

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

Minutes

Meeting Wednesday – March 17, 2021 **Time** 9:00 – 10:00

Held Via Zoom meeting.

Attendees: Tim Archer, Sharon Colby, Bill Dennsteadt, Sean Thompson, Pete Hartmann, Darlene Hardy, Ty Little, Mike Kuntz, Curt Looley, Shawn Arold, Sarah Nuss, Mike LaScuola, Rym Martin, Laura Akerman, Amy Smith, Anthony Brown, Bethany Moden, McKenna Shuler, Lauren Salinski, Frank Cejka, Craig Buchanan, Andy Brown, Samuel Sainz, Paige Chenevey, Gregg Riddell.

Welcome: Chair – Tim Archer

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

New Business – Pipeline presentation;

Carl Weimer, from the Bellingham based Pipeline Safety Trust, will provide an overview of the pipelines in Spokane County with some basic information about the different types of pipelines, the products they carry, how they are regulated and by whom, past incidents, and ways to consider the risks they pose to our local communities. He will also spend time talking about what authority local governments have regarding such pipelines, and the types of programs and ordinances that local government can implement to provide greater protection for their citizens and the environment.

The Pipeline Safety Trust has been working with the Governor-appointed Washington State Citizen Committee on Pipeline Safety to provide these presentations to local government entities around the state to increase understanding of our pipeline network and give local governments the knowledge, tools, and opportunity to further increase pipeline safety if they decide that is necessary in their community.

Carl Weimer is currently the Special Projects Advisor of the Pipeline Safety Trust. From 2003 until recently he was the Executive Director of the Pipeline Safety Trust, and has served as a member of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association's External Advisory Panel, the governor appointed Washington Citizen Committee on Pipeline Safety, and a technical pipeline standard committee for the Canadian Standards Association. Carl has been called upon to testify to the U.S. House and Senate multiple times, as a witness by the National Transportation Safety Board, and was honored in 2015 as a Champion of Change by the White House for his pipeline safety efforts. He has organized fifteen national pipeline safety conferences, pushed for stronger pipeline safety legislation on the national and state level, and regularly serves as an independent source of pipeline safety information for news media, local government, and citizens around the country. Carl was elected in 2005 and again in 2009 and 2013 to the Whatcom County Council, where he served as chairman for four of those years. He has a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Education from the University of Michigan, as well a degree in Industrial Electronics Technology from Peninsula College.

Carl's presentation will be on our website: SCEM.org

A few of the take-aways are: working with stakeholders to educate on Consultation Zones, Setback/protection zones and other education on how to improve access to escape routes in the planning phases of building homes/businesses and the importance of evacuation plans for those structures that didn't have this planning in place and are now within these zones of concern. The LEPC will be developing a subcommittee to study the best approach to involving Elected Officials, developers, and the public to increase awareness and safety within Spokane Co.

Elected Officials – Sharon Colby

State Officials – Pete Hartmann, Sean Thompson, John Geppert, Moody Harmon

Pete reports that this year's LEPC-Tribal Conference/Hazmat Workshop will be held virtually on April 4&6th and May 4&6th.

Emergency Management – Gerry Bozarth

Water Resources - Shane Sheppard, Kelly Williquette, Todd Henry

Fire Services – Mitch Metzger

Hospital – Vacant

Chris Jaklitsch mentioned that the new EM at the VA Hospital is Joe Fields.

Media – Vacant

Health – Mike LaScuola

1st Aid/EMS – Vacant

Transportation – Mike Toole

Law Enforcement – Gregg Riddell, Jeff Sevigny (WSP)

Community Groups – Barnetta Bindewald

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

Next meeting Via Zoom

June 16th – A notice will be sent one week prior with the link and full instructions.