



Attendees:

Darrel Tedisch, City of Albany
Ken Kurth, Linn County Public Health
Sarah Bates, Linn County Public Health
Marc Bickley, SnoTemp
Armel Cates, Linn County Resident
Mike Johnson, LDS Charities
Kate Hennessy, Albany Fire
Michael Gosney, Simplot
Jaimi Glass, Benton County/Corvallis EM
Archie Rust, CD Industries, Inc.
Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire/HazMat Tm 5

Steve Curfman, NETL
Gregory Skaer, Oregon Freeze Dry
Scott Coffin, ATI
Vicky Lyons, Good Samaritan
Marshall Baker, Crop Production Services
Scott Cowan, Albany Fire/HazMat Tm 5
Chuck Scholz, City of Harrisburg
Toby Smith, Cascade Pacific Pulp
Karen Selander, Corvallis School District 509J
Glenda Fleming, WR GRACE

Approval of Minutes: Toby Smith made a motion to approve minutes of the September 9, 2015, meeting; Sarah Bates seconded the motion; and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports from Participating Organizations:

In the absence of Federal and State Representatives, Steve Curfman (NETL) reported on the bomb threat that was called in to their facility on Tuesday, October 13, 2015: The NETL set up an alternate EOC and a JIC at the Albany Public Library in response to a bomb threat. The call was made using a computer-generated voice, and is believed to be similar to calls received by several other facilities throughout the town/state/region. NETL personnel called the appropriate authorities, cleared the building, and were able to use their protocols effectively. He stressed getting law enforcement involved as early as possible, especially because it appeared initially that they were dealing with a credible bomb threat. Darrel Tedisch reported that City of Albany Emergency Management had been approached by NETL representatives a while back to identify a good location for a JIC/EOC, and the Library had been decided on as a viable location. He also mentioned that they (Albany Emergency Management) had met only the day before to discuss the set-up and parameters of this usage (as well as City Hall COOP and COA Alternate EOC). It just so happened to work out well, and the City of Albany was happy to provide the space. Scott Cowan (HazMat 5/AFD) added that the incident placed a strong emphasis on the need for education (of personnel on what to do and where to go during an incident/evacuation) and accountability (of personnel and children, since a concurrent bomb threat was phoned in to a nearby elementary school). Karen Selander (Corvallis School District 509J) noted that Corvallis schools do have bomb threat cards, although they haven't used them recently (despite a recent bomb threat called in to Santiam Christian School). She said that they would be sending out a communication to the schools in the coming week, but that they have a difficult time getting schools to follow proper safety procedures when evacuating students for drills.

Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office – (No one was present from this office; this information is carried over from the last meeting.) 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).

HazMat Region 5 – They've got six people in training to become specialists. New members will be doing Weeks 3 and 4 in Eugene. They've also done a really big push for outreach training approaching businesses and agencies. They've been doing well, but are always looking for new opportunities to train and get the word out. They've had a few calls and consults, including one to the ATI R&D facility. They met with the ATI representatives and solved some access issues.

Benton County Emergency Management – They are reaching out to the schools about plans for bomb threats and shelters. They are also working on preparing and educating County employees about Emergency Readiness.

Linn County Public Health – Ken Kurfman is working on educating groups and the community about the importance of emergency preparedness. Tomorrow is the national Great ShakeOut drill; at 1015 hours, various radio stations, community groups and agencies (and some citizens) will take part. If anyone wants to participate, talk to them. Douglas Baily reported that approximately 12.5% of the population will be participating. Sarah Bates reminded members that flu season is starting – people need to get vaccinated and make sure to wash their hands. She also reiterated the importance of signing up for the Linn-Benton Alert system for emergencies, preferably before the 24 October system test date, to see how it all works.

City of Albany – The City of Albany is continuing work on its Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update. They had a public meeting September 4 to get input, and will have another November 9 to review the draft. The City will be participating in the Great ShakeOut drill, and there's an earthquake report going to the City Council about how the City will address one if/when it occurs. The Linn-Benton Alert system was activated for a water-boil situation earlier in the month and it worked well. The water-boil was initiated with a door-to-door campaign, but it was ended using the Linn-Benton Alert system. (Jaimi Glass – Emergency Services Planner for Benton County and the City of Corvallis – noted that there will be an upgrade for Everbridge that will ping your smart phone, and that there is also information in Spanish. She said she would try to find out how many people are registered for Linn-Benton Alert in Benton County, and that there will be some training coming up to send out messages. She and Douglas Baily emphasized that Benton County Dispatch has someone available 24/7 (unlike Linn County), so a Linn County representative can contact them to activate the Alert system and deliver a message. Sarah Bates – Linn County Public Health – said to make sure Linn County Dispatch is aware of the message as well.) Scott Cowan (HazMat 5/AFD) also reported a successful preplanning meeting with ATI on their high pressure gas lines.

City of Corvallis – Their NHMP will be done and to OEM between Thanksgiving and the beginning of December 2015. They had a meeting at the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis with Engineering, Emergency Management, Fire and many other representatives. Corvallis has many buildings in need of seismic retrofitting. There was a suggestion that maybe OSU students of engineering could help. The EOP for the City should be done by the end of October.

City of Harrisburg – Nothing to report at this time.

Albany Fire Department – Their Fire Marshal left to take a job with the State Fire Marshal's office, and they are looking for a new Fire Marshal. They have been extremely busy and are still working toward having their new station open in 2017.

Corvallis Fire Department – They hired seven personnel who are currently at the Academy; these are the City's first operational hires since 2010.

