

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

January 22, 2010

Members present: Tom Ellis, Don Griesbach, Harvey Rengstorf, Bill Wingren and Larry Smith

Also present: Mike Elder, Linda Kollmann, Bill Curtis and Sue Verwey

Chairman Ellis called the Emergency Management Committee meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

1. Approval of past minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting by Larry Smith; seconded by Harvey Rengstorf; all in favor; motion carried 5-0.

2. Comments from the public

None

3. Correspondence received by committee members

None

4. Outdoor warning sirens "End of Year Report"

A possible new siren site has been identified by Linda K. on Clairville Road, near the Oshkosh YMCA and Carl Traeger School. Linda will be working with Bob Anderson to narrow down the site this spring after the snow melts.

A siren battery inventory has been created to identify each battery type and age. Linda K. reported, along with Mike Elder, that the new Optima and Delco batteries have a longer life up to 10 years. AC power is primarily used on each siren with battery back-up available. A battery charger is also located in each siren. These sirens are tested each Saturday throughout the summer months and battery problems will show up during the test. According to Mike E. 32 problem areas were identified last year which included communication errors, control problems and utility problems. The sirens will still sound with these minor issues, but they are logged in and Bob Anderson goes to each site to repair the problem. The committee agreed to switch out batteries only when needed not every five years.

5. Mobile Command Vehicle

The Mobile Command Vehicle was dispatched to Jefferson Park in Menasha for the snowmobile ice tragedy for two days. The SWAT team also used the Mobile Command Vehicle for training at EAA earlier this week.

Technology updates in the vehicle include a SWAT repeater, new toughbooks, wireless internet and digital TV boxes.

6. MyStateUSA

Four trainings on the MyStateUSA, a web based reverse 911, have been held. Many first responders throughout Winnebago County have been trained with the 911 Dispatchers scheduled to be trained soon.

Cell phone signup has been going well with a total of 570 already registered.

7. Carryover Grants

MOTION to carryover the “Hydrite Chemical Company Grant” for \$77,520 and the “Hazard Mitigation Grant” for \$360.00 by Harvey Rengstorf; seconded by Larry Smith; all in favor; motion carried 5-0.

8. Budget Transfers

- **HMEP Grant**

MOTION to send a budget transfer for the HMEP Grant (\$19,746.00) to the County Board for approval by Larry Smith; seconded by Harvey Rengstorf; carried 4 -0-1 with Bill Wingren abstaining.

- **OJA Radio Grant for the Sheriff’s Department**

MOTION to send a budget transfer for an OJA Radio Grant (\$3,500) for the Sheriff’s Department to the County Board for approval by Harvey Rengstorf; seconded by Larry Smith; carried 4-0-1 with Bill Wingren abstaining.

9. Exercise Grants

An upcoming SWAT exercise which will include five teams from around the area will involve an active shooter going through the UWO campus. The grant was approved to fund this exercise.

The Collapse Structure Teams from Winnebago County will test their capabilities through an exercise tearing down the old Neenah parking garage. This exercise will also test the mass causality response for Hospitals and EMS.

10. Training & Conference Updates

- Emergency Management sponsored an “Emergency Operations Center” workshop in Neenah on January 12th.
- Bill C. attended a “Pipeline Safety Training” on January 21st.

11. Long Term Recovery Update

New cases are being discovered in Winnebago County which will receive money through the state Midwest Recovery fund. Just last week \$36,000 was approved for some of our residents in need.

12. COOP/COG Update

The “Continuity of Operations / Continuance of Government” project is complete. All departments have plans in place to continue critical functions at an alternate location.

13. EPCRA Report

All first half plans, except for one, are complete. Bill C. is waiting for the last one to come back with signatures on.

Farm planning is moving along with Bill making phone calls to the farms that have not responded.

14. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn by Larry Smith; seconded by Don Griesbach; all in favor; motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Verwey