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HAWAII STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION  
MEETING # 110

Friday, March 16, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 310  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Attendees

Voting: Keith Kawaoka, Dept. of Health; Gerald Kosaki, Hawaii County LEPC; Roy Catalani, Dept. of Transportation; Alex Adams, Honolulu LEPC; Valerie Yontz, Public Health Studies, University of Hawaii; Jeff Kihune, Maui County LEPC; Albert Kauai, Kauai County LEPC; John McHugh, Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Branch; Mark Want, Dept. of Business Economic Development of Tourism; Tin Shing Chao, Occupational Safety and Health Division, Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relation

Non-Voting: Sharon Leonida, Terry Corpus, Liz Galvez, Harold Lao, Dept. of Health, HEER Office; Victoria Matsumura, Dept. Of Agriculture, Eric Jensen, Tetra Tech; Patty Coleman, Navy; Chris Curatilo, Tetra Tech/PST; Gabe Nelson, NRC; Sonia Campbell, University of Hawaii;

1. Keith called the meeting to order at 9:18 am.

1.1 Introduction of Attendees.

1.2 Keith thanked Tin Shing for use of the room. Sharon explained the parking pass. Approval of minutes #109, Valerie motioned to accept, Gerald seconded the motion.

2. LEPC Updates:

2.1 Hawaii County: Gerald Kosaki

2.1.1 The LEPC meeting was held on March 8, 2018, seven members attended. Reviewed budget, discuss upcoming training. NASTTPO will be in April, LEPC chair and one member to attend.

2.1.2 FBI sponsored training at their headquarters in Kapolei, April 4 and 5. This is Improvised Explosive Devise Class. This is an 8-hour class, you can attend either day. Sending four (4) Hazmat fire personnel.

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Training sponsored by Smith Detection system on how to use their monitoring equipment. Dr, Chris Weber is conducting the 8-hour training. This will be on both East and West Hawaii Island. This company may be doing training for the whole state.

Civil Support Team, CST, conducting annual training April 8-13. It includes “lanes training” for Hazmat team, one day for a Table Top exercise, and a full-scale scenario in both East and West Hawaii. This involves use of the EOC, Emergency Operations Center, hospitals for decon drills, SRT for active shooter. Multi agencies involved, will be testing ‘Inter Operative Ability Communication System’.

- 2.1.3 Reviewed and approved supplemental budget for fire department for Hazmat suits. Fire department does not have a standard request in the budget for hazmat equipment or supplies. Supplemental budget had to be submitted because these are high priority and are reaching the ten-year limit of use. \$80,000 were allotted for Level A and B suits.

Gerald completed the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant for \$204,000.

This is for Hazmat Identification equipment and Gromit Detectors. The ID equipment is outdated, hopefully he will receive the grant.

Canberra, mini radiological meters, were sent in for repair. Company can no longer repair; fire department needs to buy new ones as they break. He will try to get funding for equipment.

- 2.1.4 Gerald will meet with Jason on March 29, concerning the Emergency Operations Plan, and Emergency Response Plan Revision. The draft will have to be approved by Civil Defense, Corp Counsel and Mayor. Plans will be made to have a Table Top Exercise to test the revisions.

Question if stake holders will have a chance to hear about plans.

Explanation that the plan is primarily for fire department, Civil Defense will check how other agencies may be involved.

Henry Silva submitted letter resigning as LEPC co-chair. No one has applied so far.

Tin Shing suggested a grant from Homeland Security. Gerald has investigated this, the closes year he can get his request on the list is for 2019. This is the backup plan.

## 2.2 Kauai County: Albert Kauai – Kauai Fire Department

- 2.2.1 Last LEPC meeting was February 5, 2018, fourteen members attended. Next meeting May 21, 2018.

- 2.2.2 Identified voting members, update on authorized purchases for fire department. The department did pay for some of the requested items. Updated the request.

- 2.2.3 Liz, Terry, personnel from State Lab and UH came to do training last week, March 5 – 9, with hazmat techs.

Dr. Chris Weber will be there April 5 and 6, for training on sampling and Smith Detection equipment.

Due to mis-communication, last year’s hazmat training classes cost was not submitted. Harold said to sent it in, Albert will mail documents.

