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HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
MEETING # 109

Friday, December 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 321
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Attendees

Voting: Keith Kawaoka, Dept. of Health; Gerald Kosaki, Hawaii County LEPC; Alex Adams, Honolulu LEPC; Valerie Yontz, Public Health Studies, University of Hawaii; Jeff Kihune, Maui County LEPC; Albert Kauai, Kauai County LEPC; Thomas Matsuda, Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Branch; Tin Shing Chao, DLIR, OSHA Division

Non-Voting: Sharon Leonida, Adam Teekell, Dept. of Health, HEER Office; Robert Harter, City & County of Honolulu, DEM; Dean Lake, Kauai Fire Dept.; Eric Jansen, Tetra Tech; Bill Marhoffer, USCG, District 14; Chris Curatilo, Tetra Tech,

1. Keith called the meeting to order at 9:29 am.
 - 1.1 Introduction of Attendees.
 - 1.2 Revision to minutes from meeting #108. Gerald- 2.1.4 Axle, Alex – Take out Pictures on LEPC website. Approve minutes with changes, was moved by Gerald Kosaki, seconded by Alex Adams.
2. LEPC Updates:
 - 2.1 Hawaii County: Gerald Kosaki
 - 2.1.1 The LEPC meeting was held on December 5, 2017, thirteen members attended.
 - 2.1.2 Four personnel attended Continuing Challenge in early September, reports were submitted and reviewed at meeting. One of the attendees give his report and overview of the conference.
 - 2.1.3 Representative from Hawaii Gas spoke about the accident involving the over turned truck. He went over what happened and what caused a leak. Confirmed that fire department did the right thing. There was a complaint that fire personnel not using his PPE. Gerald did the investigation. If HIOSHA not satisfied with report, they would do their own. Twenty people interviewed, and report submitted. Gerald received a letter that report was accepted and case closed.

- 2.1.4 Department of Agriculture held exercise November 7, 2017. Similar to a table top. Pesticide incident near a school where the staff and students were affected. Different agencies were at the event. Discussed the different procedures in place and actions that would be taken in a real exercise or table top with more agencies involved in the future. Hazmat class for Hawaii and Oahu in 2018. Hawaii would like to have classes March 5 – 16, for Chemistry and April 16 – 27 for Tactical. Talked to Harold about funding from HMEP.
 - 2.1.5 Hawaii county waiting for revisions of their Emergency Response Plan from Tetra Tech. Need the final plans, so it can be approved by Corp Counsel. Bill Marhoffer asked about PPE complaint, Gerald explained that personnel were not in ‘hot zone’. In an area where it was safe to remove equipment.
- 2.2 Kauai County: Albert Kauai – Kauai Fire Department
- 2.2.1 Last LEPC meeting was November 13, 2017, thirteen members attended. Next meeting February 5, 2018.
 - 2.2.2 Discussed By-laws, membership voting, quorum requirements.
 - 2.2.3 October 4, 2017 table top with department of Agriculture. Multi-agencies participated, the agencies liked the exercise. They would like to have another one. They had a chance to meet others and find out what their responsibilities were. Bill Arakaki from DOE Kauai attended. He was very supportive.
 - 2.2.4 Albert and a Hazmat captain attended the Fire Show West in Reno, November 6 – 9. Did a presentation at the LEPC. Fire personnel from C company looked at HEER website, at the guidance manual. There was old information from 2008. Sharon explained that new information was given to HISO, Dept. of Health Computer Section. The new data was not put on, Marsha from HEER Office now can input information on website and can do the updates. Brochure has also been updated. LEPC is considering having a website. Gerald and Bob give examples of how their websites are under the counties. There is no cost to the LEPC. No incidents.
- 2.3 Maui County: Jeff Kihune - Maui Fire Department
- 2.3.1 LEPC meeting was on September 27, 2017. Next meeting January 10, 2018.
 - 2.3.2 Emergency Response Plan being updated, now at Corporation Council being reviewed. Website for LEPC is being worked on by Anna at the Emergency Management Department of the county. Adoption of the Rules and Regulation for the LEPC is pending. It was sent to Corp. Council also. Jeff got Honolulu’s LEPC by laws and amended them. We can ask EPA for guidance after by laws adopted.
 - 2.3.3 Three different types of training. Pesticide Initiative from Tom Matsuda, Jeff thanked them, everyone was very appreciative, it went well. Propane training from Hawaii Gas and two fire personnel went to Oklahoma City to take Tom Bergman’s Advance CAMEO instructor course

2.3.4 In October there was a leaking propane tank at Home Depot, Gas Company transferred product to another tank. December 9, Gas Company provided a "Response Kit" used to transfer product from tank to tank, now on Hazmat truck.

October had a 55-gallon abandon drum by Kahului at the harbor. It was a fourth full, tested negative for PCBs. Secured drum and made notification. Propane leak on a fork lift, Adam was the OSC. Ventilated and turned off valves, made sure it was secured

November, someone drilling holes in gas tanks to get gas.

