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Liza and Gen Hagan

Here is Bob Chipevich's outreach to the emergency response panel. (Bob works with jim Hall and, like Jim, is a former NTSB investigator.)

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From: Bob Chipkevich Redacted
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Carl, Jerry, Tim and Chief Hayes-White,

Thank you all for agreeing to participate on a panel at the Natural Gas Safety Symposium scheduled for May 7 and 8 in San Francisco. The focus of this symposium is Forging a New Vision of Safety in California and you should have received an invitation from General Hagan through an email from Terrie Prosper at the California Public Utilities Commission on April 4 to register. Please be sure to register, there is no fee - and also please sign up for the dinner the evening of May 7 if you would like to attend. A reservation for the dinner needs to be completed by May 1. Following is the link provided in the invitation letter to register <http://events.signup4.com/cpuksafetysymposium>.

Your panel - "Effectively Managing Pipeline Emergency Response" is scheduled for May 8, beginning at 8:30 am, in the Hiram Johnson State Building, Milton Marks Auditorium, 455 Golden Gate Avenue. Elizabeth Ashford of the Governor's Office has been asked to moderate the panel and expressed interest to do so, the CPUC is awaiting confirmation. Following are the names and titles of the members of your panel:

Carl Weimer, Executive Director, Pipeline Safety Trust
Jerry Schmitz, Vice President, Engineering, SouthWest Gas
Tim Butters, Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Safety Administration
Chief Joanne Hayes-White, San Francisco Fire Department

Each panelist will be given 10-15 minutes to provide comments followed by approximately 30 minutes scheduled for questions. Equipment will be available for PowerPoint, please let us know if you have any special needs.

Suggested topics of discussion for panel 3 are:

- Elements that make a response to a gas pipeline emergency successful.
- Preparing for gas emergencies: the importance of preparing before a gas pipeline emergency; how planning, establishing professional working relationships, and developing good communications between pipeline operators and emergency responders before an accident can improve the timeliness and effectiveness of responses.
- Training and exercises: the importance of training and joint exercises - and how these activities can improve the effectiveness of responses to events.
- Knowledge of gas systems: the importance of accurate pipeline system maps, including pipe size, normal operating pressure ranges, characteristics such as transmission or distribution lines, and the location of valves that can be used to isolate a failed section.
- Timely responses to reported gas leaks and odors
- Public safety at an incident site- effectively evaluating conditions on scene; assessing potential gas migration paths and measuring gas levels at critical locations; and timely determining evacuation needs.
- Timely isolating gas leaks: importance of having a system capable of quickly identifying a failure location, having adequate valves at appropriate locations to isolate a failed section, and having remote or automatic shut-off valves to improve the timeliness of stopping the flow of gas.
- Public education: educating the public to report gas leaks and odors and on the appropriate actions to take such as when to evacuate a building; educating contractors to immediately report to 911 any damage to a pipeline that results in a release of gas and also to promptly report to a pipeline operator any strike or damage to a pipeline that may not result in an immediate release.

We will advise you when your moderator has been confirmed. I look forward to seeing each of you at the symposium. If you have any question, I will be happy to direct you to the right person or get an answer for you. You may contact me by email or my cell phone at Redacted Reda at any time, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks, Bob Chipkevich