

PENINSULA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COALITION

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Minutes for - Wednesday January 11, 2011

10:00 General Meeting

**Location: District 5 Fire & Medic One, at
10222 Bujacich Road NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332**

PEP-C MEETING / ATTENDEES

Abby Schofield – PEP-C Treasurer, FICRA
Angela Lindsay – PEP-C Board Member
Bob Grimes – PEP-C Board Member
Cherie Grimes – PEP-C Member, Chaplain, Washington State Patrol
Curt Scott – PEP-C Chair
Dave Watson – PEP-C Vice-Chair
Don Lee – PEP-C Member, 2017 PEPC EP Fair Chair, Chapel Hill
Don Reynolds – PEP-C Member
Elizabeth Haycock – PEP-C Member
Kathy Belisle – PEP-C Member, Puget Sound Honor Flight

Mike Hancock – PEP-C Member, PARET
Hugh McMillan – PEP-C Member, Gateway
Jane Olive – PEP-C Member, Westbridge Community
Jim Goodwin – PEP-C Member
Joan Hymas – PEP-C Board Member
John Kelly – PEP-C Member
Julia Bell – PEP-C Member
Ray Kittleberger - FICRA Fox Island Building Trust
Steve Rees – PEP-C Member
Thomas Smith - Burley Radio Club/ PARET
Virginia Guilford – PEP-C Co Secretary

GENERAL MEETING CONVENED:

The meeting was convened by PEP-C Chair Curt Scott at 10:00 AM, and the Pledge of allegiance was said.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes from previous meeting approved, seconded and accepted by all in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER – LT RUSTY WILDER, PIERCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The guest speaker for this meeting was Lt Rusty Wilder. He is a local Gig Harbor resident who is the Pierce County Sheriff's Office 'Detachment Commander' for the Peninsula Detachment, which is the part of Pierce County in which Gig Harbor and the Key Peninsula are located. Lt Wilder spoke about what kind of support the Pierce County Sheriff's department would be able to provide to us in a major disaster.

In order to help us understand what we could expect, he outlined the responsibilities of his department. The Peninsula Detachment covers an area with a population of 54, 844 in an area of 221 Sq. miles including 3 Islands and 144 Sq. miles of coastline, and 693 miles of street. The currently budgeted staffing for covering this area is 2 Sergeants, 1 Investigations Deputy, 1 School Resource Deputy, and 18 Patrol Deputies.

Under **Normal Conditions**, the functions of the Peninsula Detachment include sheriff's deputies working in assigned areas, as well as deputies assigned to special units, active investigations, community functions, and training. Under **Elevated Conditions** (such as demonstrations, an active shooter event, or even just holiday events), staffing is usually increased, with additional staff called in. Certain duties may be placed on hold and dispatching protocols may change – so some lower priority calls for assistance may not be handled immediately. Special Units may be activated and a liaison may be sent to County Department of Emergency Management if the EOC is activated. Under conditions of a **Regional Event**, (like the Oso mudslide or the recent ice storm, or a pandemic illness, or even just a large event, such as the State Fair) staffing is significantly impacted, and response to calls for assistance may be more severely limited based on resources. The Pierce County DEM EOC may be activated, the Peninsula MACC maybe be activated, and only essential LE function will be performed. During a **Catastrophic Event**, such as a major earthquake or other event where the entire region is severely disrupted, it is expected that even though state and national resources will be requested, there will be limited communication, limited response capability, and crimes against property, like theft, looting, vandalism, and crimes against persons, such as assaults, sexual assaults, robberies, and coercion may occur.