Leaking sewer line, worked with Public Works to locate, and they took care of it.

Propane leak from underground line damaged by excavator in Wailuku. Stopped leak and notified Hawaii Gas.

November, two abandoned oil containers, five gallons each in Haiku. Tested for PCBs, negative, secured and notified.

Keith asked if the HEER Office website had a link to the LEPC's websites. NO, we would need to get someone to work on that. Harold stated that we do the content management for our website. Get the correct information to put the links on.

2.4 Honolulu City & County: Alex Adams

- 2.4.1 LEPC meeting was December 12, 2017, 36 attendees, next meeting March 20, 2018.
- 2.4.2 Went over last HSERC meeting.
- 2.4.3 Alex attended "Incident Response and Terrorism Bombing Class" in New Mexico. It was a three-day class open to all responders, EMS, police, fire. Many things blown up, they got to see the before and after effects. Had an example of suicide bombers. Manikin with C-4 was used to demonstrate.
- 2.4.4 Special Hazmat exercise only for Hazmat units. Three platoons involved in a three-day training. Chief brought in instructors, two from New York, one from another state. They ran the scenarios and evaluated the platoons. Workshop on Rad – Nuclear Detonation, Keith and Bob attended. It was a three-day course. First day was at Diamond Head, two days at CST in Kapolei. Good information, Alex explained about phone app, RAD Responder. Information, RAD readings put on a map and everyone involved with situation can see what has occurred.
- 2.4.5 Hazmat units helped at the Honolulu Marathon. Did sweeps at the starting point and finish line of event. Other agencies included, CST, police, TSA canine units. Fire started operations at 11 pm until 10:00 am next morning.
- Two site visits, one was the Ala Moana Waste Water Pump Station to do a pre-plan. They have several underground Diesel tanks for the generators. Revisited the Patisserie in Waihona, there was an incident two weeks before. They have two – two thousand gallon LPG tanks, junks around tanks. Alex spoke to sub lease tenant to clean out area.
- Captain Darr gave a presentation on Continuing Challenge, six fire personnel attended training in September.
- Bob gave briefing on Hawaii Ice, HIOSHA violations.
- Coast Guard gave update on quarterly incidents.

CLEAN, Campbell Local Emergency Action Network held a meeting. They are planning a table top exercise for the park in early 2018. First planning meeting was held in November 2017.

LEPC, HFD, Gas Company held a meeting, would like to jointly put on a class. This would be for "Pipeline Emergency Response and Hazmat Street Smart". They are working with Mike Callen, a recognized instructor. Classes will be available to all counties. Possible date is for June 2018. They will be contacting counties to see if they can attend. Planning to run for four days, first two days would be the same, second part would be on days three and four.

Bill Marhoffer announced that the Coast Guard will give a briefing on salvage and disposal of Pacific Paradise boat incident. It will be at the February meeting of HOST, Hawaii Ocean Safety Team at Sand Island. Tin Shing stated that Hawaiian Ice is contesting their citation. January 1, 2018, the penalty structure for HIOSHA goes up. It will be in line with the Federal. Go to website for more information. They are also adopting new standards; this is going through Small Business Review Board. They have more cases, not enough staff. Bob has a handout for the Hawaiian Ice citations. Website has listing for quick pick information.

3. Update on Interagency Pesticide Initiative: Tom Matsuda, Chris Curatilo
Tom thanked the LEPC representatives for hosting the presentations that had been done to prepare for future table top. Chris Curatilo from Tetra Tech did the presentation. Under the "Hawaii Joint Fact Finding Study Group", one of the recommendations was to look at the 'Rapid Response Protocol'. Chris explained how they came up with the workshop first idea. After the event, attendees ask to fill out evaluation forms and they did a hot wash. Information collected is forming the After-Action Report. This should be completed before the end of the year. One of the goals was to see where the Department of Agriculture would fit in. How can they support a response, who are the other stake holders? There is a need to gather information and procedures that would be used. Try to make this a learning environment. See if there are differences in counties and identify what agencies are involved. There are usually back ground activities going on at an incident. The responders need to know what agencies are there and what kind of help is available. Chris explained the slides, object of workshop and scenarios. All counties had a workshop, there were three different sections. He explained what they were and how it was handled.
Different agencies have useful information, example of the Poison Control Agency that the state contracts with, is in Colorado. The EOC in each county did a great job. The exercise with multi-agencies are valuable. The networking allows agencies to get a better idea of what and how other agencies do their jobs and operating procedures. Many recommendations were that more of these types of events should be held. There were a few agencies not there. There was only one DOE representative from Oahu. They should be asked to come.
Everyone agreed to a "Unified Command" approach. He went over quickly, trends, prevention, outreach.
The most incidents were from homeowners, not agricultural businesses.

