



Grays Harbor County LEPC
Wednesday December 10, 2008
310 W Spruce Street, Montesano 2nd Floor
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Chair: Ken Walkington **Co-Chair: Paul Dean** **Secretary: Joy Carossino**

Present

Paul Dean	Hoquiam Fire Dept	Verna MacDonald	Westport Senior House
Sylvia Markham	Weyerhaeuser	Ken Walkington	Montesano Fire Dept
Eric Stielau	SCCC	Tom Cook	MASCO
Stephanie Allestad	GHFD #8	Glennis Stamon	E911
Arne Peterson	Paneltech	Tony Simone	GH College
Sandy Parsons	OS CERT	Kim Shelley	GHFD#8
Anne Sullivan	DEM	Joy Carossino	DEM

The November 10, 2008 minutes were approved.

Hazmat Incident Review:

Follow up reports:

11/14/2008: Unknown sheen approx 50 x 20 feet at Westport Marina was reported by USCG. No action required.

11/20/2008: Approx 5 gallons of hydraulic oil spilled by GHC PW on Main Street in Elma. WSP, EPD and EPW on site. GHC PW cleaned up spill.

Old Business:

Decon Training: GH Community Hospital will offer decon training to those fire departments who wish to attend their quarterly decon training. Training has not been scheduled for 2009 but they will be notified when training is available. The training takes about 6 hours. That includes trainers going over the chemicals, weapons, PPE, set up & take down of the decon unit. There was a question on whether there is a difference between the hospitals' unit and the regional unit. Ken Walkington reported that they will be inspecting both units to find out if there are any differences. Also, they will be evaluating to see what kind of electrical and hook up are needed and will make it universal.

Mark Reed has the same unit as GH Community Hospital. One person has taken the train the trainer but has not used the training yet. 6 people at the hospital are trained; they will let the fire department know of any future training. Mark Reed can bring the unit wherever it is needed.

New Business:

Local Government Reimbursement Program: Anne handed out information on the local government reimbursement program for response to a Hazmat spill and included the website. Local government can provide the information to the EPA for recoverable costs. Ken Walkington reported that costs for responding to hazardous chemical spills are reimbursable to the responding agency.

WA CBRNE Response Program: Anne handed out an article on The Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosives. This information might be helpful in looking at the Hazmat plan and making sure all the bases are covered in ESF #10. In 2007 there were 166 victims compared to 307 the year before. There were 5 fatalities from CBRNE events in 2007. Ken reported that funding for the regional hazardous material teams did not make it through the state committee last year but has hope that the legislature will pass funding to establish regional hazardous material teams. There is no hazmat team in GHC, the nearest one is in Seattle. The closest private contractor is Cowlitz Clean Sweep. The concept is to establish 5 regional hazardous material teams around the state of Washington. \$24 million would be needed to help equip, staff, and train the teams. There is no identified government agency leading any hazmat team in Region 3. There is a possibility of acquiring one of the regional teams for this area. Local Fire needs support for deployment. The only level A team in GHC is the drug task force. Ken suggested that the group look at this and have the LEPC put a plan together. The classes are free, but the overtime, personnel, and backfill are issues.

Annual EPCRA Workshop: The date has been changed to January 7 from 9:00 to 11:00 at the EOC. This is an opportunity to meet with EPA and DOE, and receive their updated requirements. There may be new requirements for Tier II reporting. They come with assistance and this should be a very informative meeting.

MASCO will be reviewing their Emergency Response Plan at the January LEPC meeting.

Exercise Planning:

The group discussed the tabletop exercise (TTX). It was decided to have the exercise at Weyerhaeuser's training center. Sylvia will check with Brent about the use of the room and providing lunch. There was discussion on what the objectives should be. Sylvia reported that there is exposure risk to the river and shavings and sawdust (combustibles) stored in truck bins. There could be fatalities. Some of the suggested objectives were:

- ✓ Test and measure communications, emergency response, medical and fire response, and scene safety.
- ✓ Test Weyerhaeuser's response capabilities. Internal and external communications could be tested. The table top will not test interoperable communications. This exercise will be testing verbal communications during the emergency.
- ✓ Test resources: Fire, EMS, WSP, USCG, DOE, Law, DEM, 911, MASCO, Cowlitz Clean Sweep. Fire should be first on scene to establish command until WSP arrives.
- ✓ MASCO would like to test their initial response; how fast it takes to mitigate the situation, clean up, and have very little or no damage to the environment. There was discussion on the legal requirements that industry has on reporting.

Other Discussion:

Anne reported that DEM has funding through a grant for non-governmental agencies coming to meetings in a private vehicle to get reimbursed for mileage for Oct 2008 through Sept 2009. Anne would need round trip mileage and will be getting a form to fill out for reimbursement.

Ken Walkington thanked the group for the opportunity to be the Chairman for the group as this was the last meeting he will chair. **Thank you, Ken!**

Tom Cook of MASCO reminded everyone that law requires the use of proper containers for fuel. During the storm last year, some people were using improper containers to get fuel. Anne suggested the information on proper fuel containers be added to the press release the PIO puts out to the public. Tom also reported that they have had incidents of people dumping waste oil in the drains at their facilities. Sometimes these drains overflow and the oil can backup and reach the ditch. Suggestions were to put oil recycling signs at their facilities to let people know where they can dump their waste oil.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 10:15am. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**