

Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Minutes

Monthly Meeting Wednesday – April 20, 2022 Time 9:00 – 10:30

LOCATION:

Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205

Attendees: Amy Black, Frank Cejka, Sharon Colby, Jason Clark, Pete Hartmann, Rory McKinnon, Chris Matuszak, Kyle Powell, Kyle Schmidt, Brett Dimanno.

Welcome: Chair Tim Archer

Old business:

1. Pete Hartmann brought up the Commodity Flow Study issue with the SERC at the April 12th meeting.
 - a. *Working with Northcomm and FAFB on integration with the Cascadia Rising Exercise*
 - b. *A regional person has been hired by EMD has experience in CFS. Pete's exploring how the state can help fund/organize a CFS. Information coming from the SERC and Pete will work to get pieces of the CFS proposal/possibilities moving before Fall of 2022.*
 - c. *Newer issue for Hazmat is with homeless camps and hazmat generated by those living in these camps.*
 - d. *Online LEPC Tribal Hazmat Conference presentations are open for anyone who wants to attend virtually*

2. Progress?
 - a. Upcoming Horizontal Directional Drilling set to accelerate in Spokane Co. in 2022. Avista has serious concerns regarding the Sub-Contractors who may take shortcuts and not do the proper work to ensure they are being as safe as possible while avoiding gas lines. How can the LEPC weigh-in on this issue to insure the contractors realize the importance and liability that comes with supervising Sub-Contractors.

No information on this as Avista wasn't present

Updates:

Elected Officials – Sharon Colby

Growing fast in FD3 – Levy coming in August to support career Fire Fighters.

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

Ecology: Sean, supporting Law Enforcement locally on the Hazmat calls. Call volume lower than last year. Spokane office and Yakima fully staffed.

Homeland Response Force: Many trainings are scheduled.

CFATS: Operation flash point, meeting with security personnel at local businesses that handle significant quantities of hazardous materials on safely securing them.

Emergency Management – Gerry Bozarth

Local PIO Course: G290/291, May 3,4,& 5th Open to those in the Public Information field who need training in Crisis Communication. No charge.

More info or to register: : <https://www.spokanecounty.org/FormCenter/Emergency-Management-31/Basic-PIOJISJIC-355>

Water Resources – Tim Archer, Shane Sheppard, Kelly Williquette, Todd Henry

The City is working on a feasibility study of adding Fluoride to water system. Exploring how to purify Water well at Havana and others with Salt or chorine.

Fire Services – Mitch Metzger

Hospital – Darrell Ruby

Media – Vacant

Health – Mike LaScuola

1st Aid/EMS – Vacant

Transportation – Vacant

Law Enforcement – Lt. Chuck Arnold,

Community Groups – Vacant

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

Collins Aerospace: working on a TTX before Oct. that LEPC might be invited.

Spring Env. Offer many different trainings in the hazmat arena.

Red Cross: Program manager went back to Ukraine. Glenn Lockwood is her replacement.

SRHD: involved in more exercises in the special pathogen unit. Cyber security issues always at the forefront.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2022
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