Good Samaritan – Hospitals are getting ready for their state accreditation, which should be coming anytime. Joe Hutchinson is at the Lebanon Hospital preparedness fair. Vicky Lyons has recently been to OEMA conferences in Washington and Bend. The one in Bend had a very good FBI speaker and a very intense video, dealing with behavioral patterns of shooters. She asked if he would be willing to put on a presentation locally – there are mental health people at Good Samaritan, Junction City, the State Hospital, ER staff – so many people who could use and benefit from awareness training. If they pay for it, he says he will come. (Sarah Bates – Linn County Public Health – says that is Mark McBryde from the Behavioral Analysis Unit of the FBI; Douglas Baily says that we can easily do a presentation locally.) Vicky also said that they have a state Ebola inspection at Lebanon Hospital tomorrow. She also went to a presentation at the Majestic Theater October 12, and discovered that local preparedness levels are extremely low. She said the training was good, if a little disappointing (even the facilitator admitted he's not prepared). She reported that they will be prepping for a MassCal event with Linn and Benton counties, possibly in September 2016, a week or so before school begins. They've had one planning meeting, and there are many people willing to participate in the program. OSU is suggesting an end of month November or December time-frame. Douglas Baily asked her if they had staff available to participate in an Active Threat Work Group full-scale exercise in October 2016. This would be in addition to the one in September. It would take place in Albany, and address an MRH issue that needs resolving. Vicky said she would get back with him on that.

LBCC – Marcene Olson was unable to attend, but asked that the following information be shared with the group: LBCC will be participating in the Great ShakeOut drill this week. They are currently conducting safety forums at their campuses in the wake of the UCC shooting. They are also working on some face-to-face shooter response trainings for staff to complement training resources already provided for this type of situation. In September, they conducted HazCom and hazardous material inventory training. Departments are in the process of completing their annual hazardous materials inventories.

Corvallis School District 509J – Karen Selander reported that most Corvallis schools will be participating in the Great ShakeOut as well, although they will postpone the drill at Corvallis High School because there will be approximately 1000 elementary school children visiting the campus at the time for a play. This morning, she realized that they don't have an intercom system to use in the event that there is an emergency (she usually uses a bullhorn), so she will be addressing that. She and Jaimi Glass (Benton County/Corvallis Emergency Management) met earlier to discuss earthquake readiness; they have signs posted in the classrooms and they are working with staff on an all hazards response program. Karen said the start of this particular school year has been hectic (a statement agreed to by law enforcement, fire, and EMS as well).

CG Industries – Nothing to report at this time.

Simplot – They are heavily into maintenance and repair right now, and are working on safety initiatives (such as dust mitigation in the fertilizer plant). They are also working on their evacuation routes.

SnoTemp – Marc Bickley received an email from a sister facility warning about stolen products (someone had impersonated a delivery driver and made off with a truckload of stolen product). Investigation into how this could happen uncovered that almost anyone with a little information could dig deeper and get enough information to steal a truckload of product. This lends itself to biological attack (like what happened with the Rajneesh cult back in the 1980s). Marc emphasized that all businesses need to be educating their employees to avoid this. There is an estimated \$30 billion in product stolen every year, most of which goes unreported. If a driver shows up with the wrong information, what should they do? (He stated that a load of tofu was stolen from Portland, as well as a load of almonds - and the cheapest load on one of SnoTemp's delivery trucks is worth at least \$100,000. What would be the ramifications of this?) It represents a serious security gap. Otherwise they are doing well, and looking to move into their new building in June 2016.

Cascade Pacific Pulp – They had an all-day visit from Homeland Security yesterday, per federal regulations. They have some chemicals on-site that fall under HS concerns. They had enacted security measures, but these weren't enough, according to the HS investigators, who said that their cylinders needed to be both fenced and locked down. They also need to make sure they communicate with LCSO and FBI about these chemicals. (Douglas Baily noted that the FBI has been busy, but Joe Larson – LCSO – should be coming to meetings.) Toby Smith wasn't there for the inspection, but states that the inspectors were very thorough and looked at everything.

Crop Production Services – HAZWOPER training; they now have 40 personnel on-site trained now. They are reorganizing spill kits in their facility.

Oregon Freeze Dry – They have had to fence their transformers that are accessible from the roadway, for safety reasons. Otherwise, they have nothing to report at this time.

ATI – They were also visited by Homeland Security – they will be putting up a chain link fence around their chemical storage and they are in the process of fencing their chlorine station.

WR Grace – Nothing to report at this time, although they have been very busy lately.

Armel Cates – Nothing to report at this time, although he found it very distracting that the news helicopters kept buzzing his neighborhood during the NETL bomb threat. He, like many citizens, was unaware of the fact that the threat had occurred. Douglas Baily suggested that it might be a good idea in the future to create a temporary flight restriction zone in the Albany airspace when incidents like this take place, both to keep the citizenry calm and to avoid creating chaos for responders.

LDS Charities - Nothing to report at this time.

Workgroup Reports:

- **Membership** – Nothing to report at this time.
- **Outreach** – Nothing to report at this time.
- **Emergency Planning** – They will follow up with pre-established messages to go out through the Linn-Benton Alert system. Douglas Baily has the template (from CDC), which he will share as requested. It is on a CD, and Jaimi Glass volunteered to burn copies of it for interested parties (they plan on making about five or six copies). They were approved two grant items: Segment 3 for \$15,000 and \$6,000 for a tabletop exercise in Philomath. Darrel Tedisch will be contacting members to ask for volunteers to sit on a committee to solicit and award contracts for these things.
- **Presentations** – Ellis Williams plans to present in November.

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

New Business:

There is no new business at this time.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the Calapooia Ctr, Fireside Rm, LBCC, 6500 Pacific Blvd SW, Albany, OR

Regular Meeting Adjournment: 11:26 a.m.

Submitted by: Kate Hennessy, Secretary