

**GRANT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
WARDEN CHAPTER**

The Warden Chapter of the Grant County LEPC held their monthly meeting at the Grant County Fire District #4 station in Warden on February 11, 2009 at 9:00 am.

Attendance:

Randy Wiggins	Grant County Fire District #4
Adrian Ortiz	Simplot Grower Solutions
Marvin Price	Lamb Weston
Tim Johnson	Western Polymer
Joy Reese	Grant County Health District
Mike Thompson	City of Warden
Michele Haughton	Grant County Emergency Management
Sam Lorenz	Grant County Emergency Management

The meeting was called to order by Randy Wiggins at 9:00 am followed by introductions.

Motion was made by Mike to accept the minutes as written, the motion was passed.

Hazardous Materials Spills:

No spills to report.

Old Business:

Community weather plan during power outage, concerns on what the community has available to assist them during a power outage. Use of shelters, generators, and food, and who to contact should these resources be needed, the Warden Chapter decided they would like to work on this planning element.

Emergency Management will contact the American Red Cross to discuss shelter agreements and what facilities may already have an agreement in the Warden area.

Emergency Management will contact the Grant County Building Department as to any requirements they may have for using a building as a shelter.

Telephone Notification System (TNS) is fully operational; the T-1 phone lines are connected to the system and functioning properly. DEM has received new phone

lines for their office. The next step is to do public education and marketing, hosting of public meetings and media.

New Business:

Health District update, Joy reported Avian influenza has infected turkeys at a farm in the Fraser Valley near Abbotsford, B.C. The virus is a low-pathogenic form of Avian Influenza called H5N2, which is not the virus CDC experts are concerned with spreading to humans and causing a worldwide influenza pandemic. That virus is called H5N1. Around 60,000 birds on the farm were destroyed during the last week of January. Surveillance is being conducted in Whatcom County, WA in order to determine if the virus is spreading. So far, there are no positive tests for H5N2 presence in birds in Whatcom County.

Region Seven Healthcare will be conducting an exercise February 19, 2009. The objectives of the exercise are to bring together the regions hospitals, clinics, medical services and county Emergency Management for the purpose of exercising the new "Regional All Hazards Memorandum of Understanding".

Marvin suggested hosting a Basic Incident Management System (ICS) training program during one of the future meetings. He would also like to coordinate this training for ConAgra's facility.

Presentation

The presentation was canceled.

Agenda Items for Next Month:

Presentation by Joy Reese of Grant County Health District

Additional presentation:

PUD Electrical hazards
Ammonia Safety
Railroad Safety

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Haughton
Grant County LEPC Secretary

**Next Meeting:
March 11, 2009
GCFD #4, 9:00 am**