The Peninsula Detachment is aware of these risks, and they are attempting to plan and prepare as much as possible. They have reviewed and learned from the mistakes of police departments during other large scale disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina. They have analyzed their own needs during an emergency – especially with respect to the special requirements of martial law conditions. They have noted their own critical need for fuel in order to carry out their first responder activities, and they are aware of their responsibility to provide control in situations like crowded emergency rooms. They are a part of the Peninsula MACC (Multi-Agency Coordinating Center), and participated in last year's earthquake disaster preparedness exercise, Cascadia Rising. And although the Peninsula Detachment continues to do everything possible to prepare, it will have limitations. Lt Wilder stressed the following safety considerations that we as individuals should consider. Safety of self, both at home and away, safety of one's residence, and safety at work – all are important to remember. He emphasized preparedness plans for individuals, structural design adjustments for residential buildings, and communications strategies for families and neighborhoods. And he reminded us that often, safety from crime can be improved by gathering together in groups for protection – safety in numbers. It was made clear to us that our theme "YOYO" – You're On Your Own – accurately describes our circumstances in a Catastrophic Event situation.

REPORTS

PEP-C Treasury Report for January 2017 was submitted in written form:

Balance as of: Dec. 1, 2016 \$1,605.39

No Activity

Balance as of: Dec. 31, 2016 \$1,605.39

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

A number of classes that are scheduled for the near future were presented. Details will be posted on the PEP-C Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PEPCGigHarbor) or you can get more information from the contact person listed below.

- Disaster First Aid – Saturday, January 28 - Chapel Hill Presbyterian 8:30 – 5, Details and registration at www.piercecountywa.org/PREPARE and select Preparedness Academy: Disaster First Aid. This class will be offered again later in the year on October 28, at the same location.
- First aid/CPR -2 classes taught at KP Lutheran Church by Mike Maroney (for details, contact Mike at 253-820-1020, maroney@montana.com)
- Basic CERT on Fox Island taught by Steven Bailey, full-day class on 4 Saturdays in a row. If you are interested, contact Abby Schofield (253-303-0141, aschfield@yahoo.com) to arrange for this class to be given.
- Basic CERT in Kitsap County - Contact Mike Maroney (253-820-1020, maroney@montana.com)
- Entry Level HAM Radio classes will meet once a week at the Gig Harbor Four Square Church, on Thursday evenings, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm for 10 weeks, starting January 12. Details and sign up at www.harborworship.com/hamradio

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- Disaster Phone List – No report available at this time.
- Training Committee – Disaster First Aid dates & location finalized; see above.
- Grants Committee – no report at this time; Curt Scott announced that commercial businesses will be contacted to see if they would be will to give a small donation. (These companies will also be asked if they would be interested in participating in the PEP-C EP Fair on Sep 30, or if they could provide a speaker for one of our General Meetings.)

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

- Advertising – Tom Smith reminded us that PEP-C has the display area at the Gig Harbor Library booked for April and September of this year. The plan is to display the contents of an emergency preparation kit. There was also discussion of creation of a poster advertising the EP Fair, which could also be displayed on the library bulletin board in the entry and used elsewhere for publicizing the fair. Curt will see if a poster might be able to be created by art students in one of the Peninsula high schools. Tom reported that the Kitsap Library also had space for a display and poster.
- PEP-C Membership List - Virginia Guilford, Co-Secretary, requested an OK for a quarterly email distribution of the PEP-C membership list. Verbal approval was given.
- Don Lee stated that State of Washington and IRS registrations are due. Curt Scott, chair, agreed to be responsible for submitting these.
- Curt Scott brought up the need for a PEP-C History to be created to document its activities over the past 40 plus years.
 - Curt asked for someone to be in charge of the PEP-C History Project was requested, but no volunteer was available at this time.
 - Angela Lindsay mentioned that the last 8 years of minutes had been archived, and that paper versions of earlier minutes were available.
 - Jane Olive volunteered to work with Dave Watson to capture his personal recollections of PEP-C events that he had participated in.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:30 AM

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and agreed by all in attendance.

Next Meeting:
February 8, 2017
General Meeting: 10:00 a.m.
EP Fair Planning Meeting: immediately after the General Meeting
Location: District 5 Fire & Medic One, at
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Conference Room – follow the signs
