



MID-VALLEY
Local Resources for Local Issues

Oregon Local Emergency Planning Committees

Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2015
NW Natural Gas Conference Room
7150 Supra Drive SW
Albany, OR
10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Darrel Tedisch, City of Albany
Stacy Burr, Stacy Burr Consulting
Marcene Olson, LBCC
Sarah Bates, Linn County Public Health
Marc Bickley, SnoTemp
Armel Cates, Linn County Resident
Judy Turner, Selmet
Kate Hennessy, Albany Fire
Forrest Pontillo, Simplot
Jaimi Glass, Benton County EM
Archie Rust, CD Industries, Inc.
Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire/HazMat Tm 5
Sue Otjen, State Fire Marshal's Office

Gregory Skaer, Oregon Freeze Dry
Joe Hutchinson, Samaritan Health Services
Vicky Lyons, Good Samaritan
Jeff Miller, Wilbur Ellis
Marshall Baker, Crop Production Services
Ellis Williams, Epignosis Consulting
Scott Cowan, Albany Fire/HazMat Tm 5
Martha Jirovec, EnerG2 Technologies
Chuck Scholz, City of Harrisburg
Mike Bamberger, OSU
Toby Smith, Cascade Pacific Pulp
Tyree Wilde, NOAA

Approval of Minutes: Scott Cowan made a motion to approve minutes of the August 12, 2015, meeting; Vicky Lyons seconded the motion; and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Agenda: It was unanimously agreed to let our guest speaker, Tyree Wilde, take precedence, and conduct the business meeting after his presentation.

Reports from Participating Organizations:

Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office – The State is busy responding to all the ongoing conflagrations and fires. The SERC received a grant agreement for over \$255K (In the HMEP grant, the SERC allocated \$26,000.00 to Albany Fire Department on behalf of the Mid-Valley LEPC for the following projects: LEPC Evacuation Plan/Segment 3, Philomath Table Top Exercise, and Awareness & Operations Training.) They also received an extension on the 2014-2015 grant to conduct a ToxMedic class for Corvallis and Albany (Mark Bernt, Albany Fire is a point of contact for this).

Region 5 – They had a couple of calls, but no activations. They are busy (they have a lot of outreach – 8 agencies to do). New members will be doing Weeks 3 and 4 in Eugene, or if that falls through, at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue in November.

Benton County Emergency Management – They are continuing work on the NHMP for Benton County/Corvallis, as well as plans for the coop, schools and standard response protocols for an active threat. They are also continuing to work on their preparedness manual.

Linn County – The CERT is holding a class on Saturdays at the Sheriff's Office starting 19 September. These classes are open to the public (for a \$24 fee). A flyer will be coming out. September is Preparedness Month – the Prepare-a-thon Day is 30 September.

City of Albany – The City of Albany is continuing work on its Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Albany Fire Department – Their Fire Marshal is leaving this week to take a job with the State Fire Marshal's office, so they are looking for a new Fire Marshal. They have been extremely busy (especially responding to all the conflagrations), and are still working toward having their new station open in 2017.

Corvallis Fire Department – They are hiring new personnel to address their eight vacancies.

Linn County Public Health – Nothing to report this time.

Samaritan Health Services – They are working on getting accreditation for Albany and Lebanon. They are double checking their Hazard Vulnerability Analysis.

Good Samaritan – They have a Botulism Drill tomorrow. They will be evaluating a lot of areas not tested before in a drill.

LBCC – They have an end of month training exercise – a search and rescue response with Linn County CERT Team (with MANY projected casualties). They incorporated the use of Ham radio to communicate with the Hospital. Otherwise, they are looking ahead to the Great Shakeout in October.

OSU – They will be conducting a functional exercise on 18 September with Health Services, looking into event planning for all venues. They have two RFPs out, and are searching for a new vendor for OSU Alert. They were approved funding for a NHMP; now they are looking for someone to write it.

Wilbur Ellis – Next week they will be attending spill response training. They plan to have someone local in the Willamette Valley as a quick responder, and they will also be contracting with a 3rd party spill response company. They will be replacing their roof in October.

CG Industries – Nothing to report at this time.

Crop Production Services – They have conducted a couple of emergency trainings.

Simplot – They purchased two 7x14' cargo trailers for HazMat incident response; one to be kept at the Halsey plant, and one in Independence. Each one contains all the gear that will be needed, making it convenient and mobile for immediate response.

Selmet – They have lots of construction ongoing. They renewed their annual and five-year environmental permits. They will be doubling their plant size with a building going up that the size of their existing plant facility. They will be moving their parking elsewhere, and there will be a manufacturing facility going in. They will send out maps to Albany Fire Department soon.

SnoTemp – They are working on a site layout for an expansion to their facilities (projected for summer 2016). There is a change to their compressor control system using less electricity. Otherwise they are getting their auditing program up and running for 24-hour accountability.

EnerG2 Technologies – Nothing to report at this time.

Oregon Freeze Dry – Nothing to report at this time.

Armel Cates – Nothing to report at this time.

Ellis Williams – He will be working on a group presentation on language barriers and inclusion in local Emergency Management for the October LEPC meeting.

Stacy Burr Consulting – Stacy presented a project overview of her work for the Mid-Valley LEPC. This included the EHS Emergency Response Plan, her methodology, and a detailed explanation of her processes. Phase I meetings totaled over 51 hours alone. The action items overview included updating each facility's site map, reviewing the items in the Knox Box, updating the maps and evacuation routes for each facility, reviewing emergency shut-off procedures, testing the emergency shut-off, reviewing shelter-in-place procedures, alarm systems (both audible and visual), ensuring that the number of people sheltering in place was not too great, reviewing communication with the guard station (if that's part of that facility's response), reviewing PPE procedures for non-responding personnel, and reviewing manual procedures for (normally) automated functions to ensure they are being properly performed. GIS maps are used for local areas, and she reports she is now moving through the second phase to complete plume modeling maps.

Workgroup Reports:

- **Membership** – Douglas reported receiving the membership list that Judy sent out, and suggesting reconvening the committee to go forward with this.
- **Outreach** – Darrel reported that there is nothing scheduled for the rest of the year. Selmet says they will change things for next year (especially in consideration of the construction that caused them to cancel this year's Safety Fair).
- **Emergency Planning** – Stacy Burr reported that she is moving to Phase 2, Plume Modeling, and writing the plan.
- **Presentations** – Ellis Williams will present in October. Summit may (or may not) be presenting in October.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

There is no new business at this time.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at Northwest Natural, 7150 Supra Drive SW, Albany, OR

Regular Meeting Adjournment: 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by: Kate Hennessy, Secretary