

Pierce County LEPC Final Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2018

Attendance:

Kelly Kiyohara, Pierce County DEM
Donna Vitale, Pierce County DEM
Andy Jenkins, AMR
Rictor Overlie, South Thurston
Jay Sumerlin, West Pierce F&R
Andy Comstock, TPC Health Department
Allen Estes, Tacoma Fire
David R. Willey, 10th CST (WMD)

Bob Ayers, Phillips 66
Ron Holcomb, Ecology
Jason Rickey, Graham Fire/PCHIT
Marty Kapsh, Port of Tacoma
Angela Harkins, Dept. of Ecology
Chris Badger, West Pierce F&R/City of Lakewood
Kirstin Hofmann, City of Puyallup

Meeting Information:

Start Time: 13:35 – Adjourn: 14:45
Location: 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Tacoma, WA 98424

Call to Order and Introductions:

Introductions were made of all members and guests present.

Spills Update:

There were over 100 incidents reported to Ecology. Many of them are small. Here is a short list:

- A number of semi-truck accidents on I-5 with diesel spills. None were huge.
- A number of incidents in the Port of Tacoma area as well.
- One nuisance incident (not a hazmat incident) at the Port. A vessel discharged some ballast water that was rusty when it was discharged. The water quality laws are strict in this state which triggered the law so now they will need to either pump the water out or filter the water before discharge.
- A small spill at the White River Diversion construction area which happened on the first day of the work.
- A small plane on McNeil Island. They recovered it but it created a small spill.
- A fatality accident on Highway 16 that went into the creek.
- A white powder incident at the Pierce County Jail.
- A fairly large spill at Fleishman's Vinegar where vinegar waste and sodium hydroxide went into the river.
- US Oil had an air release of sulfur dioxide.
- Someone washed an oil drum in a car wash.
- A 100-gallon spill of used oil at the tide flats.
- Jones Chemical had an accident with a small spill. The driver was at fault.
- Abandoned home heating oil spill
- An incident in Graham with liquid lightening which is 83% sulfuric acid.

- There is a hazmat business coming to Lakewood. They are just finishing up permits. The chemicals should be in by the end of August.
- Tacoma Fire had an incident at Stericycle where they had ammonia salt that mixed with something which created a reaction. Stericycle was very prompt in getting the report out. One gap we have in the county is how to get reporting to happen. If it is reported to Ecology, then it should be reported to the LEPC.

Regional Activity Updates:

We have received about 350 Tier II reports in Pierce County which is the second largest amount in the state.

On May 14 & 15, there were regional exercises for the hazmat teams. There was classroom and field training on radiological work, finding sources, decon stations, refresh skills using detection equipment. They had some live sources to train with.

June 6-8 was the State LEPC Conference with the Tribe. Jay and Ute went. It was good to hear what others are doing. US Oil who presented on the pipeline puncture. People had good questions and were very engaging.

July 17th, the Port of Tacoma and Tacoma Fire are doing a CBRNE Exercise where they are looking at an incident on a maritime ship.

On October 25 & 26, there will be a 2-day training targeted to hazmat response. If you know people who already do these things, they are looking for instructors so let Kelly or Jay know.

July 12th at 9 AM there is a webinar on Chemical City Planner Resource (chemCPR) which focuses on integrating current modeling programs.

Fusion Center Liaison Training is happening in Lacey on September 18th.

PCHIT is putting together a hazmat incident commander class. Contact Jason Rickey for more information.

Board Nominations and Elections:

The board nominations and elections were done:

- Chair – Jay Sumerlin, West Pierce F&R
(Motion made by Kelly Kiyohara, Seconded by Allen Estes – Approved by vote)
- Vice Chair – Kelly Kiyohara, Pierce County Emergency Management|
(Motion made by Marty Kapsh, Seconded by Allen Estes – Approved by vote)
- Secretary – Ute Weber, Tacoma Fire/Emergency Management
(Motion made by Kelly Kiyohara, Seconded by Allen Estes – Approved by vote)

10th Civil Support Team Program Overview:

David Willey from the 10th CST gave an overview of the Civil Support Team Program and their capabilities. Highlights are as follows:

- There is no cost to call them to help.
- They can identify CBRNE Agents and Substances, Assess, Advise and Assist.
- They don't show up and take over.
- They are all full-time personnel, not reservists.
- It is 3 hours until they are on the scene from the time they are called.
- They train extensively (over 850 hours of training, a medic has 2500 hours of training)
- They will drive within 250 miles, airlift may be necessary if above 250 miles.
- They have a mobile command truck that deploys with them.
- They have plume modeling software
- They work directly with the hazmat folks on the site.
- They have chemical/radiological detection equipment
- They have standby mission where they do venue and event protection, entry monitoring for personnel and vehicles, JHAT Operations, Pre-Event Venue Sweeps.
- They have satellite capabilities which provides data and voice communications.
- The medical section is broken into science as well. They have a mobile lab.
- Interagency Training – If you have a training you want to do and it is in their wheelhouse, give them a call. They may be able to pay for some of the training when there is benefit for the CST.