

GRANT COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE QUINCY VALLEY CHAPTER

The Quincy Valley LEPC held their monthly meeting at Grant County Fire District #3 located at 110 C Street SW, Quincy on September 24, 2008 at 9:30 A.M.

Attendance:

Duane Hardt	Wilbur Ellis
Sharon Lerma	Double Diamond Fruit
Frank Gonzales	Double Diamond Fruit
Wallace Bushmore	City of George
Troy Lambert	Columbia Colstor
Tony Leibelt	Grant County Fire District #3
Jorge Trujillo	Quincy PD
George Smith	Cenex Harvest States
Sam Lorenz	Grant County DEM
Michele Haughton	Grant County DEM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony Leibelt at 9:30 a.m. followed by introductions of our guests.

George Smith will be representing CHS (*Welcome George*)

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Hazardous Materials Spills:

August 5th, a report of an anhydrous ammonia spill at the Conagra facility in Quincy. The reporting party stated that the spill was under the reportable quantity. Tony reported that Conagra is very good at setting up ICS.

August 20th, a report was made by REC of an explosion and no release of hazardous chemicals. The explosion is under investigation.

Training Opportunities:

Burlington Northern Santa Fe is presenting a Hazardous Materials Awareness class on October 6 & 7 the training is free.

Surveillance Detection Training for Commercial Infrastructure Operators and Security Staff will also be held in October 1-3.

Sam has contacted EPA and request that they conduct a "How to Survive an Audit". He will contact them again and schedule the training.

Old Business:

Quincy hosted Farmer's Consumer Day on September 13, 2008. The Quincy Valley LEPC hosted a booth. Tony and Sandi handed out a lots of preparedness information.

Tony is putting out a challenge for a "Potato Peeling" contest. He was supporting a sore finger from trying to peel his finger.

New Business:

Sept 23, Dovex Fruit Co has agreed to pay \$98,241 fine after EPA determined that the company was storing too much anhydrous ammonia without a risk management plan.

(See attached article)

Sam discussed the development of a Hazmat Team using industry personnel for the team. The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) is working to fine funding to support a regional team with register Emergency Workers.

Grant County Fire District #3 will be hosting Rapid Response training for Emergency Response Agencies. This training is for school safety. Due to security issue the attendance is limited.

"Shelter in Place" was discussed. The group suggested that we do a workshop in Quincy as an LEPC project. Grant County DEM has a "Shelter in Place" DVD and is able to make copies for handouts to the public. DEM also has some supplies to assist the public in making kits. No date was scheduled. This will be added to next months agenda.

Next Month's Agenda:

Shelter in Place workshop
EPCRA workshop

The next meeting is scheduled for:

October 29, 2008 at Grant County Fire District #3 for 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Haughton
Grant County LEPC