

Neighborhood Preparedness Meeting  
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Jan 20, 2010

Attendees: Elizabeth Andrews – Vineyards, Bob Hamlin – Jeff Co DEM, Keppie Keplinger – Jeff Co DEM, Deborah Stinson- So. Simms Bluff, Mike Fleming – North Beach, Owen Mulkey - Marrowstone Island, Dave Gaenicke - Hamilton Heights, Mary Pat Griswold – PT Bay Drive, Kathleen Hawn – Hill Street, Dan Nasman – Ocean Grove, Helen & Thad – Cape George, Joan Owen – Port Ludlow, Linda Smith –Morgan Hilltop-Sather, Elizabeth Van Dyke – Gardiner, Jeffrey Hartman – Kala Point.

Deborah Stinson – Moderator  
Jeffrey Hartman - Recorder

Agenda:

0940 – Deborah

- Welcome. Dennis Crawford on the road.
- Main program given by Bob Hamlin.
- Networking is the aim.
- What is Shelter in Place
- Will review the PT Water break
- New project by Keppie Keplinger

0943 – Self Introductions and status.

- Dave – Hamilton Heights. Did get the word on the water situation and notified their neighborhoods. Have about 4 block captains. Have budget for next year. Have a few generators.
- Dan – Ocean Grove. On Cape George Grove. About 70 homes. Good support from organization. Have purchased radios (FRS). Have a shed for emergency supplies at RV lot. Doing inventory of emergency supplies. Hooking up sanitary pumps to the emergency generators for power outages.
- Helen – Cape George. Working on Emergency call list. Thad – 640 lots. Own private water system. Training every year with first responders. Have ham radio. Getting word out is a challenge with the number of members. EPC has 8 people. Struggle with keeping people involved. Estimate that 70% of people are aware of the local program
- Mary Pat – Villas by the Sea. One nurse
- Tala Shores – One street neighborhood about 40 full time residents. Had a power outage for 14 hours this week. Everyone came out and walked the street. Had a cedar tree fall and went through a garage and owner not doing anything until insurance representative could review.
- Sather Park – Morgan hill. 30-40 households. Lost water supply during the local break. Need to get information to residents about how water system works. Had difficulty getting word out. Have a lot of supplies and equipment.
- Owen – Marrowstone. About 500 people divided up into five areas. Marrowstone Island Community services. People are pretty self-sufficient.
- Kathleen – Lower/Mid Castle Hill (By Safeway) 16 homes. Having difficulty with apathy of residents. Called the people with the word about the water break. Have no generators.

- Elizabeth – eighteen houses outside Kala Point. Have some homes with wired generators. Do check on neighbors.
- Elizabeth – Gardiner. 225 homes. SERC based. Sister community at Gardiner Point has 80 people trained in SERC. Good training programs. Have emergency supplies. Have a problem with power outages. Do neighborhood support of elderly.
- Bob Hamlin – DEM 30,000 souls. A lot of apathy. 2,500 families are interested or involved which is a good
- Jeffrey Hartman – Kala Point has long standing program but little interest on part of residents in getting involved. Hartman recently resigned as chair of EPC due to lack of interest on the Board and residents. First Aid, Utilities, and Emergency pet Management all in place and have supplies.
- Deborah – Neighborhood of about 8 homes. Have adjacent groups interested and planning joint MYN this spring/summer.
- Mike Fleming – North Beach. Monthly meetings for 10 years. Meet at the Fairgrounds. That's where the energy is. Big turnover in ownership. About 100 homes only 4 with children. County has backed out of North Beach Park and trying to get neighborhood to take over. Fort Warden is picking up the trash. Suggest don't have assigned people, have envelopes with emergency responsibilities. Call My Bluff has information. Safe House is critical.
- Jackie – Brinnon -16 areas. Have Ham operators. Likes to get Sitreps from DEM. Have only one road in and out so can be shut off. Have problem with "Won't happen here."

1022 – Bob Hamlin. How to make people aware and prepared?

- Cycle of interest.
- People are not prepared for 5-7 days of emergency supplies.
- Some are well prepared if they come from an area that has history of disasters.
- Some neighborhoods are really prepared but it takes resources.
- Keppie – retired from Public Relations with fire Dept. Working with Bob on getting "Outside the Box" in getting people aware or preparedness.

