

MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.

The Vert Auditorium - Little Theater Room

Pendleton, OR 97801

Present: Sean Basford, City of Hermiston; Ben Weinke, City of Hermiston; Klaus Hoehna, City of Pendleton; Scott Stanton, Hermiston Fire; Craig Williams, Hermiston Foods; Jason Gefre, Hermiston Generating; Vincent Papol, National Weather Service; Terry Wolfe, OSFM; Deborah Fritts, PGG; Jacob Devine, Smith Frozen Foods; Jack Remillard, Umatilla County Emergency Management; Jodi Florence, Umatilla County Emergency Management; Barron Feit, Army Corps of Engineers – McNary Dam; Jennifer Graham, Army Corps of Engineers – McNary Dam; Matthew Drumheller, Army Corps of Engineers – McNary Dam; Jerry Cullers, Industrial Fumigant Co; Larry Oldridge, Stadleman Fruit LLC.

Approval/Correction of Minutes

Minutes approved.

State Fire Marshal's Office

Terry Wolfe – Fire season has slowed down, the office is turning to winter duties. State Fire Marshal Jim Walker and Mariana Ruis-Temple are being sworn in today.

They are working to clean up the data for Oregon. Letters have been sent out to facilities. They are identifying EHS facilities and auditing to see if they are reporting under the requirements of EPCRA. By spring, the database should be 95% accurate for Oregon. They are looking for information from facilities to incorporate emergency plans within their community's when/if a hazmat incident happens.

LEPC Emergency Plan Update

HMEP Grant – Umatilla County LEPC was awarded the grant. Pat Hart has agreed to work on the Emergency Operations Plan for the LEPC.

Hermiston Fire Training Center

BMCC has a new Fire Science Program and is still interested in helping with the Training Center. Hermiston is also working with Morrow County LEPC to help fund confined space training. The training center will provide a local place for training, rather than having to send employees out of state. The Coal Fire Plant currently sends their employees to Texas for training.

A rope rescue training is also needed. The Tour Bus accident in 2012 was an incident that rope rescue was used.

Contact Scott Stanton, if your facility is interested in helping and /or supporting the center.

Hermiston Fire, Station #2

Station 2 is about finished with repairs from a semi-truck crashing into/through it in June. The accident caused significant damage to the building. HFES will have students back in the building. There will be barricades or something that will help prevent another accident.

Drills/Exercises

Exercise Recap:

PGG / CPS McKennon Station, October 29

Jack Remillard – The exercise involved multiple entities. The Emergency Operations Center had several agencies present. The EOC still needs some work to support an incident. It recently was moved from one room (used during CSEPP) to a smaller room and has been used as storage at the Sheriff's Office. Emergency Management will continue to develop the EOC.

Jack is working on an After Action Report for the exercise. There was good communication with CPS/PGG. Jeff Dukes, UPRR, didn't realize the train derailed. They would have responded differently had he known the scenario.

Deb Fritts, PGG, they realized that the intercom system was not going to work. The person responsible was at lunch at the time of the exercise. They will be working on a better communication system.

Terry Wolfe asked about the facilities around incident. Those facilities need to be included in the EOP, including how employees would be affected in an emergency. Communications and evacuations should be addressed, especially if roads are limited.

Klaus Hoehna debriefed Public Works. They would like to be involved in exercises. Code Red was used to notify residents (simulated). Code Red is tied to water bills and will auto ring those people. What message is sent out on Code Red was discussed. The request to use Code Red comes from the EOC (EM Manager) in an emergency.

HAZMAT Spills/Reports

Smith Frozen Foods – Jake Devine – They had an ammonia leak on October 27th. Personnel in the plant were evacuated and accounted for, there were no injuries. The leak was stopped quickly and notifications were made. Jake contacted Terry Wolfe (Office of State Fire Marshall) for guidance using the 304 document.

Terry – Be sure to call if you have questions, even if the leak or spill does not require notifications.

HazMat team –

They had about 6 incidents this year, including the ammonia leak at Hermiston Foods, unknown white powder, and diesel.

Scott stated that having facilities involved in LEPC helps the Hazmat team with entries and knowing where to go. It's better to have on-site employees help the first responders.

Working together in LEPC and with exercises (Conagra, Simplot, PGG/CPS,) helps both facilities and first responders to practice at facilities so they are better prepared.

Ebola – The HazMat team will not be involved with Ebola. Oregon has a very low risk.

LEPC Conference

May 12-14, 2015 @ Seaside, OR

HMEP grant sponsors the conference every other year. One year will be LEPC; the next will be the HazMat conference. This year's conference for LEPC will be in May at Seaside.

The first LEPC conference was two years ago. It was rated very good by attendees. They bring in a variety of people to provide information that LEPC's need. Some scholarships options help to offset expenses by paying room and board and mileage for attendees.

Other Business

Klaus Hoehna, City of Pendleton is working on safety training. One session is confined space training and getting a team in to do rescue. They also want to have a select group to assist and are looking at who is trained in facilities. The City considers the Public Works employees the experts. Last year's training had many people from a variety of towns attend.

Next Meeting Date: Annual Meeting - January 20th at 1:30 - Station 3