

**Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**Mailing address; 1618 N. Rebecca St. Spokane, WA 99217**

**Minutes**

**Meeting** Wednesday – February 21, 2018 **Time** 9:00 – 10:30

**Meeting held at: Avista's Post Street Substation conference room.**

**Attendees:** Tim Archer, Mitch Metzger, Sharon Colby, Ron Dowers, Pete Hartmann, Mac Mikkelsen, Ed Parry, Bryce Robert, Bruce Sandy, Laura Sliger, Amy Smith, Mike Stevens, Doug Forkner, Ryan Bradeen, Darren Young, Walt Tanner.

**Approval of Minutes** - January, 2017 Minutes

**Business**

**Chair Chief Metzger.**

- Chair – Participation in regional LEPC's Update?  
The Chair was unable to make this meeting and will reschedule in two months.
- Update on Commodity Flow Subcommittee and future goals.
  - Members will meet on Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 0930 at the Fire Training Center (Address above) to discuss direction and goals for 2018. All LEPC members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
  - Several items were identified at the meeting.
    - Request weigh-station data from WSP on truck deficiencies and citations given that may affect public safety due to hazmat. Gabe with WSP is checking on data availability and what they can provide to the LEPC.
    - Check on what Decon trailers are still available for emergencies. Hazmat team knows of several that are housed at Dist. 9, and Spokane Valley FD. One with the City's secondary Decon line is at the Fire Training Center.
    - A proposed Rail Staging area in Spangle may become part of the Commodity Flow Study's concern once more information is received from a letter being sent to the land owner.
    - The committee is contacting Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) to see how their processes, procedures, and data can assist and coordinate with the Subcommittee. Likely Gerry and Chair will meet with them prior to the next Subcommittee meeting and LEPC meeting.

- Ice Ribbon ammonia leak – Gerry updated the group on the accidental release. The accident caused no injuries. It is now known that a Tier II report should have been completed because of the quantity of ammonia stored onsite. This has now been done and the LEPC has the report, a site map, and emergency plan. An After Action Review is being planned and GSEM will be part of this and also represent the LEPC.
- Those who could stay enjoyed a tour of the Upper Falls Powerhouse. Darren Young is the Chief Operator and was our guide for the two hydro facilities downtown. The LEPC would like to thank Darren and Avista for hosting today's meeting and the enlightening tour of this historical building.

### **New Business**

Gerry notified the committee that after 13 years in the Fire Training Center, Greater Spokane Emergency Management has been given notice to move out on or before March 31, 2018. Complete information of why they are being asked to move are not clear to GSEM. As of this meeting and due to the short time-line for this change of venue, they will be moving to the old DEM building at 1121 W. Gardner, Spokane 99201. Gerry will continue as the LEPC Liaison.

**Carry over – Future** - Field Trips – meetings at partner locations in the coming months.

March – Fire Training Center/Unknown if LEPC meetings will be held here beyond March. Avista has offered to use a conference room at the headquarters building on Mission if this becomes a problem.

Up River Dam – April

Holly Energy – May

Future possibilities include: Spokane International Airport, FAFB HazMat Team, BNSF Fueling Depot.

### **Around the Table Issues or Information of Interest**

**Elected Officials** – Sharon Colby, Mike Fagan

Sharon has continued concern for a rail storage line/area in Spangle. A letter is being drafted to address concerns from the LEPC over hazardous material that will be “in transit” Responses will be shared with the committee.

**State Officials** – Mike Stephens, Mike McCain, John Geppert, Moody Harmon

Mike Stephens gave an overview of his role with L & I for Eastern WA (Regions 5 & 6) on promoting collaboration between partners with Emergency Management, LEPC's and keeping employers informed on keeping employees safe.

Something to watch is the VA Medical Center is installing their own chlorination system for the water supply. They may need to submit a Tier II report based on the amount of chlorine they may store onsite.

**Law Enforcement** – Lt. Chuck Arnold (WSP)

The Commodity Flow Subcommittee is interested in Weigh-Station information – See above under the Subcommittee report.

**Emergency Management** – Gerry Bozarth

Update above regarding office move.

**Hospital** – Darrell Ruby

None

**Water Resources** - Shane Sheppard, Kelly Williquette, Todd Henry

New wells are coming online throughout the city.

The Chair was asked the status of water supply in Airway Hts. The Air Force is working with the community to determine mitigation that will make the water supply safe for the future. More to come when strategies are implemented.

**Transportation** – Mike Toole

None

**Fire Services** – Mike Thompson

Gearing up for wildfire season.

Training calendar is in development to include training for Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) and Hazmat training.

**Media** – Vacant

**Health** – Mike LaScuola  
None

**1<sup>st</sup> Aid/EMS** – Vacant

**Community Groups** - Vacant

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

Spill Drills planned for Moses Lake and Spokane in 2018.

On Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> the Pipeline & Emergency Response and Prevention TTX took place.  
Gerry attended for the LEPC.

Pete Hartmann will be holding a Power Outage exercise in Whitman Co. on 3/8/18.  
Flyer was sent to LEPC distribution list.

The HAMER conference will be held in Spokane the year on April 20-22, 2018.

Next Meeting: March 21st, 0900-1030  
Location – Spokane Fire Training Center

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