- 2.2.4 Cylinder washed ashore, Adam was notified. Surfrider Organization was doing a major beach cleanup and took care of it.
- 2.3 Maui County: Jeff Kihune – LEPC Chair
- 2.3.1 LEPC meeting was on January 10, 2018, seven members, no quorum. Could not discuss voting items, it was deferred to the next meeting. Next meeting is April 12, 2018.
  - 2.3.2 Maui’s EOP plans still at Corp Counsel, as well as the By Laws for LEPC. New person helping with budget was assigned by the fire chief. He met with her and has a more updated and specific budget.
  - 2.3.3 Committee has approved a Haz Mat Program under the IAFF, International Association of Fire Fighters, to pay for membership and have classes. Department trying to adopt the IAFF program. This is a pro board certification program. This would go towards the Hazmat First Responders Course. They would be able to do Hazmat Technicians classes under this program. Jeff has spoken to a representative and cost to hold the class would be \$23,000 for a board-certified instructor. The fire department was also trying to get this program. They will be trying to go with the fire department and see if they can establish a Hazmat Pro Program. The department is currently using California Institute of Specialized Training, CAIST, program. There are five people who instruct the class. They just found out that the program does not have pro board certification at this time. The last seven years, all classes that the fire department had are all pro board certified. Trying to stay consistent.
  - 2.3.4 Jeff may not be able to attend NASTTPO due to family matters. He will try for the Houston mid-year meeting.
  - 2.3.5 January 10, spill at gas station, 10 gallons, on the 14<sup>th</sup>, oil spill on road. It was 300 ft. x 2 ft. wide. No responsible party found.  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, van leaking fuel, 5 gallons, temporality patched.  
During flash flooding, 200-gallon propane tank washed away from a home to the neighbors. It was leaking, due to flood they could only monitor it from a distance.  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 3gallon oil spill, no responsible party.
  - 2.3.6 February 5 -9, CST training. Also had confined space refresher training in the same month.
  - 2.3.7 Received AMG Grant to purchase new SCBA’s. MSA did fit testing for Hazmat Team.
- 2.4 Honolulu City & County: Alex Adams
- 2.4.1 Next LEPC meeting is March 20, this coming Tuesday. Gave a preview of what is being presented.  
Coast Guard has a presentation on Removal of Pacific Paradise. They also have a quarterly update of spills and incidents.
  - 2.4.2 Fire Department, Hawaii Gas, LEPC to bring a “Pipeline Safety Class” to Honolulu. Trying to plan it for April, may have to re-schedule it.  
We will have a speaker from the Hawaii Pipeline Safety Association.

Bob Harter at CLEAN, Campbell Local Emergency Action Network Hurricane Table Top Exercise.

Training from Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). They trained several people on Hazmat Awareness and Operations. It was a Train- the Trainor-Course. Alex explained there are several organizations that certify the fire department. Because of this, students must take two tests.

2.4.3 Hazmat team visited two sites for pre planning exercise. BEI at pier 32, there is a fifty foot, (50), Sodium Hydroxide tank. A chemical tanker truck is used to transport the chemical to the refineries once a day.

2.4.4 Hazmat Technician Class is coming up for Honolulu. Chemistry Class will be in March and April, hands-in-skills class will follow.

Both Alex and Bob attending NASTTPO in April.

CAMEO Training, also Smiths Detection offered training on their equipment.

FBI has upcoming training at their Kapolei facility.

Sample handout for Ammonia Safety Day on Maui, June 1, 2018.

Servico in Mapunapuna will have a Hydrogen Fueling Station for vehicles. The company will invite the fire department to see and inspect the facility.

Question about tank used to transport Sodium Hydroxide to refineries.

Mark asked about pipeline training. Mike Callen is the instructor, he is a recognized hazmat instructor. Alex will send out more information when the training is set.

3. Update on Interagency Pesticide Initiative: John McHugh, Chris Curatilo

Tom Matsuda retired, John McHugh is assuming his responsibilities. He explained about the amount of staff that was hired from beginning of January until week before HSERC. Mr. McHugh and Ms. Matsumura have been gathering information on what Mr. Matsuda was doing. They hope to get information from HSERC and Chris on this project.

Chris spoke about the report he gave at the last HSERC about the workshops that were held in each county. There is an **After-Action Report**, it is being reviewed. After it is signed, he will make it available. One of the lessons learned from the workshop was that there was a **wide diversity of responders** when you have an incident with the Department of Agriculture or Pesticide. A benefit is getting to meet the person that you would be talking to. Chris gave an example of how people get involved.

When the call is made, it would not be to 911. It would go to the Poison Control Center, EPA, hospitals, whoever could be involved. Lots of interest from people attending on what different agencies do for their jobs. Everyone agreed they would like to pursue this idea. Have a more ROBUST TABLE TOP or FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE in 2018. This would be held in each county. They would like to expand and have more agencies and organizations. They are in the process of determining the next step. Question about what position the person from the school system held. He was from a supervisor's office. There were other school officials at different meetings. They need to encourage more school

officials to attend the next planned event. Adam was the contact at the HEER Office.

