

Winnebago County

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

May 1, 2014

Members present: Doug Gieryn, Barti Omarou, Frank Bell, Linda Kollmann, Bob Doemel, John Ziemer, Deborah Berner, Keith Kiesow, Mike Sipin, Gordy LeDioyt, Emily Makowski, Larry Smith, Janell Tatro

Alternates present: Bernie Sorenson

Members excused: Peter Running

Also present: Beth Erdman, Sue Verwey

The LEPC meeting was called to order by Chairman Gieryn at 9:30 a.m.

1. Roll call and approval of past minutes

Roll call was taken and a quorum was met.

MOTION to approve minutes from the November 7, 2013 meeting by Mike Sipin; seconded by Bill Demler; all in favor; motion carried.

2. Welcome to new member

Chairman Gieryn introduced new member John Ziemer, Oshkosh Fire Department, who replaced Rick Krumenauer.

LEPC member introductions and welcome to Beth Erdman, DNR, who was visiting our meeting.

3. Public comment period

None

4. Annual Review of LEPC By-laws

MOTION to accept the LEPC By-laws as currently written without changes for another year by Larry Smith; seconded by Linda Kollmann; all in favor; motion carried.

5. Video – “Half an Hour to Tragedy”

Discussion of propane tank safety and certification requirements of first responders.

6. EPCRA Plan update

Report by Bernie S. on his EPCRA facility update progress for the 1st Half of 2014.

7. Spill Report

Janell T. handed out the spill report for Winnebago County from 11/10/13 – 4/30/14. Fire and DNR added their department spill information.

8. Membership Reports

- Doug G (Public Health) – Discussion of possibly updating the LEPC Mission/Goals and identifying new objectives.
- John Z. (OFD) – New Hazmat Coordinator for the Oshkosh Fire Department.
- Keith K (Town of Menasha FD). – Would like to see more LEPC involvement with rail transportation of chemicals through Winnebago County; possibly a tabletop exercise.
- Mike S (Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue). – Also stressed the very dangerous situation that rail transportation of chemicals posed for Winnebago County. The City of Neenah has an upcoming tabletop exercise that focuses on rail transportation of crude oil through the city.
- Bill D. (Highway) – New initiatives are always good and that he has implemented several new ideas within the highway department.
- Barti O. (DNR) – All contaminants have been removed from the Buckstaff Building.
- Emily M. (Oshkosh Community Media) – The new “Storm Spotters” video will be on the website soon. Her office is in the process of updating all emergency procedures and the new “Bulletin Board” is ready to go.
- Bernie S. (EM) and Janell (Fox River Valley Ethanol) – A tabletop exercise was held at Fox River Valley Ethanol on March 27th that focused on “confined space rescue”. Bernie is also coordinating a tabletop exercise next month at Galloway Co., Neenah (involving the Neenah School District) that will test a Hazmat incident.
- Linda K. (EM) – IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System) has been approved by FEMA and now we are just waiting for training on the program.

9. Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn by Janell Tatro; seconded by Frank Bell; all in favor; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Sue Verwey