

Pierce County LEPC Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

Attendance:

Kelly Kiyohara, Pierce County EM
Donna Vitale, Pierce County EM
Ute Weber, Tacoma EM
Ty Gaub, US Oil and Refining
Kim Mask, WA State EMD
Susan Forsythe, State EMD
Scott O'Brien, Gardner-Fields
Jim Jaques, East Pierce F&R

Jerome Come, CHI Franciscan
Scott Preston, Multicare Health Systems
Rictor Overlie, South Thurston FD
Jay Sumerlin, West Pierce F&R
Andy Comstock, TPC Health Department
Allen Estes, Tacoma Fire
Marty Kapsh, Port of Tacoma
Angela Harkins, Dept. of Ecology

Meeting Information:

Start Time: 13:32 Adjourn: 15:10
Location: 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Tacoma, WA 98424

Welcome and Introductions/updates:

Introductions were made of all members and guests present.

Approval of April 10, 2018 & July 10, 2018 Minutes:

The meeting notes for the April 10, 2018 meeting and the July 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved by vote.

Presentation by Aristatek:

Renee from Aristatek gave a demo of an online program that West Pierce has and a lot of Fire Departments around the state have. This system uses Tier II integration and they are proposing an enhancement capability to help with analysis on a facility and transportation potentials as well. There is an ability to have facilities inside of an online platform called PEAC – WMD. The program can be used for a variety of things that they can look up about facilities. They have an actual list of facilities that have been reported in the county. Kind of like a check-sheet of the Tier II reports including the details of the substances and some potential hazards.

There is also a worst-case analysis section where you can run real time analysis. It has a Hazard Threat Summary Matrix where all potential substances are ranked in order, an explanation of codes and terminology, Binary Chemical Reaction Summary, threat matrix and quantity matrix, facility summary, reference textbooks and ICS forms. It will also show a site plan if one is uploaded by the facility. There is also a phone capability where you can use it on your phone. They already use this in various GIS programs but hasn't been used in WebEOC. They are willing to work with someone to make it happen. Renee will be sending follow-up forms and a tour video to Jay and he will forward on to everyone.

Jay Sumerlin mentioned that there are some advantages to this program. When you bring up a chemical, it brings up a minimum of 3 resources with one click so in 30 seconds you have all the information about that chemical which helps you to quickly build the plan. It also lists all the

PPE needed for the chemical. A single license for Jay cost \$1700. Pricey but it is a useful tool. He is not sure what it would cost to integrate Tier IIs and have it available county wide. A system like this is only as accurate as the information that it contains.

Snohomish County's LEPC was able to put in an application for this and it got approved for the HMEP grant with the provision that they do an exercise to get practice using it and that first responders practice using it and also that they demonstrate at this year's LEPC Conference what they have learned from the program. Susan Forsythe will get Kelly the contact information for Snohomish County, so she can contact them and discuss the sharing and sub-account piece of the system. Potentially, there may be UASI Funding available as well.

Old/New Business:

The LEPC Plan, that review for the county occurred at the beginning of this year. The LEPC Plan coordinates hazardous materials and the responses to them in the county. We have heard feedback from State Emergency Management and had to correct two things.

- A word preference change of "may" to "shall".
- Having it signed by the Pierce County Emergency Management director.

A big thank you to everyone for your participation and feedback. It was a good learning experience for all.

Spills Update: Ron Holcolm is not in attendance but gave Kelly some details about the spills update. The big one was the Simon Metal fire at the Port of Tacoma. The call came in early in the morning. The fire was put out within an hour, but when it got stirred up, the fire started again. An air analysis was done in the tide flats, downtown Tacoma and the east side of Tacoma. Everything turned out okay. A suggestion was made to call the Mayor right away when an incident like this occurs. The cause was lithium ion batteries that were not separated from the metals. If one breaks in the metal, it will catch fire. Some patients and staff were complaining of minor throat irritation. They were doing a negative pressure of the security office as well. The Tacoma Pierce County Health Department was called as well.

Other spill issues:

- Firefighting runoff went into the storm water facility but not the Puyallup River.
- In Gig Harbor there was a heating oil tank from someone's home leaking into the Puget Sound.
- There was a 100-gallon fertilizer spill from a Truegreen truck that hit the water system in Browns Point.
- An asphalt spill that was all contained around the tank.
- A Hydraulic Oil spill from a construction company.
- A diesel spill from a truck on gravelly lake drive.
- A mysterious dump of asbestos in downtown Tacoma.

Every three years, a drill has to be done for Ecology. The next one is September 25, 2019 at the Emerald Queen Conference Center. They will be looking for folks to participate.

The Multicare Health System has hired their first canine officer with specialized training for detection of drugs or explosives. Their secondary role is to help deter assault to nursing staff. They should have that person actively in place by January.

Risk Management Plan: There are some changes around the Risk Management Plan. Ty said that a couple weeks ago, there was a ruling from WA DC on the Risk Management Plan Delay rule. This rule went into place in the 1990's clean air act amendments that required facilities that use extremely hazardous substances to develop risk management plans. An amendment was done to improve the plans and was going to be in effect in January 2017 but was put on hold by the Trump administration, so they can re-evaluate it. The delay was vacation in September 2017. Several components including the emergency coordination provisions went into play over time. The effective date for that was March 2018. The key points are:

- Facility operators must coordinate response needs at least annually with local emergency planning and response organizations.
- Facility operators must provide several things to the local emergency planning and response organizations including: stationary sources emergency response plan, the sources emergency action plan, updated emergency contact information and any other information identified as relevant to emergency response planning.
- Responding stationary sources must consult with local emergency response officials to establish appropriate schedules and plans for field and tabletop exercises by March 15, 2021.
- Update the Risk Management plan by 2020.

Kelly mentioned that the language is very general to your local emergency responders and local jurisdictions to indicate that it may not be the LEPC at the county level but for example Ty working with Tacoma Fire and Tacoma Emergency Management as the local jurisdiction in which their facility resides. It does put an immense burden regardless of who they are expected to meet with. It is clear what they are asking but the question is who they are supposed to coordinate these things with? More information will be coming once we get clarity. Susan Forsythe is going to a conference next week on this and will have a little more clarification at the next meeting.