

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

**Minutes**

**Meeting** Wednesday – September 26, 2018 **Time** 9:00 – 10:30

**Meeting held at: Fire District 10 training room -**

929 S Garfield Rd  
Airway Heights, WA 99001  
509-244-2425  
<https://goo.gl/maps/SmjdZZy9Yr62>

June Minutes Approved

**Attendees:** Mitch Metzger, Tim Archer, Sharon Colby, Cody Rohrbach, Nichol Savko, Laura Sliger, Michael Murphy, Chase Stephenson, Rocco Pelatti, Tiffany Heline, Charlie King, Wesley Cooner, Ben Barrett, Bryan Rowe, Bryn Zimmerman.

**Members please share your update;**

**Check-in with WSP:**

- 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 how the LEPC can request this information.  
No progress
- The Commodity Flow Study (CFS) committee has contacted Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) to see how their processes, procedures, and data can assist and coordinate with the Subcommittee. Update from scheduled meeting with Mike Ulrich from SRTC on 9-24-18.
  - Mike has given us recommendations on where the SRTC may be able to assist with the use of the CFS. The first one is a tour of the SRTMC. This could be useful in enhancing the number of observations of hazmat traveling throughout Spokane Co. which would give us better data in the future.
- Update of meeting on 9-24-18 with Dr. Stacy Warren from EWU on possible student assistance for GIS project related to the CFS.
  - Dr. Warren met with the subcommittee and understands many of our needs. She will begin working with her students to help create a physical map of the county with Tier II sites

overlaid onto areas of concern such as: Critical Infrastructure, Vulnerable Populations, and others TBD.

## **New Business**

- Future Joint LEPC meeting with Kootenai Co. – Any updates?
  - Gerry attended the August LEPC meeting in Hayden, ID. They were very receptive to this idea of a joint meeting. It is unclear when this will be feasible but the Spokane Co. LEPC will continue this dialog and work toward making this a reality.
  
- We need to find a new regular meeting location for the LEPC or, look into rotating Field Trips? – meetings at partner locations in the coming months?
  - Sharon suggested these possible locations:
    - South Hill Senior Center
    - Golf Clubs – Indian Canyon, Hangman Valley
    - Vera Water & Power
    - Modern Electric
    - Spokane Valley – check with city hall
    - Mirabeau Park
    - YMCA
    - Casino's meeting rooms
    - SVFD – Ad Building
    - Libraries
    - Banks – some have meeting rooms
    - Parks & Rec
    - Red Cross
    - Spokane Conservation District
    - National Guard
    - Fire District #10 – Airway Heights
    - Fire District #3 – Cheney
    - Fire District #9 – Farwell Road
    - Churches
    - Spokane Water Reclamation Facility
    - Millwood City Hall
  
  - FAFB Tour the Fire Dept. & EOC, Bio Environmental. The LEPC will shift the November Meeting to Wednesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> to meet and tour the facilities. 0900-1100.
  - Members will be vetted for security, Procedures will be sent to LEPC for their participation. Other discussion centered on what MOU's are in place between FAFB and the other responders in our community.

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

**Elected Officials** – Sharon Colby, Mike Fagan  
COAD is looking for a new meeting space as FTC is no longer available.

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

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

**Emergency Management** – Gerry Bozarth  
IEMC ODP training.

**Hospital** – Darrell Ruby  
VA hosp. developing a decon unit for urgent care. How are other facilities handling waste water? FAFB? Deaconess? Sacred Heart? Laura from VA was given contact info for Darrell to see how SHMC deals with this issue.

**Water Resources** - Shane Sheppard, Kelly Williquette, Todd Henry  
City of Spokane – The water well at Hartson & 8<sup>th</sup> is putting in a new pump station. The city is making improvements on a number of other wells that will provide better service to residents.

**Transportation** – Mike Toole

**Fire Services** – Cody Rorabach

**Media** – Vacant

**Health** – Mike LaScuola

**1<sup>st</sup> Aid/EMS** – Vacant

**Community Groups** - Looking for representative

**Facilities & Pipelines** – Chris Church, Ron Dowers, Amy Smith  
UTS – An Apartment building is being built next door. During the SEPA process LEPC or other members can comment on this construction and associated risks. Discussion continued on how businesses and homeowners can ask their fire departments or districts for guidance on defensible space issues or other fire mitigation measures.

FYI: FAFB Hazmat Team is not a 24/7 group.

During the fires along I90 how were people notified in the industrial areas or the Base? Fire IC has the capacity to notify all departments and utilize AlertSpokane (R911) to notify citizens or businesses of evacuation or Shelter in Place orders. Cody gave an overview of where the fire science is headed to help with fire probability and severity.

Clean Harbors 407 N. Theirman Rd. Spokane Valley is growing and expanding their capabilities.

NWS – Rocco mentioned this week could be a dust event with the wind on Friday but we also need to be vigilant of fire starts. He talked about weather forecasting in relation to hazardous material accidents and plume modeling. We will ask NWS to update the LEPC on the winter ahead at the November meeting.

