

HMSC Safety Committee
April 7, 2011

Present: Todd Cross, Dave Jacobson, Janet Webster, Randy Walker, Bill Hanshumaker, Rick Brown, Katie Marko, Itchung Cheung, Russell Haner, Kelly Corbett

Information Items:

- Bill reported briefly on the CERT Training he is doing. He'll bring the manual to the next meeting.
- Bill asked about natural gas shut off procedures. Randy says that we leave that to NW Natural Gas and would not touch it in a tsunami emergency. He will check with George on the official procedure. He'll also contact NW Natural Gas about the general shut-off and those at individual buildings to see if there are trip switches.
- Katie asked about progress on Marine Science Drive construction. Janet will check with Melissa at the city on the schedule and plan for finishing the current concrete cuts.
- Rick asked for clarification on the earthquake upgrades to OSU buildings and why the federal buildings that house OSU employees were not done. This was a restriction of the funding - state funds for state owned buildings. ODFW is completing an engineer's review of the ODFW building. EPA has decided that a fix is too expensive at this time. Randy will share the FEMA report on the OSU buildings with the committee. (It's included in this report: <http://hdl.handle.net/1957/19982>)
- Bill reported that we held one first aid training April 4th. Another is scheduled for April 19th. Tracey Crews is the contact. NOAA has had three sea safety sessions for those going out on NOAA cruises. OSU Extension has some sessions scheduled as well.
- Bill thought he read something about a recent Fire Inspection. Randy didn't know about it so will follow up.

HMSC Emergency Planning

Randy has drafted a plan for the OSU operations and the Director's staff is currently reviewing it.

Rick and Randy reported on the latest Lincoln County Emergency Planning Committee Meeting. The 211 system is now in place. This is a phone number for people looking for social services information. In the event of an emergency situation, the number can be used to learn about emergency response in your local area. Dean Sawyer reported that the City of Newport is moving ahead with the Ash Street improvement project in part as an evacuation route. They are also investigating local siren system. The City may possibly do some cleanup on the hill

(85' above sea level) so it can better accommodate a large number of people. The Committee is working with OCCC to get it officially designated as an evacuation site.

For those with NOAA weather radios, you need to check that they are correctly programmed. Also, the Midland brand is one that is recommended.

KYTE, 102.7 is the official radio station for broadcasting county information.

There is an initial conversation about continuation of services after an emergency.

Randy explained some about our standby power system. It stays up for then hours and supports critical infrastructure such as the seawater system and the ultracolds. Various generators also supply power. These are checked weekly. The HMSC Physical Plant documented how to deal with an extended power outage several years ago. These need to be reviewed. The ultracolds also need to be revisited so the staff now which are high priorities for maintaining at temperature.

The recent power outage was most likely caused by the PUD putting under-sized fuses when they switched power. There was a lack of communication.

We discussed expanding Tsunami Awareness Day to Safety Week. We could use it as a time to review procedures and priorities as well as for response training.

In the future, HMSC will follow the County's Emergency Response information. In that last tsunami event, NOAA was slow to downgrade from warning to alert.

Action Items:

- Bill will bring CERT materials to May meeting.
- Randy will check with George on the official procedure.
- Randy will contact NW Natural Gas about the general shut-off and those at individual buildings to see if there are trip switches.
- Janet will report back on Marine Science Drive project schedule.
- Randy will follow up on the recent Fire Inspection.
- Physical Plant will review the extended power outage procedure.