

HMSC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes – May 10, 2012 Meeting

Attending: Jim Lewis, Russell Haner, Bob Miller, Rick Brown, Janet Webster, Bill Hanshumaker, Carol Cole

First Aid/CPR Training

After considering availability of training, number of staff currently needing training, and rotation/turnover of staff, it was determined that once-a-quarter training would be best. First training should take place in late June 2012, when VC interns and REU students arrive. Training would likely take 6-8 hours, and possibly be held every quarter. Jim Lewis will follow-up on cost and availability of training from the Red Cross or an affiliated trainer, and scheduling would be coordinated with Bill Hanshumaker and Itchung Cheung. The fire department might be able to provide training dummies, if needed.

Fire Extinguisher Training

Janet Webster reported it a great success. Additional training has been requested, and Bob Miller will handle the scheduling. It was suggested the Wecoma might have some expiring extinguishers that could be used in this training.

Ship Training

The two-day survey training was completed two weeks ago. Currently available training for OSU grad students would be program-specific on-board safety orientations.

Lab Safety Training

Rick Brown will follow up with John Buzitis, NOAA/Safety & Environmental Compliance Officer, and Itchung Cheung about REU training. Bill Hanshumaker said that the SeaGrant summer scholars could best attend this training the week of June 25th. HMSC is expecting 36 interns for the summer. Some of the Facilities staff should have the training (Tony, James, Brent, Kay). General training could take place in the morning; more specialized training, in the afternoon.

Jim reported that he, Bob, and Kay have been invited to the HazMat training by DEQ at MOC-P on Friday. Russell will send out the link to the hazmat training site for DEQ (<http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/pubs/docs/hw/hwtraining.pdf>)

Emergency Buckets

Best use for these buckets would be for people remaining on site. There was brief discussion about backpacks, but no resolution. The East Wing meeting will take place on May 30th – we might see what issues are resolved at this meeting.

Tsunami Road Show

Received positive notices – good presentations, educational, and had a good turnout, at least in Toledo.

Confined Space Training for the Fire Department

This is to be training for the fire department volunteers, who will be working inside the tank, using their own personnel. This should be an annual training. Our protocol, if someone is incapacitated, is to call the fire department to handle the removal.

General Fire/Safety Information

South Beach Fire Station – staffed from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Waldport is staffed

Seal Rock is all-volunteer

Seal Rock/Bayshore – not staffed, personnel are at Seal Rock

HMSC/OSU and NOAA building alarms got to main campus – timing should be user-transparent.

ODFW, US Fish & Wildlife, EPA are on their own systems.

Batteries have been replaced in the AED units.

Jim has received the Halibut openers dates from Kelly, and will forward them the committee.

Discussion about the speed limit on OSU Drive – it's not posted. If we want a sign, the city will have to quantify the number of speeders. It was decided we go with the counters, and request speed limit signs on both exits from the bridge.

Jim has been tasked by George Boehlert to have a traffic study done for this campus. Following discussion about traffic by the back gate, it was agreed we go for the study.

Jim will ask Tim Gross, Newport Public Works, about striping the dots at the back entrance. It was also suggested the striping be extended.

Shelter-in-Place was discussed – re getting out of the building, in response to an internal event, or staying inside, in response to an external issue. NOAA requires an SIP drill every year; Rick will locate a NOAA video and send it around for viewing.

Rick and Russell are required to do a checklist for all spaces; they will provide copies to Jim for his review, and Rick will send out links to the forms. There was brief discussion about the fines levied for safety issues (e.g., refrigerator plugged into an extension cord).

Jim commented on the recent iodine spill, which involved a substance in a mislabeled bottle. MSD sheet was wrapped around the bottle, and was destroyed when the bottle broke. There has to be a standardized policy for labeling substances, location of lab documents detailing lab contents, and binders for MSD. Signage in general needs to be improved, and phone lists need to be kept current.