

GRANT COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE LEPC

The Moses Lake LEPC held their monthly meeting at the Grant County Department of Emergency Management located at 6500 32nd Avenue NE, Moses Lake on January 10, 2008 at 11:00 A.M.

Attendance:

Travis Skidmore,	REC
Lind Bingham,	EKA Chemicals
Skip Allred,	Takata
Bib Bainsky,	Takata
Ernest Harmon,	Yellowstone Pipeline
Mike Sharpe,	Yellowstone Pipeline
Don Sell,	Western Polymer
Luis Guerrero,	Western Polymer
Cliff Sears,	Grant County PUD
Chris Anderson,	Genie Industries
Clint Lozar,	Genie Industries
Denise Burgess,	Genie Industries
Pete Wicks	General Dynamics
Dorothy Peterson	Williams Pipeline
Manny Vela,	Moses Lake Industries
Deb Langshaw,	Columbia Colstor
John Turley,	Grant County Sheriff's Office
Joy Reese,	Grant County Health District
Sam Lorenz,	Grant County Emergency Management
Michele Haughton,	Grant County Emergency Management
Sandi Duffey,	Grant County Emergency Management

The meeting was called to order by President Travis Skidmore at 11:05 a.m. followed by introductions.

For the good of the order Chairman Skidmore approved the minutes for the December meeting.

Hazardous Material Spills:

Preliminary report from EKA Chemicals had an explosion on December 28, 2007 at approximately 3:20 pm, caused by the hydrogen purification and delivery system. There were no injuries. Communication notifications were as follows: notifying neighbors, Emergency Management, and State. The Red Phone was activated by REC who felt the explosion. There was no Hazardous Materials released and no environmental impact. EKA was operational as of Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

On January 1, 2008 there was a report of an overturned truck which closed westbound I-90 traffic for several hours. This truck contained propane containers it was unsure if the containers were full or empty. Washington State Patrol and Fire District 3 handled the call.

Old Business:

Reverse 911, it was suggested that a separate meeting be held for discussion of the system. Sam was requested to coordinate a meeting with the Commissioners and the Reverse 911 supporters for Wednesday January 16th.

New Business:

Goals and Objectives, we need to have some goals and objectives for 2008, please bring your ideas to the February meeting for discussion. One goal is for ideas in keeping good attendance at each meeting and how to get the community and other industries to participate. Another goal is to have an annual public meeting to include identifying hazards and actions taken by the LEPC.

Creating subcommittees to work on projects such as the Reverse 911 or projects identified from the Goals and Objectives.

The PUD held a Tabletop exercise on December 5, 2007. This table top exercise was to test the PUD's Emergency Action Plan and its response to security issues. There were approximately 37 players present at this exercise ranging from law enforcement, irrigation districts, and several emergency management offices. The Wanapum, Priest Rapids, and Pot Holes East Canal Headworks Projects were involved for this exercise. The scenario, lessons learned, and followup actions were discussed.

There is a Grant Opportunity available called the 'Community Action for a Renewed Environment' (CARE), please review the attachment and bring your comments/thoughts to the February meeting. (*see attachment 1*)

Roundtable:

John Turley, Sheriff's Office, Monday January 7th there were 60 accidents reported due to weather conditions.

*Joy Reese, Health District, is trying to establish three planning groups as supplement to the Healthcare Emergencies Alliance. This includes Funeral Homes, the Coroner's Office, Altered Standards of Care, and possibly First Responders. The Funeral Homes and Coroner's would be geared toward Mass Casualties planning. Handouts on Skin Infections (*see attachment 2*) and Pandemic Influenza Planning Newsletter (*see attachment 3*) is attached.*

Lind Bingham, EKA Chemicals, Transcare training will be available in October. BNSF will have their training car available in Ephrata. Top Screen reports are due January 22, 2008.

Deb Langshaw, Columbia Colstor, the ammonia release was caused by a truck hitting a glycol line which is tied to the under floor heating system, the trucker did not notify anyone that he had hit the line which caused the ammonia to heat and cause the release.

Manny Vela, Moses Lake Industries, the company is growing. The Haz Mat ERT teams have grown from 15 to 21 to manage the growth.

Sam Lorenz, Emergency Management, we will be participating in a Grand Coulee Dam Exercise in mid March with an orientation on January 23rd, this exercise scenario is based on Mica Dam failing and sending 165' wall of water down the Columbia River. Currently we are working with Fire District 12 for an area between Marlin and Wilson Creek that has an underground Saltese Muck fire and a plan for extinguishing the fire. Our office is also working on our move to the Fairgrounds and plan on being at our new location February 22, 2008. This month we have been invited to the Wal Mart Women's Wellness Fair, Royal City Preparedness Fair, and the Quincy Preparedness Fair.

Bob Bainsky, Takata, OSHA has adopted the ARC Flash 70-70E (see attachment 4) which will be implemented in 2008. Lack of following this guide will lead to fines. Most of the issues in the 70-70E pertain to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If you have questions on this OSHA ruling you may contact Skip Allred, skip.allred@takata.com.

Travis Skidmore, REC Silicon, the building frame is complete and the tower crane is gone. REC is planning on having one area of the new building ready by the end of the second quarter with another section completed by the end of the third quarter.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

February 14, 2008 at the Moses Lake Armory Building at 11:00 a.m.

Please submit agenda items to sduffey@co.grant.wa.us by 5p.m. on Tuesday February 12, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!