRPUD –Kevin Owens - very safe construction season – this weather has been good to us. Rock drillers are back in town. Only 5 rock drillers in the US that can punch holes in this basalt in this area. Up working on line reconstruction by Trojan. Dirt being moved at fairgrounds.

OSFM – quite a few changes – we appreciate the work that LEPC's have done.

School District – Janine glad to be a new member of the CEPA board. Just completed the purchase and installation of 25,000 watt generator at the Middle School.

City of St. Helens - Keith Locke – the most powerful tool we have in this county is word of mouth- so let's get everyone talking about the St. Helens Police Levy – our first phone bank calls will be 6 p.m. at the Chamber building.

City of St. Helens – John Walsh – new city administrator – been on the job for two months. Real opportunities in this community.

NW Natural – Robbie Roberts - gas remains plentiful and cheap. You should have received notice of an 8% reduction. We have an Energy Emergency Management Team – doing some planning – still meeting. Debbie has been the sparkplug – OEM management team. This CEPA group really gets it – it is critically important that we work together if there is an emergency. The interdependency is amazing.

Georgia-Pacific – Kristi – giving flu shot to employees this month and just finished Health Fair. We had a ship hit our dock over one year ago and we are still working on getting back to business as usual. We actually now have a dock and ramp in place and will be working to get the ramp operational.

Columbia Co. Sheriff - Jeff Dickerson – budget reductions cost us to lose six positions – but you probably didn't notice it because we developed a program to cross-train our deputies. In an emergency we've got jail guys who can respond outside and vice versa. This has helped us develop a team attitude. Becoming more effective and efficient.

Oregon Military – Kim Johnson – preparing for turnover – expect General Reese, Caldwell and Colonel _____ to retire.

CRI – Cristin Corcoran - Push Partner Registry – we have enrolled two new organizations into the registry serving over 44,000 people. Robbie Roberts was sworn in as President Elect of Oregon Emergency Management Association (OEMA). He will take office in 2013.

Womens Resource Center – Rachel Barry-Dame – busy and we are continuing our partnership with CAT – we got a state award.

CRFR - Jennifer Motherway – new volunteer coordinator for CRFR – she will have a lot to do with volunteer recruitment and retainment... four year grant.

Scappoose Police – Doug Greisen – people's behavior guarantees us "lifelong jobs!"

PCC – Randy McEwen – lots of new students entering PCC this fall.

Marge Murphy – enjoying new house –

ServPro – Joel – October is fire prevention month – involved in lots of community fairs

911 – Lee Knowlton – he will retire before the end of the year. He reported they have two people in training. Sending two supervisors to BPPST training. Working on the CJIS – criminal justice information system. Every law enforcement agency has access to the information. Every agency gets audited.

Homeland Security – Chris Greenhill – Recently suspicious characters approached a couple of businesses indicating they were part of a DHS Security Strike Force and since there is no such thing we are convinced this is suspicious activity. MidValley in Eugene expended some funds for full-scale exercises. On a sad note – 2 a.m. – a border patrol officer shot and another wounded in the south.

Columbia County Commissioner – Earl Fisher- spending a lot of time on EOC grant- if you see cattle on the road by Dyno Nobel, let us know. Preparing for legislative session coming up – we are hearing it will be another difficult financial situation. We've had discussion of putting a meeting together of board members on PERS so informed decisions can be made.

CRPUD – Val Koss – no report

Port of St. Helens - Patrick Trapp – marina very shallow water. Talking with ethanol plant at Port Westward – limited startup in November. Then there would be corn trains coming through.

City of Clatskanie – Greg – At the end of July –there was a changeover in canine program – new officer working with great with dog. It is having an impact.

Road department - Lonny Welter – Friday before last he was listening to radio/scanner – call out on Canaan Rd. – someone took pole out. All of his staff was gone – because they don't work on Fridays. Next call was now we need someone on Smith Road for traffic control and then when I get out on Hwy 30 at Chimes Crest, there was a vehicle in flames. Just a typical day. We finished up chip seal program – taking advantage of great weather.

ESD – Cynthia Jaeger – everything is great – October is the month for preparedness. Oct. 18 Earthquake Preparedness. We bring representatives from each school – working with the counselor group.

CRF&R – preparedness month and next week is Fire Prevention Month and the theme is “have two ways out”. It is really dry out there. Burn season won’t probably start until November. We have had some dramatic motor vehicle crashes

South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce – Diane announced the new business classes series offered by PCC. The classes begin October 16 and run for 6 weeks. Chamber members pay \$40 while non-members cost is \$60. Either way they are excellent classes that will allow the small business owners to get training here in town – saves time, gas and travel. All classes will be held at the St. Helens Public Library. Another fine example of collaboration and cooperation with PCC.

Century Link – Pat LaPointe – the company has received approval to build a 96 fiber cable to the Scappoose airport. Construction should begin in November.

Next CEPA Board meeting is Tuesday, November 6th at 9 a.m. **NEXT CEPA MEETING is Tuesday, November 6, 10 a.m. at the 911 Center.** Our guest speaker will be His name is MAJ Micah Goettl, he's in charge of the CERFP program. Following the speaker, we will hold the annual CEPA business meeting including board of directors review, mission statement, goals, speakers, project planning, CAN program (Sue Gutenberger) and grant application plans. Scappoose Fire and Scappoose Police will provide treats and door prizes! Agency reports will be heard if we have time.

In December - we have a special guest speaker - D. Les Miller from the Corps of Engineers. Les has talked to our group before and has presented crucial and valuable information as it relates to emergency response , preparation, mitigation, and recovery. "6 Steps" to Your Sustainable Flood Fight Success Story "My Favorite Flood Fight"
An agenda with Les’ bio, photo and presentation outline will be forthcoming.

CEPA MEMBERS – please forgive me for my inability to respond to many of you. I received many calls at home that all e-mails were bouncing back. THE PROBLEM was discovered today--- somehow the server decided to give me a new e-mail address ... so we called for help from Steve Watson and Craig Schmid from Evosus. We think a fix is underway!