

ROCK COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 17, 2012 - Minutes

Gary Schenck, Chair, called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:30 AM at the Rock County Health Care Center EOC room. Normal meeting time is 9:00 AM but due to inclement weather, meeting began at 9:30 AM.

Members present: Gary Schenck, Shirley Connors, Kyle Geissler, Randy Leyes, Ron Sagen, Randy Thompson, Jay Gasser, and Deputy Chief John Olsen, alternate for Deputy Chief Dan Davis, Major Ruth Fay, alternate for Major Bob Fay and Tim Banwell, alternate for Karen Cain.

Members Absent: Dave Ausloos, David Innis, Bridget Aldridge, Beth Natter, Karen Cain, Robert Wildermuth, Major Bob Fay, John Conger, Tim Curtis, Jude Maurer, Loren Lippincott, Dan Davis and Matt Simon.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion made by Ron Sagen and seconded by Randy Thompson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Randy Thompson and seconded by Randy Leyes to approve the minutes from November 15, 2011. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Plan of Review – New Business – County-Wide Farm Plan** – Rick Wietersen, Rock County Health Department, advised the Committee there were two categories identified by Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), County-Wide Farm Plan and Battery Factory Plans. Individual plans do not need to be done for battery facilities. Copies of the County-Wide Farm Plan were passed around for members to peruse. Hazardous materials for farm plans are mostly Anhydrous Ammonia and Sulfuric Acid for battery facilities.

Basically, Rock County is looking for insight into how to handle further plans. Tim Banwell, Rock County Health Department, stated the County-Wide Farm Plan's condensed version indicates a site plan layout, which isn't required by Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), but the Health Department feels this is most beneficial for informational purposes.

Gary Schenck feels that this information should be presented to the Rock County Fire Officers for their thoughts and ideas. Motion by Ron Sagen and seconded by Jay Gasser to present the new planning process for farms to the Rock County Fire Officers at their next meeting. Motion carried. Gary stated the LEPC Committee members will review this again at the end of 2012.

Rick Wietersen stated the majority of the farm plans should be submitted to the State within sixty days.

- ◆ Community Right-to-Know – Nothing to report.
- ◆ Membership – Jay Gasser advised Randy Thompson will be retiring effective February 3, 2012 and has requested Jim Stute from U.W. Cooperative Extension Office be designated as his replacement completing his term through 2014. Motion by Randy Thompson and second by Ron Sagen to approve Jim Stute's appointment. Motion carried.

Jay Gasser made the Committee aware of Matt Simons' request that Tim Schuster be appointed as his alternate.

Emergency Management Report:

- ◆ Budget Report – Shirley Connors distributed the budget report with no questions from the Committee.
- ◆ Spill Report – Shirley Connors distributed the spill report with no questions from the Committee. Ron Sagen advised the Committee that D & K Coatings, Venture Drive, Janesville, had a fire and Janesville Hazmat Team will send a report to Rock County Emergency Management.
- ◆ Training – Ron Sagen advised the Committee there are 7 Level A Hazmat Teams in the State. There are several County Hazmat Teams as well. There is a redesign of regions planned by the State. There is a Hazmat Conference being planned the first part of February in Wisconsin Dells. More information will be forthcoming.

Shirley Connors advised there will be a Tornado Spotters training at the Rock County Health Care Center on March 6 whereby a webinar will be set up for participants. A Tornado Spotters training will be conducted at the City of Evansville Fire Department on March 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Rusty Kapela, NOAA Weather, will be onsite to do the training.

- ◆ Tier Reporting – Shirley Connors advised the Committee that Tier II reporting has begun. It was discovered the *Public Notice – Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Administrative Procedure HR 2005 (SARA, Title III) Right-to-Know article* that is printed in the local media each February, contained incorrect verbage due to the new EPCRA reporting system. This document needed to be corrected before being published. Shirley Connors forwarded the information to the State and is waiting for further updates.
- ◆ Plan of Work – Nothing to report.

- ◆ Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Sub-Grant - Informed the Committee Dane County, which had applied for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant, has been approved. Dane, Columbia, Sauk and Rock Counties are included in a Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study.

Public Health – Tim Banwell reported, in Karen Cain’s absence, regarding the number of pharmaceuticals collected in 2010, which was 2500 pounds and in 2011, 3500 pounds. Approximately 10% of those pharmaceuticals were controlled substances.

Department of Agriculture awarded a grant to the Rock County Health Department making funds available to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals. Collections boxes have proven to be very beneficial. The Health Department is looking into mobile collection boxes.

There will be a county-wide collection on April 28, 2012. More information will be forthcoming.

Public Input – Nothing to report.

Old Business -- None

Next Meeting:

The next LEPC meeting will be held on March 20, 2012.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Major Ruth Fay and seconded by Randy Thompson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted:
Shirley Klipstein

Materials distributed at this meeting were:

1. Spill Release Report
2. Budget Report