

October 13, 2011 Safety Committee Minutes

Members Present:

Katharine Marko, Todd Cross, Rick Brown Dave Jacobson, Russell Haner, Carol Cole, and Randy Walker

The main order of topic was the recently completed Tsunami evacuation drill to Safe Haven Hill on October 5th. All at the safety committee thought the drill was a great improvement over the previous drills. Maryann Bozza did an outstanding job of planning and executing the drill. It was noted that over 200 people from the HMSC and surrounding agencies attended the drill. In addition, Newport Police, the Newport Amateur Radio Club, Newport Police Reserve, and C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) all participated in the drill. The Newport Police sent out over 2600 Reverse 911 messages in the flood zone in 4.5 minutes. It was noted that Oregon Department of Transportation, the City of Newport, NOAA and HMSC are eager to see enhancements to Safe Haven Hill. Improvements may be better access, clearing the top of the hill and possible storage of emergency supplies at Safe Haven.

A need for evacuation of people with crutches was identified as a need, as well as other disability issues. These and other issues will be addressed in future drills.

Alternative evacuation routes were discussed, but Safe Haven Hill is the considered the best choice as the next closest evacuation destination is Oregon Coast Community College, and Carol Cole reported that it takes 20 minutes to walk there at a fast clip.

Rick Brown reported that Ann Byar has been replaced by Mihn Trihn.(SP) Randy Walker said that HMSC's ODEQ, NPDES permit requires training for folks that use the NOAA seawater disinfection system. Training will be coming to HMSC in the near future.