



MID-VALLEY
Local Resources for Local Issues

Oregon Local Emergency Planning Committees

Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2014
Western View Center
Corvallis, OR
10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire/HazMat Team 5	Lorri Headrick, Albany Fire
Mike Bamberger, Oregon State University	Steve Niskanen, NWFF Environmental
Sarah Bates, Linn County Public Health	Archie Rust, CG Industries
Marc Bickley, SnoTemp	Cliff Sabin, Samaritan Health Services
David Brant, SnoTemp	Karen Selander, Corvallis School District
Armel Cates, Linn County Resident	Greg Skaer, Oregon Freeze Dry
Laura Chartier, Albany Fire	Frank Spangler, American Red Cross
Scott Coffin, ATI Strategic Alloys & Components	Darrel Tedisch, City of Albany
Scott Cowan, Albany Fire/HazMat Team 5	Karyn Walker, Linn County Public Health
Steve Curfman, NETL	Terry Wolfe, State Fire Marshal's Office
Chris Greenhill, Dept. of Homeland Security	

Approval of Minutes: Darrel Tedisch made a motion to approve minutes of the August 13, 2014, meeting; Steve Niskanen seconded the motion; and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports from Participating Organizations:

Department of Homeland Security – Chris Greenhill reported that the final notice for comments has been issued for providing an agriculture industry exemption to the CFAT (Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism) regulation for ammonia nitrate.

Department of Energy – NETL – Steve Curfman reported that they are starting their new fiscal year October 1.

Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office – Terry Wolfe reported that the SERC/LEPC administrative rule is moving forward with the intent of having it in place the first of the year 2015. Notice of award has been received for the 2015 HMEP grant applications; notification to LEPCs will be forthcoming. Time to wrap up programs from the 2014 HMEP grant; expire at the end of September. They are following up with EHS facilities to identify those not participating. Tier II EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) are required to participate in the planning process. Marianna Ruiz-Temple has been promoted to Chief Deputy Fire Marshal; her former position will be filled.

State HazMat Team 5 – Scott Cowan reported there have been no incidents. Will be holding a Technician class in the fall. Adding new team members from Corvallis Fire, and possibly a few from Albany Fire. Discussing the upcoming crude oil transport through our region and identifying training opportunities for emergency response to crude oil incidents.

Linn County Public Health – Sarah Bates reported that the Linn and Benton County MRCs (Medical Reserve Corps) will be staying separate; had discussed the possibility of combining. They will be redoing their emergency operations plan this year. ICS 300/400 course coming in December in Lebanon.

Darrel Tedisch reported that the draft Linn-Benton Shelter Plan is complete and identifies the Red Cross, MRCs and CERTs (Community Emergency Response Teams) as participating agencies. The Plan does not

outline what a shelter looks like or how to set them up, but covers how to activate resources to provide for shelters. A complete resource list is being developed over the next several months.

Corvallis Fire – Douglas Baily reported on the wildfire at Timberhill in Corvallis that started the evening of September 5. Eleven fire departments responded, as well as Oregon Department of Forestry, and Reach Air Medical Services provided flight reconnaissance. There was standby at the site until September 9.

Sam Health – Cliff Sabin reported on the ham radio operator exercise scheduled for September 13, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Will also be exercising the Everbridge emergency communication program and hope to tie in with both Linn and Benton Counties.

Corvallis School District – Karen Selander reported that they are working on their emergency operations plan.

Oregon State University – Mike Bamberger reported they have developed a device application version of their emergency plan. They are focusing on workplace violence/active shooter education and developing a university plan. Departments will have individual plans that will tie into the organizational plan.

American Red Cross – Frank Spangler reported that they are updating shelter agreements with resources in both counties, which includes the school districts. Red Cross was deployed for the Timberhill fire; were on site within 20 minutes; and had shelter teams deployed within two hours. Red Cross is focusing on a fire initiative this year to install smoke alarms in areas with greatest potential for loss of life or injury. They will be targeting fire agencies to partner with and to help support their programs as well.

Oregon Freeze Dry – Greg Skaer shared a recent experience where they discovered that local law enforcement did not have current emergency contact information for their facility. He encouraged others to contact law enforcement to verify/update that information.

Workgroup Reports:

- Membership – No report
- Outreach
 - September 11, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Selmet Safety Fair at Selmet
 - September 27, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Northwest Natural Community Fair at Gibson Hill Park
- Presentation – Scott Cowan suggested a presentation by Wanda Omdahl, Public Information Officer (PIO) for the Albany Fire Department, on PIO functions, roles, and responsibilities. Information will be provided to Marcene Olson.
- Emergency Planning – No report
- Resource Assessment – No report

Local Exercises & Training:

- FBI Classes in Portland – September 2014
- City of Albany - Great Shake Out – October 16, 2014
- City of Albany Earthquake Exercise – October 17, 2014

Old Business:

Mid-Valley LEPC Plan Update – Stacy Burr presented an overview of Segment I of the Mid-Valley LEPC Emergency Response Plan. Segment I addresses EHS facilities in the city of Albany. Segment II would add more EHS facilities, and is subject to funding through the 2015 HMEP Grant. An electronic copy of the completed Segment I was provided to the LEPC Secretary.

Meeting Frequency – A survey was sent out to members for reply. Results of the survey will be sent with the October meeting invitation and be discussed at the meeting.

New Business:

Planning the Next Exercise Cycle (Chlorine Leaking Container in Philomath) – Tabled discussion; dependent on 2015 HMEP grant funding.

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Greenhill reported that he has received information that some local jurisdictions are requiring businesses to remove barbed wire fencing, under the premise that it's an aesthetic issue. Discussed the need for an exemption for EHS facilities in order to maintain security. Identified the City of Albany as one jurisdiction where this has been an issue. Tedisch will initiate a conversation with Albany's Community Development Department.

Chris Greenhill will provide Terry Wolfe a template for posting on the state LEPC web site that EHS facilities can use to create emergency response plans.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2014, Northwest Natural, 7150 Supra Drive SW, Albany

Regular Meeting Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Lorri Headrick, Secretary