Tin Shing gave information about phone app that his son and other volunteers had developed to help agriculture program. He suggested that people would volunteer to help with something like this. Gerald commented that the more information available brings more awareness.

Mr. McHugh gave a briefing on a report that the USGS released. Sampling was done on thirty-two (32), water sites on Oahu and Kauai. Analyzing found two hundred twenty-five (225), different pesticides and the break down products. The lab conducted 7250 different tests on samples. He gave the name of the chemicals and their uses. Information available on Dept. of Health, Dept. of Agriculture. This was a joint project and the USGS did the sampling.

4. HMEP Grant – Visit by Grant Representative: Harold Lao

Received call from DOT HMEP office. They would like to come and review how Hawaii administers the HMEP Grant. It would be sometime this summer. Harold will let everyone know when this happens. He may need help with paperwork. First time this happened to our office.

5. Update of Positions for EP&R Section: Harold and Liz

In the Process of Recruiting for the section head of Emergency Preparedness & Response and he is working on the position for the fourth OSC. The announcement for the Supervisor position will be out before the SOSCs position. Liz added they are waiting for approval from DHERD for the creation of that position. For supervisor position, waiting approval to announce for internal application.

6. LEPC Voting by Email – Items Discussed in Meetings: Sharon, LEPC

Gerald had asked about voting by email for LEPCs. Bill Jones from EPA was contacted. If this was in the LEPC by-laws, they could do it. HSERC could not endorse this or be involved. Bill advised to check with the state open meeting laws

Donald Amano was the staff attorney for the day. He advised that we, HSERC, LEPC, have public meetings, we need to make sure that everything is done at a meeting where the public can attend. A sample of a request that the OIP had made a decision on was handed out. Gerald asked what he should do to get this item okayed. Jeff advised him to put a notice in for a meeting, then hold the meeting. Mr. Amano did say that other states, because of their size, may have something in place to address the problem.

Tin Shing asked about how a person who would like to attend a meeting but cannot, due to disability. How can this be handled?

At the bottom of the agenda, there is a reference for services. Sharon would contact the Disability and Communication Access Board for help. Gerald will try to hold another meeting to get approval for NASTTPO.

7. Annual Unknown Sample of the Month Challenge - Winners for 2017: Liz, Sonia  
Sonia explained her position at UH and how she helped with training with the state Hazmat crews. Every month an unknown substance is sent to the Hazmat crews. The crews send back their answers or guesses. They explain what testing was done, how they got the answers. At the end of the year, Sonia adds up all the scores. And the winners are determined.

Liz added that the HEER Office has had a contract with UH for over ten years. This is the sixth year of this contest, she mentioned the previous winners from past years. Showed the forms that are used for testing. Talked about what some of the unknown samples were. Sonia gives extra points on how they figure out the substance.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Oahu, Hazmat 2, Capt. Darrell Hee, Shift A

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Oahu, Hazmat 1, Capt. Alex Adams, Shift B

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Hawaii, Makalei Station, Capt. Lyle Loyola, Shift C

8. Updates on Health Department: Keith Kawaoka

It is the middle of Legislature session. Just did the “cross over”. Environmental items, Underground storage tanks, Red Hill, cesspools on Big Island. Oxi Benzene, sun screen is harmful to coral reefs. For several years there has been a push to ban this product.

Because of the missile false alarm, all of the departments in the state should be going over their Emergency, Preparedness Plans and other plans that have not been reviewed for a while. New HIEMA administrator is retired Navy Capt. Thomas Travis. Mark gave HSERC some background information.

9. Other Business:

Tin Shing reminded HSERC that Act 126 was signed into law last year and took effect January 1, 2018. HIOSH fines have increased. During the summer they will be adopting upgraded standards. New record keeping already in place for reporting. Go to their website to check the new updates.

Alex asked about Hawaiian Ice case, it is being contested. Marco Polo citation was reduced from \$7000 to \$5000.

Sharon showed handout for Maui’s Ammonia Safety day, June 1, 2018. Planning for a Safety day for Oahu in 2019.

Liz requested that NRC give a presentation for the next HSERC.

Discussion about HSERC having to change the meeting dates because of a conflict with another committee meeting for members.

Motion to adjourn.

10. Next HSERC Meeting: June 15, 2018

Respectively Submitted,

Sharon L. Leonida, Environmental Health Specialist III

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