

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 17, 2010

La Crosse County Administrative Center

400 4th Street North Room 3220

La Crosse, WI 54601

9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Loeffler, Keith Butler, Marc Schultz, Lois Losby, Gregg Cleveland, Sue Kunz, Ron Berg, Tom Wright, Bob Ritger, alternate for Jennifer Shilling, Mike Horstman, Shari Vanderbush, Vicki Burke, and Deb Brague, alternate for Pat Smith.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pat Smith, Franz Fredricks, Bob Mulliner and Jennifer Shilling

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phil Niemer and Keith Carlson

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Marc Schultz, Committee Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Introductions were made around the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gregg/Shari to approve the meeting minutes of January 20, 2010. **MOTION** passed unanimously.

HAZMAT TEAM QUARTERLY REPORT

There is no new report for this quarter.

KEITH'S REPORT ON LEPC

He was tasked to check out other LEPC regarding the expansion of the role of the LEPC. No other LEPC does more than the EPCRA/LEPC original goals. Gregg gave kudos to our LEPC as it is the most active LEPC he has ever worked with. Vicki has had a discussion with the County Administrator; they feel that Emergency Management preparedness is covered by the department and making progress and that the LEPC should remain the same. Do we want to pursue further the additional work or leave it the same? Unless directed otherwise, it should remain the same.

PARKING PERMITS

The breakdown of cost is as follows: 5 remaining meetings x \$2 per person x 15 people equals \$150. If we just use quarters to give to members it breaks down this way: 5 remaining meetings x .50 per person x 15 people equals \$37.50. It's not worth the money for the permits so we will be doing the quarters.

TOM'S REPORT ON GUNDERSEN LUTHERAN'S VULNERABILITY PLANS

They did their hazard vulnerability analysis in January. There wasn't much shift in terms of the hazards. Hazardous Materials Spills, Medical Mass Casualty, IS/IT Failure as the worst. They will write plans for the catastrophic events and have contingency plans built in.

HMEP GRANT PROGRAM

Last year we had a GIS Intern from St. Mary's University for free. She was mapping information on the floods of 2007 and 2008. We were very pleased with her reports. A grant proposal was submitted to the State to have her review all 45 Planning Facility plans and update the building plans, the egress, the evacuation routes, and the GIS information that enhances the hand-drawn maps. By the next meeting we can show you some of her work. Another grant has been applied for to create a Commodity flow study. This study will determine what types of hazardous materials are being transported through La Crosse County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chief Cleveland informed us that the first report on Hazmat Teams is available on the website. There are 7 recommendations in the report. 1. One person for Point of Contact. 2. WEM would like a better determination on who to contact. 3. Determine a set size for how many Team members, more rules for this type of Team. Better structure and data collection. 4. Establish a better formula on how the funding is spread out among all the teams. 5. Establish a way to collect data and make it similar throughout all the teams. 6. Engage the State Group and formalize how to negotiate the contracts and how the money is distributed. 7. Publish a formal contract process, not just have it mailed to the Teams and told to sign it. A timeline should also be included when it is sent for signatures and approval.

The second phase is in the process now. Chief Cleveland feels that with this process beginning, that it will help the Teams. He will keep us updated on the status of this study.

Ron reported that he resigned from the Radiation Field Team through the State. La Crosse Fire and Appleton Fire will be the Radiation Field Teams and should take care of the same situations.

March is the end of the first 6 months of the State's fiscal year. The next Planning Facilities will be updated during the next 6 months are: Remis Battery, Torrance Casting, City Brewery, Northern Battery, West Salem Farmers Coop and Xcel Energy, French Island.

The River is supposed to crest at 12 feet at the highest, no major flooding is expected. The Town of Holland will be holding an exercise soon.

We are working with Rochester Minnesota's Hazmat Team to see if we can use the newly enacted agreement between State borders. Keith has secured a small grant to cover some expenses for this exercise. It's been found that the new updated FEMA and flood maps are not accurate.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Quarterly Hazmat Team Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.

The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Kim Olson, Recorder