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MFSA Annual Drill with SeaRiver Maritime

MFSA joined forces with Exxon Mobil's SeaRiver Maritime for an MFSA first - a tabletop drill designed to simulate the transition of authority between the MFSA and a

Responsible Party or RP. For the purposes of this exercise, SeaRiver played the role of RP.

MFSA began the drill on September 29th at the Hilton in Vancouver, Washington, by conducting notifications and initial response activities. Day one included a transition of incoming assistance from O'Brien's Response Management, MFSA's contracted Spill Management Team, and then integration of the Responsible Party, the incoming North American Regional Response Team (NARRT) from SeaRiver Maritime (ExxonMobil). As the drill progressed, members of the initial response team worked with SeaRiver's NARRT to integrate the data that had been developed in play into their unique IAP (Incident Action Plan) software system engineered by The Response Group, and quickly blend in new team members, gradually allowing initial responders to be relieved.

The drill continued into September 30th, with an official Transfer of Authority at the incident briefing in the morning and the efforts of the integrated Spill Management Team of MFSA/O'Brien's/SeaRiver Maritime (ExxonMobil) and concluded with the development of a full Incident Action Plan (IAP). Several simulated press conferences and a town



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hall briefing were held .

The scenario included the simulated release of 50 barrels of IFO 380 near Caterpillar Island on the Columbia River. During the exercise the simulated command post was abuzz with activity from members of diverse organizations. Experts from all over the area participated



including: contractors from O'Brien's Response Management, CCS, NRC Environmental Services (NRCES), and the MFSA Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO), Clean Rivers Cooperative (CRC). MFSA F-PAAC agencies Vancouver Fire Department and Clark County Fire Dist. 6 as well as Kyle Munson as Agent from Transmarine Navigation. In addition there was tremendous participation from Oregon DEQ and the US Coast Guard—Sector Portland.

Due to budget cuts in the State of Washington, the Department of Ecology (ECY) was unable to participate in this year's exercise. To meet the regulatory requirements MFSA gathered experts from all over the response community to participate in the evaluation process.

The MFSA also conducted a VIP Tour, allowing several officials from Oregon DEQ to observe the happenings of a Command Post and response to a simulated release. The VIP tour included presentations from MFSA, SeaRiver Maritime and ExxonMobil as well as drill design and functionality.

Each year the MFSA uses its annual table top exercise to train staff, strengthen local partnerships, and test the Master Oil Spill Response Plan. The unique nature of this exercise allowed the MFSA to examine the Plan in new ways and bring back new tools for improvement.

MFSA would like to thank SeaRiver Maritime for their generous contribution to the 2009 exercise and their support in working together to maintain a constant level of preparedness on our river system.

Save the Date

The Merchants Exchange Board of Directors is Conducting
a Strategic Planning Workshop
at
The Port of Portland Commission Room
121 NW Everett Street
Portland Oregon

Mark your calendars for
January 22, 2010
8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
Lunch included (more details to follow)

The Merchants Exchange Board of Directors has undertaken the process of drafting a Multi Year Strategic Plan. The workshop will be used to share planning information with stakeholders and collect the critical input needed from the Maritime Community in order to steer the direction of the Exchange through the next several years.

Members and Stakeholders are encouraged to attend. To RSVP Please contact Robin Wright at wright@pdxmex.com

Port Security Grants for the Columbia-Willamette-Snake River System

The Columbia-Willamette-Snake River System "Consolidated System-Wide Risk Management, Mitigation, Trade Resumption, Resiliency, and Five-Year Prioritized Project Plan" was granted approved by FEMA effective October 30, 2009.

As the Fidiciary Agent the Merchants Exchange is now accepting completed Investment Justifications (IJJ) for Fiscal Year 2007 and 2008 projects.

For more information on how to apply, please e-mail to psgp@pdxmex.com.

FY07 and FY08 project IJ submissions must be received by **December 04, 2009**.

Merchants Exchange Scholarship Fund

Vacation Raffle

Win up to one full week at the resort of your choice!

