

GRANT COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE WARDEN CHAPTER

The Warden Chapter of the Grant County LEPC held their monthly meeting at the Corral Restaurant in Warden on October 8, 2008 at 12:00 pm.

Attendance:

Mike Thompson	City of Warden
Randy Carvo	Lamb Weston/BSW
Andy Bateman	Lamb Weston/BSW
Rob Robertson	Lamb Weston/BSW
Tim Johnson	Western Polymer
LeRoy Allison	Grant County Board Of County Commissioners
Sam Lorenz	Grant County Emergency Management
Sandi Duffey	Grant County Emergency Management

The meeting was called to order by Sam Lorenz at 12:20 pm followed by introductions.

Date and time of meetings:

It was discussed that perhaps meeting at 12:00 on the second Wednesday of the month was not a good time, Randy Wiggins (volunteered chairperson) is unable to attend due to his meeting with his commissioners. The group decided that the day was good and perhaps a time change would better serve the attendance of the group. After discussion with Randy a time of 9:00 would work with his schedule and the location of the meeting would be held at the Grant County Fire Station #4.

Election of officers:

The position of vice chair was open for election with nominations of Mike and Rob. Mike declined the position. A unanimous vote was reached and Rob Robertson will be the vice chairman for the Warden Chapter of the LEPC. Congratulations Rob!

The position of secretary was open and Sam offered the office of Emergency Management to be responsible for these duties.

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.

August 7th, an oil spill at the Bureau of Reclamation Grant Coulee Dam at approximately 11:45. The caller reported a discharge of transformer oil into the Columbia River from an oil sump, the caller also stated that a valve in the oil sump malfunctioned causing the spill. Absorbent boom and pads had been deployed.

August 12th, a report was made of a vegetable oil spill on Wheeler road between Simplot and AmeriCold. Approximately 1500 gallons were spilled. The report stated that the discharge of vegetable oil from a tank car was due to the cars being moved and the hose was torn off the bottom of the car. AmeriCold reported that by August 18th the spill had been cleaned up and the area was backfilled with railroad type rip-rap.

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

Building the Warden Chapter:

Sam challenged those in attendance to talk with their neighboring facilities and to bring them to our next meeting. The LEPC brochure is available to give to these facilities to encourage their attendance.

Agenda Items:

Please submit agenda items to Sandi, sduffey@co.grant.wa.us by Monday, November 10th for the next LEPC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Duffey
Grant County LEPC Secretary

Next Meeting:
November 12, 2008
GCFD #4, 9:00 am