



Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee

June 1, 2021 – 10:30am
1011 E. Ainsworth St., Pasco

MEETING AGENDA
Minutes in RED Text

1) Call to Order – 10:34 a.m.

- a) Matthew Milbauer – Franklin LEPC, Chair
- b) Sean Davis – Franklin County EM, Director

2) Round the Room Introductions – Sean gave a summary of why we are here

3) Approval of March 02, 2021 Minutes – Mary Ebbers moved for approval of minutes, Russ Shidler 2nd motion. Motion Carried

4) New Business

a) 2021 VIRTUAL LEPC and HAZMAT Conferences from April 6th – Recap fairly well-attended. They asked for a survey on how it went. So far 55 people have taken the survey. Hopefully next year will be in-person.

i) EMD - Susan Forsythe, Kim Mask or Sean Davis

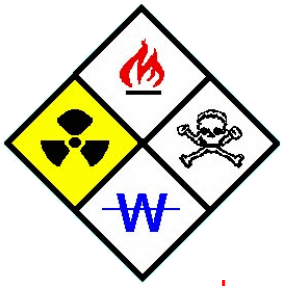
ii) High level view of the Conference evaluation results so far:

- Out of approximately 175 attendees, 55 have completed the evaluation.
- Results from specifically asked questions about the satisfaction of the overall conference, presentation delivery, and registration were rated from 1-5 with the average results being 4.4.
- The most attended presentations were Custer Train Derailment (26), Emerging Threats (25) and LEPCs-A Resource for Disasters (22)
- The majority of those who attended found it useful to have the presentations available (47-yes, 8-no)
- Moving forward to next year, 36 would be interested in a virtual option, 17 might be, and 2 were not interested.
- 42 out of the 55 did not experience technical issues.
- 53 out of 55 felt their learning objective was met.

b) NWS Summer Weather Outlook

i) Marc Austin, NWS Pendleton

Weather is important during an incident. We had a warm season/summer outlook about a week ago and Sean invited Marc to come over and present. Things that we typically expect that are hazardous during the summer. Thunderstorms may happen as our weather changes. This weekend, for example, a front will be coming through and we may get some rain and thundershowers. Usually this is in May/June. We have no idea seasonally what kind of weather we are going to



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have, instead we will have an idea a couple of days ahead of time. We are primed to get into triple digits in the next couple of days. We had historically dry March and April. We are set up to have a dry/hot couple of days which can be trouble for fires. The current drought condition: we are in extreme drought and severe drought as of last week. Unfortunately, it looks like we aren't going to get any rain here soon humidity-wise. This could help spread a wildfire. Fire season outlook: they have a 7-day significant fire potential spreadsheet that is updated daily. This week we are looking at hot/dry and windy conditions so wildfire conditions would be elevated. Talked about the difference between la Niña and la niña weather patterns. No doubt we are going to see some severe weather this summer due to the dry-heat and winds. The fuels are super dry. But we are looking at going back into a la niña winter, hopefully bringing back some moisture to our area. We have some safety resources:

<https://www.weather.gov/wrn/summer-safety>

We are also involved in our communities, if you have an event you would like us to be involved in, please reach out and contact us.

Q: The area you cover is?

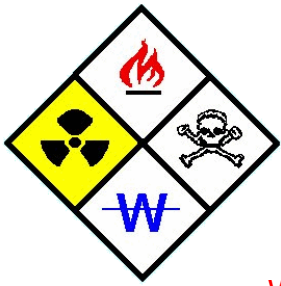
A: We go up to Connell, to the Blue Mountains, and then the east side of Snoqualmie.

FCEM – we get regular updates during the winter to avoid transportation issues. They provide a lot of information to us, news reporters, etc.

