

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office  
Richard Meyer Community Resource Room  
June 1, 2015**

**Members present:** Paul Eisen, Tom Ellis, Bill Wingren, Larry Smith, and Bill Roh

**Also present:** Linda Kollmann, Bernie Sorenson, and Sue Verwey

Chairman Eisen called the Emergency Management Committee meeting to order at 9:00 AM and verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**A MOTION** to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 was made, however his motion will wait to be approved at the August 3, 2015 meeting since some committee members did not receive the minutes to review.

**2. Comments from the public** – None.

**3. Correspondence from committee members**

Chairman Eisen thanked Bill W. for requesting the IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert System) be an agenda item at this meeting.

**4. IPAWS**

Linda K. gave a presentation and short video on the IPAWS system and why it was used with an incident that occurred on May 8, 2015.

**5. Siren Report**

The new siren has been installed at Washington School in Oshkosh. All sirens are currently working fine.

Chairman Eisen gave Linda K. a short list of questions and comments regarding the outdoor warning siren system prior to this meeting. See below including Linda's answers.

**Comment:** Under the generic "Siren Report" if more detail is noticed it could be helpful to the public and committee to review the locations of the sirens.

The siren map is located on the County Website under the Emergency Management webpage. This information has been there for a few years now and shows each siren location throughout the county. We have 52 sirens placed throughout the county with one portable siren that is transported to large outdoor event.

Question: What is the total amount of money we have invested in the siren infrastructure?

We do not have financial records that go back that far. Chuck Orenstein's (WC Finance Director) office ran a report showing that the average value per siren is \$11,270.

Question: What is the maintenance process of a siren?

We use two WC Facilities Department electricians that were trained by the siren manufacturer. The majority of siren work is completed by Bob Anderson; he keeps a set schedule of repair and maintenance for all the sirens.

Question: Where does revenue comes from to pay for new sirens?

The Emergency Management Program Grant that the EM office receives annually will pay up to 50% of the cost of a new siren. The remainder will be paid through the county budget.

Question: What (siren) partnerships does Winnebago County share with local municipalities?

The outdoor warning siren system is paid for and run exclusively by the county; no shared expenses.

Question: Any recommendations for construction of new siren sites?

At this time I am not recommending any new siren sites. This spring we replaced our oldest siren (924 Winnebago Ave, Oshkosh) that had problems the last few years. I will monitor the sirens for the next month or two before deciding about replacing any other sirens. In the past a city or town would request a siren if new housing has increased in their jurisdiction. That has not been the case in the last few years with new construction down.

## **6. Training and Exercising**

- Damage Assessment Training was held at the Sheriff's Office on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- SIMCOM Exercise was held May 5-7 and was very well attended
- Weather Spotter Training was held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the EAA again this year
- Cyber Security Training was attended by Bernie S.

## **7. EPCRA report**

A report, and handout, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2015 facility update progress by Bernie S.

## **8. Director's Report**

- 2016 Budget preparations
- Summer event planning
- Green Bay Meteorologists will visit the EM Office in preparation for Oshkosh summer events - Also, a GB Meteorologist will stay on site at the EAA grounds during the fly-in this year
- Oshkosh Area School District and the Emergency Management Office met for the last time this year

## **9. Adjournment**

The next Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2015.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Bill Roh; seconded by Tom Ellis; all in favor; motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 10:07 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Verwey