Agencies should have more than one person at the meeting, more people better understanding of how things work. The next step is to have a full table top exercise. Chris emphasized that networking was the best thing that happened at the meetings. Valuable information exchanged between people. Within several weeks will have the After-Action Report.

Tom mentioned that some chemical issues will be mentioned at the Legislature this coming session. Alex suggested more outreach to public, to better educate on the products. See Agriculture website for information.

4. DOE Updates on School Labs Clean Up: Sharon
Orasa Fernandez sent a power point presentation for the HSERC meeting. Sharon went over the slides. Showed number of schools inspected each year, breakdown of hazardous waste, non-hazardous waste and universal waste. How many pounds and cost for different years. Cost to date for the five base yards that held waste, and total cost of disposal.
Mark Brehens has inspected 245 schools in a three-year period. It is not clear if he had to go back and do another inspection when a school has had clean up done. At last HSERC questions about large amount of Universal Waste. The light bulbs in classrooms were being replaced. They were kept until one big shipment could be made. Total cost of this item to be disposed was \$97,809.36.
Discussion on how can we now move ahead to prevent schools from collecting any more waste. Teachers should not buy chemicals in large amounts. It results in having to do disposal of leftover chemicals later.
Gerald noticed this report for Oahu only. Is there report for other islands? Need to check.
5. Updates of Positions for EP&R Section – Adam Teekell
The position of OSC and Supervisor of the EP&R section will be released soon. Would anyone be interested?
6. HSERC Financial Report, Tier II Division of Funds and Increase of Fees for Tier II
Sharon apologized for the delay of checks from last year. New person in financial office, did not understand about Tier II program. Finally, was able to get checks to be sent out. Sharon explained about the small amount collected during Reporting Year 2015. People retired and Tier II reports not being done. Trying to get new people to do reports yearly. Went over expenses for LEPC meeting, NASTTPO, SERC yearly trip. Explained how dollar amount was reached for each county. LEPC must vote to accept the split, then the HSERC has to vote to release funds. LEPC accepted split and HSERC voted to release funds.
Notice of fee increase will be in Star Advertiser November 19 and December 10, 2017. Web page also has the notice and governors signing of fee increase, date that it takes effect.
Harold talked about the HMEP Grant, paying for the updating of the counties EOP Hazmat Annex Update.
7. Updates on Health Department: Keith Kawaoka

Keith explained about budget submittal for this year. Asking that things that are normally funded by federal funded now be funded by the state. Governor has not submitted this request yet to Legislature. Some items may be approved, but, not all. Word from EPA for next fiscal year, no large changes. For EPA things like infrastructure, roads, look favorable. Other programs hope to maintain what they have now.

Bob mentioned that as people retire from EPA, positions not being filled.

8. Future HSERC Meeting: Sharon Leonida

HEPEC/HACEM is a multi-agency meeting that has been held the same time as HSERC. Mark Want has one of the dates as February 8, 2018. Other dates not released. Sharon has reserved the meeting rooms at the Tax Building, 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 321, Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Parking is across the street at the Makai garage. Address is 530 Halekauwila Street. There is another state parking at 777 Punchbowl Street, behind the Court Building. This is across from Restaurant Row. Address and map will be sent out. Sharon is still checking for other meeting rooms. Use of parking passes explained.

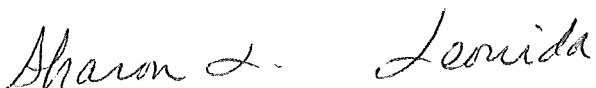
HSERC Meeting dates for 2018, March 16th, June 15th, September 21, and December 14.

9. Other Business:

Bill Marhoffer advised that FEMA and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency having a RAD – NUKE Response Workshop on Oahu around March 16. It has not been made official. First part of day is focusing on local and whose on island, first 72 hours' response. Second part identifies the resources needed for the off-island response, from the mainland. What is needed for long term response and recover assistance for Oahu and do sustainment for neighbor islands. National Response Team wants to revise how we manage our area contingency plan. Waited 7 ½ months to get approve to do survey with volunteers. Not out yet. Next week Hawaii Area Committee Meeting at CIC, December 20. Pacific States – British Columbia meeting in Portland, Oregon in June, 2018. National Response Team Preparedness Committee Training Sub Committee trying to finish LEPC Training Guidelines. Bob Harter gave a preview of what to expect. Bill Marhoffer give some historical information, December 15, 1976, tanker Argo Merchant ran aground twenty-five miles off Nantucket Island. December 21, after a storm and unsuccessful attempt to remove the oil, ship broke in half. Five million gallons of heavy fuel oil was released. That incident and others, lead congress to pass the Port and Tanker Safety Act. This gives the Coast Guard the authority to inspect any tank ship from any country, anywhere in US water. Expended their reach to check on ships that may cause possible environmental problems. This was Bill's first response in the active Coast Guard. His father was the initial state OSC.

10. Next HSERC Meeting: March 16, 2018. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,


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