**Tickets:
\$10 each
3 for \$25**

**Purchase tickets from
MEXSF Board members
at Industry Events.**

Proceeds from this raffle go to support the yearly scholarship given to a college student or students majoring in Marine

**Ticket Sales 10/19-12/20,
Drawing 12/22
Prize valued at \$1,500-2,000**

Canada - Canmore-Branff, AB; Cascade Lodge, BC; Sundance BC; The Canadian, Vancouver BC; Victoria BC.

California - Clear Lake; Windsor; San Francisco; Pismo Beach; Dolphin's Cove; Oceanside Harbor; Angels Camp; Bass Lake; Solvang; Big Bear; Palm Springs; Indio; San Diego

Washington - Birch Bay; Discovery Bay; Seattle at the Camlin; Lake Chelan; Leavenworth; Ocean Shores; Surfside Inn; Long Beach

Oregon - Seaside; Gleneden; Depoe Bay; Schooner Landing; Eagle Crest; Running Y Ranch

Louisiana - New Orleans Avenue Plaza

Hawaii - Kona; Kihei, Maui; Valley Isle, Maui

Nevada - Reno; Tahoe I, II, III; South Shore Lake Tahoe; Las Vegas & Spencer Street

Utah - Bear Lake; Wolf Creek; Midway; St George

Colorado - Steamboat Springs; Estes Park

Arizona - Bison Ranch; Pinetop; Rancho Vistoso

New Mexico - Santa Fe; Red River; Taos

Missouri - Lake of the Ozarks; Branson

Mexico - La Paloma; Coral Baja

Florida - Ocean Walk; Orlando

Idaho - Arrow Point; McCall

Montana - West Yellowstone

Texas - New Braunfels

Oklahoma - Grand Lake

Illinois - Galena

For more information contact:

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**More information on the scholarship can be found
at www.pdxmex.com/scholarship**



OFFICIAL RULES:

Tickets to be sold from 10/19/09-12/20/09. Drawing will be made on 12/22/09.. Merchants Exchange Scholarship Fund Board Members, Merchants Exchange Employees and their family members are not eligible to win. Prize does not include airfare or travel cost. Winner responsible for any taxes on prize.

Prize includes:

One week at chosen destination, with a credit value of a maximum of 8,000 credits. To choose destination, winner will consult with prize donor for availability and transfer. Winner to sign contract to maintain responsibility for damage to rental unit. More information on the prize available from www.worldmarkettheclub.com

**21ST ANNUAL
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING SPREE**

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 5TH
7:30AM-10:30AM**

K-MART

**12350 NE SANDY BLVD.
PORTLAND, OR 97230**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER OR
SPONSOR**

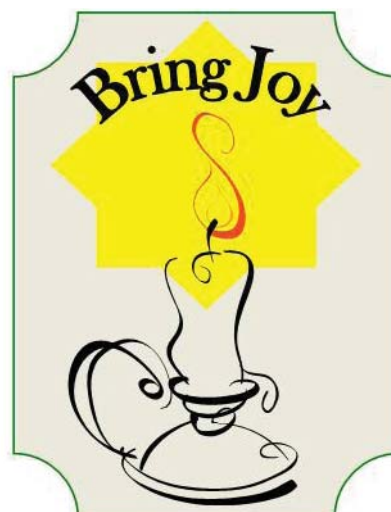
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PORTLAND SHIPPING CLUB**

Once a year we have a chance to make a difference. Your generous donation of time or dollars could benefit over fifty children living in shelters. This is the twenty-first year our Club and the Maritime community have assisted those parents and children who have limited options during the holiday season.

Sponsoring the Portland Shipping Club Spree ensures each child will receive Christmas gifts and be able to give gifts to their families. Last year we were able to bring joy to fifty-five children and their families.