c) BFHD and COVID-19 Response, Status and Q&A

i) Rick Dawson, BFHD Incident Commander

COVID has been dominating our lives for the last 16 months. It's taken a toll on our agency and our community. Cases of COVID are plummeting and still going down. Hospitalizations are a little up as of this morning. We are only supposed to have 5 hospitalizations and we are at 6.2 over the last 7 days. In November, we were seeing 80 people in the hospital with COVID. We are now seeing weeks without COVID-related deaths. In Franklin County, we've had 109 deaths. Benton County had about 220 deaths. We are concerned about our 15-19 year old community members that have risk-taking behaviors. Our 5-14 year olds are on a rise as well. That's a population that can't be vaccinated. 3 ft. distance has made a difference in our schools. Vaccination standpoint: In Franklin County, about 41% of our eligible population has been vaccinated. BFHD has been having pop-up vaccination clinics on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays to accommodate those that need to work on weekdays. Benton County Fairgrounds vaccine site closed last Friday. Masking policies have changed. If you see people without masks on, please leave them be. You will see a few breakouts here and there, but that's normal and they are pretty minor. The Johnson and Johnson is only about 62% of being effective from preventing illness. Vaccine reactions have varied.



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We will be working at the CBC-west site doing vaccines Monday-Wednesday-Friday and other pharmacies will be having the vaccines regularly. We have contacted a firm (Columbia Safety) that will do pop-up vaccinations 5-days a week. There will be a huge push in the next few weeks so everyone has an opportunity to be vaccinated. We will be opening June 30th. As a health district, we don't know what that looks like or what that means.

Q: How can the health district change the matrix on the website?

A: We were using a tableau website. Puts up the dashboard that is similar to the State's. We used to have a heat-map but it wasn't working right most of the time.

C: It's been interesting seeing updates from the County to see where the vaccination sites have been compared to the weather. We were trying to update regarding wind so you wouldn't lose your tents.

Sean – one of our biggest assets to help fight fires is the National Guard. What's cool is that the test sites/ vaccine sites across the state has been crewed by the National Guard. They have been here with multiple crews, helping second harvest, vaccine sites, and testing sites this whole time. Even during last year's fire season.

Q: What does the marketing look like for pop ups?

A: We mainly do it through the radio and social media/website. We are also working with the state to market those ages 16-30. We are working on tiktok campaigns.

Q: What have been your struggles?

A: accessibility of the vaccines. It took a long time to get the vaccines. Reaching out to the various populations, especially the working population. The popup clinics have really helped. Pfizer – 12 and up, and J&J (for the 1 dose people) are available at popup clinics

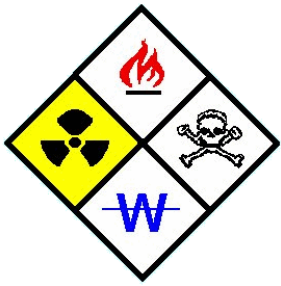
Q: Boosters?

A: Pfizer and Moderna are talking about boosters, but it hasn't had a chance to be long-term. So we don't know yet.

d) WA State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Report

i) Deputy Chief Reid

The SERC brings a lot of the local groups together. The biggest things we are working on is updating our strategic planning. There has been a shortfall in funding to ensure we have HAZMAT training. We have been working with LEPCs that haven't been able to meet together and helping them find a way to meet as we are mandated to meet together. FC submitted its HAZMAT



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plan recently. Chief Reid is the Chairman right now. They are changing the response model in the Tri-Cities. We changed this because there has been a huge decline in spills/leaks requiring a full team response.

- e) Tier II Reporting / Spills & Leaks
 - i) BNSF – 04/27/2021 - 3 gallons hydraulic fluid in soil
- f) WA State Ecology
 - i) Diane Fowler reports that they are in the process of updating the EPCRA mobile app, so expect changes later this summer or early fall. Once the app is updated, users will see the new chemical hazard categories that we added to this year's Tier Two reporting.

5) Round Table discussion and Q&A

- a) Attendees
 - NWS – I was in touch with Steve Williams, talking about a DOE exercise. We had us do some weather stuff.
 - FCEM – Hanford had an exercise 05/20/2021. It was a smaller exercise, with limited off-site participation.
 - We have a full-scale exercise in August and October with Energy Northwest. As of now, we are doing them in-person.
 - FC Coronor's Office – we received our certification, belonging to the LEPC helped and our participation in exercises helped in that process.
 - Lourdes – we participated in the 05/202/2021 DOE exercise last week. Hanford participated very independently. Overall it well, it was a good learning experience.

6) Remaining 2021 LEPC Meeting Schedule – 10:30am

- a) September 7th
- b) December 7th

i) Next Meeting September 7, at 10:30am

7) Adjourn – 11:47 a.m.



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