Meeting Participants

- Herman Baertshiger, HB Company
- Gary Gnauck, Applegate Partnership
- Sara Rubrecht, Josephine County Emergency Management
- Charlie Phenix, citizen representative
- Brian Pike, GPDPS
- Jeff Gavlik, IV Fire
- Jenny Zeltvay, Josephine County Public Health
- Cody Zook, Josephine County GIS
- Neil Benson, JJLCG
- Bruce Bartow, Red Cross
- Paul Galloway, USFS
- Tim Gonzales, BLM
- Rick Dryer, ODF
- Phil Turnbull, Rural Metro Fire
- Charlie Chase, OSFM

Meeting Notes

Sub-Committee Updates

Fire Season

- Only 40 acres of ODF protected area burned this fire season, even though we had about the same number of fire starts. Overall, the total number of lightening strikes was lower this year, meaning that a higher number of the fires were human-caused. Conditions were pretty bad this season, but everyone did a great job and we didn’t have any major fires.

Emergency Management

- Congratulations to Kathy Lynn! Her baby girl, Aria Jean Lynn-Skov was born on October 17, 2006, at 10:21 AM. Kathy and Josh are doing very well and truly enjoying parenthood!
- Josephine County will be contracting with Resource Innovations to implement NIMS. The contract is for $20,000 (Homeland Security Grant Funds 2006) and involves rewriting the EOP and ICS training among other things. Kathy will be working with Charlie Phenix on ICS training. Charlie is working on reviving the Type III incident management team, and providing higher level ICS, JIC/JIS and MAC training. There is discussion about forming an informal steering committee for the project to set priorities and get political buy-in from administrators. Charlie is looking for instructor trainees if anyone is interested.

Risk Assessment

- Landfire is very close to being distributed. Gary will most likely attend training for the program the end of this month in Portland. Gary believes the training will help resolve some of the technical issues. There is still about $100,000 left from previous grant funds. This money will be used to validate (ground truth) the Landfire data. Landfire has done its own validation, but their purposes are different than ours. In order to see how effective the program will be, we need to validate our own data from the two county areas. When validation is done, we will know how successful the project was.
**ARE YOU PREPARED?**

**Fuels Reduction**

- Work has been completed in Wolf Creek. There is money left over from the project that will be redistributed. The Cathedral Hills project has also been completed. There is now a waiting list of more properties to be treated as money becomes available.

**Education & Outreach**

- The Josephine and Jackson County groups combined. Currently, they meet every few months. Most likely, either Brian Ballou from ODF or Joe Hyatt from Rural Metro Fire Department will chair the committee. The committee is currently looking at combining with the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Co-op.

- The Community Right to Know law tracks hazardous material throughout the county. The State Fire Marshal’s office puts this data on CD Rom and mails it out to interested parties. The OSFM Office is putting together an educational program to get more people to understand how valuable this information is. The OSFM Office will interface with the Emergency Management Board, and then hopefully with the Education and Outreach Committee. More information to come…

**Special Needs Committee**

- Connie Saldaña is now working at the state level on special needs issues. Jenny Zeltvay is chairing the Josephine County Special Needs Committee. Carol Knapp, from Jackson County Public Health is chairing the Jackson County Special Needs Committee. Beth DePew coordinates the regional quarterly meetings.

- The Emergency Transportation MOU was not signed by the committee. The Josephine County Legal department made some substantial changes that were unacceptable to committee members. Instead, the MOU will be re-written more like what ODF and USFS use. Laidlaw and District 7 will let the county know how much their services cost. We will agree that if the county uses their services, we will be billed accordingly. In addition, we will reference the emergency transportation plan that was written by the committee. Jenny will be working on this issue with the legal department over the next month or so.

**Grants**

- Several grants have been submitted to the Western Fire Managers. One grant application is to facilitate the formation and structuring of a local fire prevention team. Another deals with marketing for education and outreach. Another local grant is being put together to develop and print materials about fire prevention and defensible space for the special needs populations in Josephine and Jackson Counties.

- The Josephine Jackson Local Coordinating Group (JJLCG) is hosting a grant workshop on January 10, 2007. The workshop will be about National Fire Plan grants: what’s new this year, tips for application, etc. Contact Jim Wolf for more information jamesawolf@gmail.com.

**Stewardship**

- The stewardship committee held a public meeting in the Illinois Valley to talk about the new Rough and Ready Co-Gen plant that is to be built. The citizens had concerns about noise pollution, air pollution and more logging, among other things. The meeting allowed citizens a chance to ask questions and receive information.
Old Business

County Fire District Committee
Please see attached resolutions from the BCC regarding the formation of a Fire District Committee.

New Business

Child care for first responders
Cathy Justice from Southern Oregon Head Start brought information on a project currently under development. Head Start is interested in providing free emergency child care during declared disasters for first responders who need child care in order to respond to work. Many workers have child care set up during the day, but might not be able to respond at 2 a.m. because they don’t have someone to care for their children.

The project is currently in the needs assessment phase. Head Start has developed a survey to gather information about what the needs of the community are. The survey is attached to this email. Please forward the survey to anyone within your agency that is a first responder and may need child care under these circumstances. The more information we give to Head Start about our needs, the better the program will be. The surveys will need to be returned to Cathy ASAP (contact information at bottom of survey).

JCIFP Annual Report
The group decided to do a presentation of the 2006 annual report to the Josephine Jackson Local Coordinating Group (JLJCG) at their April meeting. The BCC, the media and other stakeholders will be invited to attend the update as well.