

Mid-Valley LEPC Meeting
Northwest Natural
Albany, OR
October 10, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Minutes

Attendees:

Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire/HazMat Team 5	Deron Neukomm, Grace
Lori Blau, Cascade Pacific Pulp	Erik Rau, Benton County Sheriff's Office
Tim Chase, Linn County Sheriff's Office	Matt Rodgers, OSU
Donna Disch, Office of State Fire Marshal	Karol Schrems, National Emerg. Tech. Lab
Lacey Duncan, Benton County Sheriff's Office	Racey Short, Linn County Public Health
Jane Fleischbein, Linn County Health	Greg Skaer, Oregon Freeze Dry
Glenda Fleming, Absorbent Technologies	Robert Tatum, Harrisburg School District
Douglas Freeman, RCO International	Darrel Tedisch, City of Albany
Chris Greenhill, DHS Chemical Security Div.	Judy Turner, Selmet
Kevin Harding, Hewlett-Packard	

Comments from the Chair: Darrel referenced the 2011-12 HMEP Grant LEPC Accountability Questionnaire he routed by email to the LEPC officers and workgroup chairs. He asked that they please complete the questionnaire and return it to him.

He reported a good turnout at the Northwest Natural Preparedness Fair on September 29 that the LEPC participated in at Hackleman Park. He also indicated that he was recorded on KGAL News Talk Radio October 9 speaking about the LEPC.

Review of September 12, 2012 Full-Scale Exercise: Darrel thanked the Planning Committee members for their time and efforts in preparing for the exercise. He also acknowledged a list of individuals for their specific contributions. Darrel expressed that he felt the exercise went well in addition to identifying some issues that are outlined in the After Action Report. He asked for any other feedback; nothing provided.

Reports from Participating Organizations:

DHS - Chris Greenhill reported that they are focusing nationally on the high-risk EHS facility inspections, with the goal of completing 300 in Oregon by August 2013. They will be involving fire agencies during their inspections; although, their direct dealing is with the industry.

Chris shared information about a suspicious contact at a cement facility in Portland. An individual posing as an inspector was asking questions, but was unable to produce ID. Be aware of the potential; ask for identification; obtain vehicle license plate number; and contact law enforcement if at all suspicious.

State Fire Marshal's Office - Donna Disch reported that due to the funding challenges at the state, their priorities are focused on mandates, which include the SERC and LEPCs. Sue Otjen's role will be with the SERC, and Donna's will be with the LEPCs. There are currently ten documented LEPCs in the state; the Mid-Valley LEPC is listed in the top three as active groups.

Benton County Emergency Management - Erik Rau reported that they are planning a vulnerable population exercise for late next year through proposed grants. Benton County is planning to conduct a Phase III review in 2012.

Linn County Public Health - Jane Fleischbein reported that they have also applied for grants to conduct a vulnerable population exercise in the fall of 2013. They expects to know about the grant funding in December. Theirs will be a full-scale exercise with Marion County.

Jane has Linn-Benton Alert information post cards that can be requested for distribution at members' workplaces. Contact Jane for access to the cards: jfleischbein@co.linn.or.us.

The AGH Safety Fair generated ten additional people interested in the Medical Reserve Corp. There will be an orientation in October for new, interested members. Currently they have 41 people trained.

There are no cases of meningitis reported in Oregon from the steroid compound injections.

Jane Fleischbein reported that the new Health Alert Network is no longer operating, and they are going back to using the old system.

City of Albany - Albany is participating in a Phase II review in December; Douglas Baily is facilitating.

OSU - Matt Rodgers reported on the earthquake readiness workshops taking place October 25 at the LaSells Stewart Center small auditorium in conjunction with Benton County Emergency Management and the City of Corvallis. Flyers will be coming out. OSU is participating in Shake Out 2013.

Harrisburg School District - Robert Tatum announced that this would be his last meeting representing the Harrisburg School District; wrapping up grant-funded project. Identifying who will assume the critical roles after he leaves. Planning an exercise; scenario of a child bringing a gun to school.

Cascade Pulp - Lori Blau asked about the global harmonization and how others are dealing with it in comparison to NFPA. She also asked what the fire agencies will be doing. It becomes a requirement for private agencies in 2015. Donna Disch will inquire with NFPA on their plan, if any, as it relates to this and will report back. Judy Turner offered to provide a copy of a PowerPoint presentation she recently received on this topic; she will send to Lorri who will forward to all members. Members identified this for a future agenda topic for more in-depth conversation.

Grace - Deron Neukomm inquired about additional HazMat IQ training. He appreciated the opportunity that was recently provided for some private industry members to participate and saw value in providing more. Douglas Baily will inquire with the State Fire Marshal's Office to see if that training is being offered elsewhere. Darrel indicated that this could be considered again in the future through HMEP grant funds.

Workgroup Reports:

Outreach - Met objectives for 2012.

Information Coordinator Report: No Report

Local Exercises & Training:

- October 16 - Linn County Public Health COOP Exercise - Testing ability to alert their program areas and evaluate COOP, with a focus on the contact/communication aspect.
- October 18 - The Great Oregon Shake Out (10:18)

Old Business:

2011-12 Grant Expenditures - Completed HazMat IQ training, full-scale HazMat exercise, and HazMat Awareness and Operations training for fire volunteers through the Linn-Benton Fire Training Council.

2012-13 Grant Requests - Received approval to provide additional HazMat Awareness and Operations training for fire volunteers and classes for HazMat Team 5 members.

2013-14 Grant Period - The application period for 2013-14 grants is April/May or possibly earlier.

New Business:

After Action Report from Full-Scale Exercise - Report was provided to members prior to the meeting for review. Darrel highlighted the recommendations provided by the consultant. Jane identified the need for immediate, pre-designated evacuation points to be used prior to Red Cross long-term evacuation resources.

The LB Alert system was used during the exercise. Identified need to have a pre-designated list of individuals who can access/operate the system.

Douglas discussed items the HazMat Team identified during the exercise: provide a chlorine class, pare down kits to remove unneeded items, evaluate gauge kits and midland kits for purchase, etc. The items identified by the team are being addressed.

Darrel suggested evaluating a two-year cycle for exercises in the future, like was done over the past two years with the functional exercise the first year and full-scale exercise the second year. Give thought to a future exercise; the scenario needs to be tied to transport.

2013 Meeting Locations - Adding two meetings in Benton County for next year; April and September.

Annual Meeting - February 13, 2013, at Northwest Natural. Be thinking about what to include in next year's annual meeting.

Regular Meeting Adjournment: 11:43 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2012, at LBCC. Meeting will include election of Treasurer.

Submitted by, Lorri Headrick