

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 19, 2010 – Minutes

Gary Schenck called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:00 AM at the Rock County Health Care Center.

Members present: Gary Schenck, Loren Lippincott, Billy Bob Grahn, Steve Benton, Randy Thompson, Randy Leyes, Jay Gasser, Kyle Geissler, David Diestler, Tim Curtis, Captain Jude Maurer, Ryan Reuterskiold, Shirley Connors, Bridget Aldridge, Tim Banwell for Karen Cain and Dave Ausloos.

Members absent: Chief Jerry Schuetz, Deputy Chief Dan Davis, Beth Natter, Karen Cain and Bob Wildermuth.

Guest: Deputy Chief Jim Jensen from the City of Janesville Fire Department.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion made by Billy Bob Grahn to approve the agenda and seconded by Loren Lippincott. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Randy Thompson to approve the November 17, 2009 minutes, seconded by Randy Leyes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Plan of Review** – Loren Lippincott advised the Committee:
 - Three facility plans were reviewed. The plans were accepted with minor revisions. Each plan had the previous Southwest Regional Director's name, Pat O'Connor, and the new Southwest Regional Director's name, Paul France, needed to be substituted. Motion by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Randy Thompson to accept the 3 facility plans with the revisions as noted.

- ◆ **Community Right-to-Know** – Ron Sagen
 - Tabled to March 16, 2010 due to Ron's absence.

- ◆ **Membership** – Jay Gasser advised the Committee:
 - Dave Diestler is now a member replacing Samantha Wellnitz from South Central Chapter of the American Red Cross.
 - Loren Lippincott has retired from Blackhawk Technical College and will continue to serve on the LEPC Committee as a citizen.
 - Gary Schenck, citizen, will be replacing Loren Lippincott as a representative from Blackhawk Technical Institute.

Moved by Jay Gasser and seconded by Randy Thompson to approve the aforementioned changes in membership.

- ◆ **Plan of Work** - Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
 - Not all of the regions were working with the same Emergency Operation Plan format. Some chose to work with Emergency Support Functions (ESF's), while others are opting

to stay with the current plan, which is Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). She stated that only 16 out of 72 counties were working with ESF's. It was decided the County EM would keep the current EOP format. The Plan of Work will have to be amended and a cross-walk will have to be done. She will find out more information at the Regional Meeting held on January 21, 2010.

Emergency Management Report:

- ◆ **Budget Report** – Shirley Connors
Budget report was distributed with no questions.

- ◆ **Spill Report** – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
 - Spills/Release Reports were reviewed by the Committee. Steve Benton inquired about the sewage spill on January 12, 2010 and whether the truck had overturned. Shirley Connors stated the report originated from the State of Wisconsin and did not indicate what happened.

- ◆ **Tier Reporting** – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
 - The Tier II article is scheduled for print in the media the first week of February, 2010.
 - Because of numerous complaints from statewide county emergency management directors that have been expressed regarding the EPCRA Program, the State is visiting surrounding states for new program ideas that could be implemented making the system more user friendly and the ability to file electronically. This system would also be available to fire departments for their purview.
 - Recommended to the State that training be done on EPCRA Planning so there is a uniform consistency of entering information.

- ◆ **Training** – Shirley Connors and Gary Schenck advised the Committee:
 - February 2-3, 2010, there will be a Public Information Officer training class at the Health Care Center in the County's EOC. Grant funding was applied for and approved. Initially the training was open to Rock County and surrounding areas, however, due to the lack of interest, WEM Training Director opened this training state-wide. Both classes are full.
 - March 23, 2010, Tornado Spotters Classes have been scheduled. The afternoon class is at the Health Care Center Auditorium from 1 to 3 PM and evening class is 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Clinton Fire Department.
 - Gary Schenck reminded the Committee of the Midwest Emergency Planning & Response Conference in Winnebago County in May, 2010. When more information becomes available, he will be forwarding that information to Shirley Connors.
 - Governor's pre-conference training is scheduled for March 30 and the conference will be held on March 31-April 1, 2010 in Appleton.

Public Health – Tim Banwell advised the Committee:

- Prescription round ups are planned on April 17, 2010, for Edgerton, Janesville and Beloit from 9 AM to 1 PM. More information will follow.
- H1N1 Clinics are being held. The clinics that are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are by appointment. Walk-in clinics are also available. The agricultural community will also be notified.

Public Input

- Billy Bob Grahn stated he is working with the homeless in Rock County. In December, 2009, roughly 170 residents were displaced in Beloit. Earlier in 2009, approximately 100 residents were displaced. He'd like the LEPC Committee to consider developing a "Memo of Understanding" whereby there could be different points of view and some guidance if needed. Gary Schenck stated that a "Memo of Understanding" should be obtained from individual agencies or the County Emergency Management Office.

Old Business – None

Next Meeting:

- The next LEPC meeting will be held on March 16, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Steve Benton and seconded by Jay Gasser to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted:
Shirley Ann Klipstein

- ◆ *Materials distributed at this meeting were:*
 - 1) *Spill Release Report*
 - 2) *Budget Report*