HMSC Safety Committee Meeting September 09, 2010

Present:
Randy Walker, Katie Marko, Kelly Corbett, Janet Webster, Dave Jacobsen, Rick Brown

Old Business:
Tsunami drill – Drill is still on for Wednesday October 13th. Announcement will be sent out by OSU requesting all agencies participate.

Janet Webster wanted to know if someone would check housing during the drill. Randy Walker confirmed that in the event of an actual evacuation the housing spaces would be checked and will plan to do so for this drill. Janet also asked if anyone was aware of the new guidance by the State Legislature on Tsunami alarms for the coast.

Need to confirm that Lincoln County Red Cross has been contacted to have their van and information there for the drill.

New Business:

Overspray – Randy got the MSDS on the product that was used and provided it to Occupational Health. There did not appear to be any ingredients of concern by the time it would have arrived in the HMSC parking areas.

Kelly reminded the committee that the insurance company was also paying for replacement windshield wipers for those whose wipers were damaged when they were run with overspray on the windows.

The committee was reminded that the overspray combined with light rain or fog made visibility dangerous for some affected cars and that persons should continue to work with the contractor’s insurance company to get this corrected.

Bike Rack at Library - Janet Webster let the committee know that the bike rack at the library that has blocked part of the sidewalk in the past has been relocated to clear access and still have bikes under some protection.

Use Caution if you open or close any valves or turn on or off any equipment – An incident occurred last week where a sea water supply valve critical to supplying SW to research projects was secured – but no one knows who closed the valve. Before any valves are opened or closed, breakers flipped on or equipment energized it is a best practice to make sure that this will not affect anyone, and in the case of electrical or mechanical equipment will not harm anyone. Also persons should not operate valves or switches that are not in their area of responsibility.