Our sponsored children will be allocated \$75.00 each to spend on gifts for their families. The child will have a wish lists to assist with the gift shopping. In addition to the family gifts, an additional \$25.00 is allocated to purchase a surprise gift for the child to open on Christmas from Santa. This event couldn't

happen without Kmart's generous donation of the location, refreshments, employee time, and all of the gift wrapping supplies. This year we are encouraging volunteers to donate a few dollars as well. If all the volunteers give just \$5-10 it would have an impact on our \$7,500 goal. Please join us again for the most rewarding program of the year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PSC CHILDREN'S
CHARITY
SHOPPING
SPREE:
DECEMBER 5TH,
2009

OLD SALT
AWARD 2010- IN
CONJUNCTION
WITH PROP
WINTER EVENT-
SUBMISSIONS
START IN
JANUARY

OLD TIMERS'
NIGHT:
APRIL 1, 2010-
JAKE'S AT THE
GOVERNOR

MFSA FIRE/F-PAAC ANNUAL TRAINING EXERCISE

Seventy-four fire agency personnel participated in the MFSA/F-PAAC Annual Training. The Exercise was held September 19 at Cascade General.

The training was formatted as training stations, covering Strategy and Tactics; United States Coast Guard—Sector Portland; Foam Operations; Basic Hose Practices On Board Vessels; CO2 System/ Slice Tool/Petrogen Torch; Ship Plans Review and Communications. The training station format allowed attendees to participate in those areas of interest to them.



The MFSA Board of Directors, Members and F-PAAC wish to thank Cascade General for their generous contribution of their facility and vessels as well as Portland Fire & Rescue for the many hours of planning and personnel required to accomplish a very successful training.

www.mfsa.com

Propeller Club, Port of the Columbia River:

On August 18, the Propeller Club Board of Governors held their Annual Planning Meeting during which the 2009-2010 Calendar of Events was developed.

The October 27 membership meeting featured Dave Hunt, Executive Director of the Columbia River Channel Coalition and Oregon Speaker of the House, who presented the final phase of the Channel Deepening project, the opening phase of the Jetties rehabproject and recent state investments to improve port infrastructure on our river.



On December 15, Kristen Meira, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Government Relations Director, will present "Building for Tomorrow: Federal Investment in deep draft and inland Columbia Snake River System". The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided an opportunity for the Corps of Engineers to secure a tremendous amount of funding to address major maintenance projects on the Columbia Snake River System. As a result, new lock gates will be installed at John Day and Lower Monumental, and major repairs will take place at The Dalles. This will require an extended lock outage in late 2010 and early 2011. The Corps, shippers, farmers, and others are preparing for the lock outage, and PNWA will give you the latest on potential impacts the region, and efforts to deal with the short-term logistical challenges that will occur during the outage.

www.propellerclubcolumbiariver.co

4TH QUARTER MEMBERSHIP TRAINING

Tuesday, December, 1, 2009
at 8:00 a.m.

Shilo Inn at the Airport
11707 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR 97220
Phone (503) 252-7500 - Fax (503) 254-0794

CLEAN RIVERS
COOPERATIVE, INC.

This years' 4th Quarter Membership Training will have practical application and classroom training sessions including: Oil behavior, Personnel Decontamination, Shoreline Clean-up and other topics. Training will include continental breakfast and lunch, as well as free parking.

For more info contact Marisa Chilafoe at chilafoe@pdxmex.com.

BOOM RODEO RESULTS

The 3rd quarter training and boom rodeo was [September 10, 2009](#). Members participated in our annual Boom Rodeo Competition which included boom marrying, site assessment, and the boom obstacle course. This year's competition also included a regulators class, where the Washington State Department of Ecology (ECY), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) participated.

Winners received a commemorative rodeo belt buckle and Visa gift cards. This years winners were Pacific Terminal Services, 1st Place; NuStar Terminals (Portland), 2nd Place; and Tesoro Refining and Marketing, 3rd Place. ECY placed as the winning Agency.



1st Place Winners - Pacific Terminal Services



1st Place Agency - Ecology



Portland Shipping Club
Haunted Pizza Night
October 29, 2009



Thank you members and guests for a great night! Thank you sponsors: Maersk and Merchants Exchange.

For more information about club events contact Kate Deeks at Deeks@pdxmex.com