

PENINSULA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COALITION

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Minutes for - Wednesday March 8, 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
Bob Grimes – PEP-C Board Member
Cordell Vail – PEP-C Member
Clayton Braun, Lt Col, WA National Guard
Curt Scott – PEP-C Chair
Dave Allen – PEP-C Board Member
Don Reynolds – PEP-C Member
Eric Watson – GH Fire & Medic One, PEP-C Member
Gabe Moaalii – Tacoma-PC Health Department
Jane Olive – PEP-C Member, Westbridge Community
Jennifer Chushcoff – PEP-C Member
Jim Bellamy – Pen Light, PEP-C Member
Joan Hymas – PEP-C Board Member
John Thomson – PEP-C Member

Matthew Wolman – Tacoma-PC Health Department
Mike Hancock – PEP-C Member, PARET
Peggy Gablehouse – PEP-C Member
Ray Gross – Fed Way DEM, PEP-C Member
Ray Kittelberger – FICRA, PEP-C Member
Rob Dubinski – PEP-C Member
Ronni Wight – PEP-C Member
Sara Hoover – Peninsula School Dist, PEP-C Member
Steve Rees – PEP-C Member
Susan Beck – PEP-C Member
Thomas Smith - Burley Radio Club/ PARET
Virginia Guilford – PEP-C Co Secretary
Wayne Lopez – PEP-C Member

GENERAL MEETING CONVENED:

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

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

Treasurer's Report showing no change from the previous month was approved.

Balance as of: 2/1/17	\$ 1,605.39
Deposits from barrel sales	145.00
Payment Hostmonster – website	179.88
Payment Secretary State, annual	
Non-profit filing	10.00
Balance on hand: 2/28/17	\$1,535.51

REPORTS FROM TEAMS

- Information Team – Pamphlets & brochures stored in the basement of Fire Dist 5 HQ was sorted and organized by Abby Schofield & Joan Hymas. Abby noted that 2 large banners are missing (one says “PEP-C.org”, the other says, “Got Water?”). Anyone who knows where these banners are should contact Abby or Joan. Joan Hymas and other members manned a PEP-C table at the Health & Safety Fair on Mar 4.
- Training Team – A meeting of the Training Team with Peggy Lovell-Ford of the Pierce County DEM to review training issues is planned for Friday, Mar 17, time and place to be determined.
- Materials Team – Peggy Gablehouse and other members of the Materials team are working on identifying possible brochures and other items to be used as give-aways at fairs and other events.

GUEST SPEAKER – LT COL CLAYTON BRAUN, WASHINGTON STATE NATIONAL GUARD:

Lt Col Braun gave a detailed presentation in which he outlined our risks from a Cascadia Subduction Zone major earthquake event and showed what the Washington State National Guard response would be. He reviewed FEMA’s HITRAC study that explored the effects of a M9.0 earthquake with ground shaking up to 5 minutes. HITRAC’s model imagined an event that would occur on February 6, at 9:41am PST, on a weekday. This model therefore assumed a situation with kids in school, parents at work and assumed a time of year when there would be heavy rains, with saturated soils. Lt Col Braun showed how the Washington National Guard has used the HITRAC model’s assumptions about the impact of this kind of event to plan for the kind of rescue and evacuation that would likely be required. For example, assuming that impacted hospitals would have at least 15,000 patients and senior living facilities would have another 65,000 individuals, the National Guard is aware that there would be 80,000 or more individuals who would need immediate evacuation – and this does not include any of those who might be injured in the event. The model also addresses the likely availability of roads and airports for delivering relief supplies, and considers the impact of an event of this sort on communications and utilities. Through the use of models such as HITRAC, and practice exercises such as last year’s Cascadia Rising drill, the National Guard continues to learn more about the impact of a major Cascadia Subduction Zone event and what their response would ideally be. Lt Col Braun emphasized that the National Guard and other military response could not solve all of the issues arising from a major earthquake – but he described how plans are in place to activate their response as soon as a major event occurs, with rapid assessment and bases established in each of the 6 affected regions. The recurring themes from the assessments that have been made are:

1. Pre-Planning is critical. Planning has been going on for the past 4 years, but extensive plans are continuing to be put in place, with a goal of establishing major goals by 2021 at the time of a second Cascadia Rising exercise;
2. Partnerships are huge – a long history of collaboration is needed. Federal, State, Tribal and Local partners need to know each other, and work together;
3. This level of disaster requires a “Push” response – not the old-style “Pull”-type response which waits for requests for help.

The major conclusion is that state and local governments are not yet prepared and citizens are not yet prepared. Lt Col Braun’s complete presentation will be made available on the PEP-C Facebook and Twitter pages.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ronni Wight confirmed that she has resigned her Board Membership position. PEP-C thanks Ronni for her service to the group.
- An update from Mountain House (a maker of food supply kits) was distributed – this confirms that their products are expected to “still taste good” after as long as 30 years. The labels of the newer products have been updated to show this longer shelf life, but consumers should know that even older Mountain House products have always had this long shelf life, even if they were not so marked. For information visit www.MountainHouse.com/faq
- Curt Scott took interested members on a tour of the Gig Harbor high school where the EP Fair will be held later this year, on Sep 30, 2017.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:30 AM

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

Next Meeting:
April 12, 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
