



Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition

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Minutes for Wednesday June 14, 2017

10:00 General Meeting

***Location: District 5 Fire & Medic One, at
10222 Bujacich Road NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332***

PEP-C MEETING / ATTENDEES*

Abby Schofield – PEP-C Treasurer, FICRA
Beth Allen – PEP-C Member
Byron O’Neal – new PEP-C Member
Cherie Grimes – PEP-C Member
Curt Scott – PEP-C Chair
Dave Allen – PEP-C Board Member
Dave Watson – PEP-C Vice Chair
Eric Watson – PEP-C Member
Hugh MacMillan – PEP-C Board Member
Jane Olive – PEP-C Member
Joan Hymas – PEP-C Board Member
John Thomson – PEP-C Member

Kathy Weymiller – PEP-C Member
Mike Hancock – PEP-C Member
Peggy Gablehouse – PEP-C Member
Ray Kittleberger
Robert Grimes – PEP-C Board Member
Ronni Wight – PEP-C Member
Sara Hoover – PEP-C Member
Steve Rees – PEP-C Member
Teri Hubbell – PEP-C Member
Thomas Smith - Burley Radio Club/ PARET
Virginia Guilford – PEP-C Secretary
Wayne Lopez – PEP-C Member

GENERAL MEETING CONVENED:

The meeting was convened by PEP-C Chair Curt Scott at 10:00 AM, and the pledge of allegiance was said.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes from previous meeting approved, seconded and accepted by all in attendance.

Treasurer’s Report for May, 2017 was read and approved.

Balance as of: 5/1/17 \$ 1,242.74

No activity

Balance on hand: 5/31/17 \$ 1,242.74

GUEST SPEAKER – LT COL CHRIS PANUSH, J3 AIR, WA MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Lt Col Chris Panush presented a discussion of the Cascadia Subduction Zone threat, and gave us the basics of the organization of the Washington Military Department and what its mission is in the event of a major earthquake event. In addition, he described the makeup of Geographic Task Force 5 (194th Wing), which is the group responsible for the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula area.

Lt Col Panush first described the types of effects that can be expected with an earthquake – 1) Mercalli Index shaking, 2) Liquefaction, 3) Landslides, and 4)Tsunami inundations. He explained that even with a *Mercalli Index*

magnitude 9.0 earthquake, the intensity of the shaking decreases with distance from the fault epicenter. So, while a Cascadia event might experience a magnitude 9.0 earthquake, areas further away from its epicenter, such as Seattle, might only experience a 7.0 magnitude. Lt Col Panush then explained that *liquefaction* is the cause of some of the most dramatic damage during an earthquake. Liquefaction potential is based on soil types and water content, and these susceptible areas can be identified prior to the event. *Landslides* may be widespread and may occur up to hundreds of miles from the fault, and could be more severe during the rainy season when the ground is waterlogged. *Tsunami* inundation will affect the areas along the Pacific Coast, with an expectation that as many as 50,000 residents might be affected, and possibly more during the summer months.

Lt Col Panush described the makeup of the Washington National Guard military support team – it includes about 8,000 citizen soldiers and airmen, of whom approximately 20% are full-time. Right now, when there is no emergency, they work to establish relationships with local people and organizations such as first-responders Red Cross, etc. And they encourage training and individual and family preparedness, and they assist the civil authorities in disaster planning. But in the event of an actual emergency, they would deploy liaison officers to our regions, and would connect Civil Authorities with resources from the Department of Defense, and would be in the local communities, working to promote recovery.

The notion of “Dual-Status Command” (DSC) was described and we were shown graphical representations of how, although both Federal Forces and State Forces might be involved, a single point of command would be used to direct recovery efforts. Reporting to the single DSC for Washington State would be all the specific geographic task forces, the functional task forces, and other forces. The single DSC allows for more efficient coordination and reduces overlap. The DSC has assigned the 194th Wing group to operate in support of Homeland Security Region 5, which includes Tacoma, and the JBLM military bases, as well as the Gig Harbor & Key Peninsula areas and all of Pierce County. They will coordinate with Title 10 forces, and will manage rescue and recovery efforts in the event of a disaster.

The main points stressed by Lt Col Panush are that, in the event of a Cascadia Subduction Zone mega-quake – 1) we should expect to survive, 2) we should expect to need to be self-sustaining until help arrives, and 3) we should expect to be isolated. But 4) we should be aware that the help that does come will primarily be airborne, making use of the Tacoma Narrows Airport and other airport facilities in the region. And 5) we should be confident that help *will* arrive eventually, even if it may take time.

Lt Col Panush explained that although their plans are being developed to function in a ‘worst-case’ scenario like a Cascadia Subduction Zone megaquake, the more likely scenarios would be more minor events such as floods, fires, and storms. However, even in these lesser events, the relationships are built, capabilities are shared, and connections are made. He states, *“If we plan for the worst, anything less will be easier”*.

OLD BUSINESS

- Training
 - A special Ham Radio class will be given by Hal Goodell at the Nichols Center on Fox Island on June 8-9, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. The Ham Radio Operator test will be given at the end of the class. Cost of the class is \$15; to register email Hal at: n7nw.hal@comcast.net
 - The ICS 100/200/700 class is being presented by Pierce County DEM on Wed Jun 21, and is also available to take anytime online from FEMA. See details on the PEP-C website.
- Web Site Updates – Updates have been made to several sections of www.pep-c.org, including the water barrel information page.
- Team Reports
 - Info Committee – the information committee is working on creating a schedule of future meetings to have available as a handout at the EP Fair, and Hugh MacMillan and Wayne Lopez made efforts to publicize PEP-C meetings and the EP Fair in local newspapers and Dave Allen is working on publicity on local radio station KGHP-FM, as well as on other radio/TV stations.
 - Materials Committee – Peggy Gablehouse reported that the Boys & Girls club has agreed to act as ‘runners’ for the EP Fair. She also reported that two types of badge-holders (clip-on and lanyard) have been purchased for use with PEP-C identification. Anyone who needs PEP-C identification should contact Peggy to get a badge holder (and lanyard, if required), and should contact Virginia Guilford for the template with name and

preparedness information they can print off and insert in the badge-holder.

- Training – Jane Olive reported that a meeting with Peggy Lovell-Ford is scheduled for later in June to arrange for ‘train-the-trainer’ training.

NEW BUSINESS

- The idea of a differently constitute Board of Directors was proposed – with the 4 officers automatically having a position on the board for their 1-year term, and the remaining 5 members having staggered, 3-year terms, with a quorum being newly specified as a simple majority of the board members, rather than 2/3 of the board, as previously specified. These changes were discussed, but no decision on adoption of this change was made.
- The proposed addition of 5 extra meetings, some in the evening and some on weekend afternoons, was discussed. This idea was generally approved.
- Publicity for the EP Fair was discussed, and there was a request to reprint more of the existing business cards. Virginia Guilford agreed to contact DPI to arrange for another 500 to be printed. In addition, new member Byron O’Neil will take responsibility for creating posters and flyers advertising the EP Fair.
- Curt Scott encourages all members to ‘bring a friend’ to our next general meeting on July 12

MEETING ADJOURNED

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The adjournment was moved, seconded and agreed by all in attendance.

Next Meeting:

July 12, 2017

Brief Board Meeting: 9:40 a.m. (open to the public, voting by board members only)

General Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

EP Fair Planning Meeting: immediately after the General Meeting

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