

**Mid-Valley LEPC Meeting
Northwest Natural
7150 Supra Drive SW, Albany
April 11, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Minutes**

Attendees:

Lori Blau, Cascade Pacific Pulp	Marcene Olson, LBCC
Scott Coffin, ATI Wah Chang	Sue Otjen, State Fire Marshal's Office
Jane Fleischbein, Linn County Health	Cliff Sabin, Samaritan Health Services
Glenda Fleming, Absorbent Technologies	Karol Schrems, National Emerg. Technology Lab
Douglas Freeman, RCO International	Karen Selander, Corvallis School District
Kevin Harding, Hewlett Packard	Greg Skaer, Oregon Freeze Dry
Lorri Headrick, Albany Fire Department	Robert Tatum, Harrisburg School District
Michael Hurick, American Red Cross	Judy Turner, Selmet
Deron Neukomm, Grace	Anthony Vendetti, City of Albany - VISTA

Comments from Chair: The City of Albany submitted application on behalf of the Mid-Valley LEPC for the 2013 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant through the State Fire Marshal's Office for \$11,700. The grant request includes hazmat awareness and operations training for local emergency responders, officer level training, and HazMat Team 5 attendance at the international hazmat conference and other training. Next year's grant request will include attendance for LEPC members to the annual conference.

Review and Approval of March 14, 2012, Meeting Minutes:

Jane Fleischbein identified a few grammatical errors for correction. Lorri will review the minutes and correct as needed. Jane made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012, with corrections; Scott Coffin seconded the motion; and the minutes were approved.

Reports from Participating Organizations:

State Fire Marshal's Office - Sue Otjen reported that the application period for the HMEP grants has closed; seven applications were submitted. Applications will be reviewed on Friday, April 13. Darrel Tedisch and Douglas Baily are participating, but will excuse themselves from reviewing the Mid-Valley LEPC application. Sue indicated that she will also consider funding for a LEPC conference next year.

Linn County Sheriff's Office - Joe Larsen reported that the Presidential declaration will provide federal funding for public assistance (governments) to recover costs associated with the January flood event, but individual assistance for local residents was not approved. However, the Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest loans to residents of Marion and adjacent counties, including Linn County.

Deron Neukomm asked about the uses of Everbridge for disseminating information to the public. Joe indicated that the system was used during the flood to warn a group of Scio residents about flood potential and has also been used for search and rescue events. The City of Albany is working with the County to incorporate use of the system for their needs and would like to have it in place for the September LEPC exercise.

Linn County Public Health - Jane Fleischbein reported that they are conducting a vulnerability assessment and exercising their continuity of operations plan with the health services department, using an earthquake scenario. The Medical Reserve Corps will be participating in the National Guard-Vigilant Guard. Jane reported that whooping cough (pertussis) is on the rise, with 640 reported cases in Washington since the first of the year and 69 in Oregon. Vaccinations are available through Linn County Public Health, and adults also need to receive boosters.

Samaritan Health Services - Cliff Sabin reported that they are participating in Vigilant Guard, with Albany General Hospital involved on May 2, and are in need of ten volunteers. On May 1, six counties will be participating in ham operator training. Contact Cliff if interested in participating in either.

Cliff mentioned the Hazardous Waste Management Training sponsored by Oregon DEQ. He will provide a copy of the information to Lorri for emailing to members.

LBCC - Marcene Olson reported on the tabletop exercise they are conducting with their incident management team. They will also be conducting evacuation drills in May. LBCC is hosting a health and safety fair on May 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Identified that this would be a good opportunity for the LEPC to participate.

Darrel mentioned that both he and Joe Larsen are required to participate in a certain number of tabletop exercises. If your organization will be holding a tabletop, please consider inviting Joe from the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

Corvallis School District - Karen Selander reported that they are working with FEMA on the public assistance program for flood damage recovery. During the flood they had to close Cheldelin Middle School and open a shelter at Crescent Valley High School. Foot bridges at several school locations were damaged or washed away and a number of the schools experienced flood-related damage.

Harrisburg School District - Bob Tatum reported that they are holding a tabletop exercise, damage to a natural gas line which creates the need for evacuation. As part of the exercise, Jane Fleischbein will present information on shelter-in-place. The elementary school emergency response team is handling the exercise and involving Harrisburg Fire. The exercise will take place on April 27, 9:00 a.m. to noon, in the Harrisburg High School library.

American Red Cross - Michael Hurick reported that Lane County requested assistance for a shelter during the flood. Turns out that no one came, but they were prepared. Jane referenced shelter-in-place handouts that she received at a meeting in Eugene and will make them available by email.

The Red Cross is no longer participating in the Vigilant Guard; the contract requirements exclude them from bidding. Although they won't be participating in Salem or Eugene, they may have some minor participation at PDX.

The Red Cross is in desperate need of volunteers in Linn and Benton Counties.

Workgroup Reports:

Membership – No report on membership. Judy Turner commented on the release at Selmet. It was a small release of waste acid due to a valve failure in a 275-pound tote. It had passed through the secondary containment because the pump had kicked on previously due to the flood conditions. The question was asked if the mvlepc@gmail.com address can be set up to send a return message so the sender has a confirmation that the email was received. Lorri will investigate and report back.

Outreach – Scott Coffin reported that if the Linn County Sheriff's Office hosts a table at the Linn County Fair, the LEPC would like to participate. Joe Larsen shared that he does not know the status of their participation yet. Anthony Vendetti has small emergency preparedness containers with brochures and a few supplies that came from the County and can be distributed as part of the LEPC's outreach activities.

Jane Fleischbein mentioned that OSU has students wanting to volunteer to provide emergency preparedness presentations.

Presentation – No report.

Emergency Planning – Darrel mentioned that we need to set up Phase I evaluations and annual reviews.

Resource Assessment – No report.

Information Coordinator Report: No report.

Local Exercises & Training:

- July 15, 2012, Samaritan Albany General Hospital Alternate Care Facility Drill
- September 2012, Mid-Valley LEPC Full-Scale Chlorine Exercise
- October 2012, City of Albany Earthquake Drill

Old Business:

Review of Hazard Vulnerability Mapping Project - Darrel asked for a list of chemicals that should be identified by location on the map. The next step would be to identify affected populations based on hazard locations. The following chemicals were identified: anhydrous ammonia, chlorine, chlorine dioxide, and isosyonate (unknown if quantities of this exist in our area, but should be considered).

New Business:

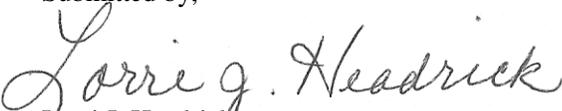
Election of Chair in May - Reminder about the May election.

Japan Earthquake Presentation by Kris Babbish - At the July meeting Kris will be presenting on her experience in Japan during the earthquake.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at Northwest Natural

Adjournment: 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by,


Lorri J. Headrick
Secretary