1029 – Shelter in Place

- Handout. Shelter in place is for the occurrence of a hazardous agent's release.
- It's better to stay in your home. You have communications. You have supplies. You are in familiar surroundings.
- How to? 1. Stay in home. 2. Close all windows and doors. 3. Turn off ventilation systems. 4. Have a safe room. 5. Don't go out until notified its safe.
- Indian Island – does not have bulk chemicals or nuclear materials.
- Large propane tank truck in an accident is most likely disaster.

Discussion – Communications is the biggest problem. Brinnon has challenges due to isolation and the amount of chemicals that transit through. Volcanoes are a possible disaster but we are not in the line of the ash cloud. Previous Navy spills not reported. This has changed completely (Bob Hamlin) Tankers going into Seattle are potentially hazardous. Owen from Marrowstone sent this link for

tracking marine traffic. [http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/default.aspx?mmsi=366557000&centerx=-123.7821&centery=48.22243&zoom=10&type\\_color=7](http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/default.aspx?mmsi=366557000&centerx=-123.7821&centery=48.22243&zoom=10&type_color=7)

- Training on treating animals injured by toxic materials would be of interest. Hazwopper course is requirement before volunteers can help with cleanup. (Hazardous Waste operational responder Training)

1050 - Water Main Break. Implications for neighborhood prep.

- (Deborah) Neighborhood organization was not notified. Does City know how to reach us? We met with City Manager. We told him how to reach us. We don't have a way to just target certain neighborhoods and will err on the side of too much information. Break was at the lowest point in the system. Worry about the system being contaminated was not likely. Homeowners whose water system was sucked dry (mostly Morgan Hill) should install a back flow preventer for the future, others should check to make sure they too have this device installed. This usually requires a plumber to do the work. Sucking out all water can potentially damage your hot water heater. Door to door is the best way to notify people.
- (Bob) What we found out (DEM). Water people at the break did not feel it was a problem. Happens every day. Key people were not available. City Manager did not find out about it until 4 pm. Break occurred at 0910 am. Brown water caused by sucking of the system triggered the "Boiling water" notice and closing restaurants. County Health Dept made the decision. Health Dept didn't pass the word adequately. DES looked at what to do. Looked at reverse 911 for passing word. Huge problem with overloading the system. Dialed in real time. Has to be answered. Each call may take over a minute. Sounds like a telemarker and people hang up. Bob wasn't in the loop and didn't get the word until after 1600. KIRO would have passed the word if they had known (DEM would have contacted). There were some significant communication errors made. Post-event briefings have been conducted to ensure DEM is notified much earlier during future events. DEM will notify Neighborhood Rep Coordinators to get the word out.
- Water Preparedness Fact Sheet handed out. (We're looking for good place to post documents/links online. Either Local 20/20 or DEM site will be used, watch for announcement.)
- REI has a water filter that will work on salt water and will remove diseases
- FM radio station KPTZ will be on line this year. Will cover mainly PT. KIRO FM (97.3) is currently a good resource.

1133 – (Keppie). A unique approach to getting people involved.

- How to get information out.
- Publish a cookbook on Disaster Recipes. DEM is looking for recipes. Send them to [kkpelinger@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:kkpelinger@co.jefferson.wa.us).
- Send E-mail to Keppie and she will provide info. Keppie looking for volunteers.
- Can we use this to spur interest in emergency preparedness?
- Mormon church has a lot of info on long-term food storage.
- Getemergenceprepared.com has great info on long-term food storage and how to read cans.
- NWEI has a program on local food production. For more info, contact Judy Alexander at [lightenup@olympus.net](mailto:lightenup@olympus.net) or 385-5794.

1155 – Bob - Earthquakes

- We are in highest category earthquake area (Cat 3)
- We are in an extremely dangerous area.
- Every 35 years have a magnitude 6 earthquake. We are overdue.
- Longer term preparedness.
- Hood Canal Bridge will be lost most likely.
- 9.0 would be chaos in this area.

- First Monday of every other month the Tsunami sirens are tested.

Next meeting – Date TBD (March) - Brainstorming on overcoming apathy towards preparedness.