

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Mailing address; 1121 W. Gardner. Spokane, WA 99201

Minutes

Meeting Wednesday – January 20, 2021 Time 9:00 – 10:00

Attendees: Pete Hartmann, Shawn Arold, Jeremy Wolf, Rory McKinnon, John DeJong, Mathew Boucher, SSgt. Kyle Schmidt

Quarterly meetings via Zoom until we can meet again in person.
March 17th, June 16th, September 15th, Then, we'll reevaluate.

New Business – Catch up with our partners after the long absence.

Chair – Chief Metzger has suggested he cannot continue in this role. Tim Archer has been approached and has agreed to become Chair. Gerry will confirm this with Tim and we thank Mitch for his service and look forward to his continuing support of the LEPC.

Elected Officials – Sharon Colby

State Officials – Pete Hartmann, Mark Stephens, Mike McCain, John Geppert, Moody Harmon

Pete detailed his current field of operations covering not only Eastern WA but Central until his counterpart comes back from Deployment in the Coast Guard Reserves.

Planning for Cascadia Rising 2022 will continue with a meeting on March 18th.

The LEPC Conference will not take place this Spring but will be evaluated for Fall 2021.

He recently completed a Q&A video with WA State DOE on hazardous materials found in the Malden/Pine City area after testing was complete after the Labor Day fire destroyed 80% of the homes. This will be available for review for residents and others in the near future.

An upcoming project will be a Geographic Operations Plan. Pete will provide full details as this project progresses.

Emergency Management – Gerry Bozarth,

LEPC proposal to develop a Pipeline education program for those businesses and others who reside or work near pipelines. He has contacted the Pipeline Trust Executive Director and he has agreed to do a presentation to the LEPC before the next meeting in March. More information as Gerry schedules this Zoom meeting.

Water Resources - Shane Sheppard, Kelly Williquette, Todd Henry

Fire Services – Mitch Metzger

SVFD Chief Arold detailed how the vaccination effort was progressing for Valley Fire – second shots will be given soon. They have a new Dep. Chief Frank Soto arriving on February 1st.

Hospital – Darrell Ruby

Media – Vacant

Health – Mike LaScuola

1st Aid/EMS – Vacant

Transportation – Mike Toole

Law Enforcement – Lt. Chuck Arnold, Jeff Sevigny (WSP)

Facilities & Pipelines – Chris Church, Ron Dowers, Amy Smith

John DeJong with Arcadis detailed exercises/Drills they've been developing for BNSF, assisting Trans Canada Pipelines with Environmental Compliance.

SSgt. Schmitt from FAFB detailed their involvement with CEBRN Response and reaffirmed the partnership the base plays in our community.

Matt Boucher from Holly Energy detailed some of their new capacities and they added a 60,000-gal Butane Bullet Tank for injection into some of their existing products.