

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 19, 2011

La Crosse County Administrative Center
400 4th Street North, Room 3220
La Crosse, WI 54601
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Butler, Phil Niemer, Gregg Cleveland, Ron Berg, Mike Horstman, Bob Ritger, Tom Wright, Bob Mulliner, Marc Schultz, Phil Niemer, Sue Kunz, Keith Carlson and Vicki Burke.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jennifer Shilling, Lois Losby, Jay Loeffler, and Pat Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shari Vanderbush

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Marc Schultz, Committee Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Burke/Schultz to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 2010 with minor change as noted. **MOTION** passed unanimously.

VOTING

Motion by Schultz/Wright to reaffirm group one for another two year term. Motion carried.

STATEWIDE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM

Wisconsin is adopting a Statewide Incident Reporting System for the Hazmat team to electronically submit their forms. This program is being launched with a training session coming up on January 27, 2011. We will get the LEPC members access to this site if possible. The fire department is submitting this through the Fusion Center all B teams will need to report also to WEM. They would report any spill or incident through the computer instead of by paper.

LEPC EXERCISE

Carry over money from November. There is no further development but we were going to start planning for an exercise. Rochester has had a tabletop exercise with us and they are still planning to have a functional exercise this spring. Lock and Dam 7 will be the location of the exercise. They will also be inviting La Crescent Fire Department. This will be a great way to see if everything and everyone can work together, radios, people, etc. Phil would like

Franciscan/Skemp to be included in this exercise. Campbell, Onalaska, Dispatch, La Crescent, and Rochester will all be participating. This is listed as a Hazmat exercise but is being called an LEPC Exercise.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Phil wants to make note that they received a lot of decontamination equipment from a grant a little while back. This equipment was sitting in storage. Sparta Rural Fire Department put in a request for equipment and Franciscan-Skemp donated all this equipment including a tent to them. The hospital does have its own decontamination facility.

WI Hospital Association and consortium is getting away from Code colors and will use clear text instead. Will public safety be informed of all these changes? They will be informed. This will be a complete conversion. Bob thinks there will be a ripple effect once this program is activated. Most private sectors haven't changed as of yet. Use a tone as a precursor before the announcement is made. This will probably be done before most emergencies.

The National Weather Service will conduct a meeting in January to discuss the possibility of flooding. There will be a monthly meeting until they know more specifically if there is a threat, then the meetings will be more frequent. Keith met with the Town of Campbell Emergency Management Team a couple of weeks ago and they want to do some proactive work.

The Harbor Commission and consultants met for a comprehensive harbor waterfront plan. There are three meetings this week, a steering, public and technical meeting. All will be at the Black River Beach Community Center if interested. Pettibone Campground will be enlarging, so they can get more seasonal parking to increase their revenue. They will be increasing from 150 sites to approximately 300 sites.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.

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

Kim Olson, Recorder