

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
November 19, 2013

Members present: Bill Roh, Bill Wingren, Tom Ellis, Larry Smith

Also present: Linda Kollmann, Bernie Sorenson, Sue Verwey

Excused: Paul Eisen

Chairman Roh called the Emergency Management Committee meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

1. Approval of past minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2013 meeting by Bill Wingren; seconded by Tom Ellis; all in favor; motion carried 4-0.

2. Comments from the public

None

3. Correspondence from committee members

None

4. Planning

- Bernie S. applied for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to update Winnebago County's existing Mitigation Plan. He will find out soon if the grant is awarded; however if not Emergency Management has budgeted in 2014 for this update.
- Linda K. is working with EPTEC (Lenora Borchardt) to formulate a "Debris Management" plan for Winnebago County.

5. Exercising

- SIMCOM, a State Interoperable Mobile Communications Exercise, will be held at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh on May 15, 2014. Winnebago County was asked by the State of Wisconsin to hold this exercise which will test communication capabilities between mobile command vehicles. A grant from the state will pay all costs involved.
- Linda K. & Bernie S. attended an evacuation drill at Oshkosh West High School.
- A tabletop exercise was held with the Oshkosh Area School District and UWO (3rd tabletop in a series of three testing special event emergencies) on September 25th.
- Bernie S. is continuing his work with the Neenah School District. Planning will include an exercise next year involving a facility (Galloway Co.) releasing chemicals near a school.

6. WEMA

The Wisconsin Emergency Managers Association (WEMA) had its annual conference in Madison on October 16-17. Linda K. gave two presentations - Large Event Planning and Social Media.

An "All Director's Meeting" was held on the 17th at which Linda K. received the Plan of Work for 2014.

7. MyStateUSA / IPAWS

IPAWS is a new emergency alert enhancement tool that will be added on January 1, 2014 to the existing MyStateUSA system (reverse 911). With IPAWS emergency alerts will bounce off cell towers for everyone in our county to receive alerts on their cell phones without having to sign up a cell phone number. Landlines will still receive alerts through the MyStateUSA program.

8. Outreach

- Emergency Management participated in the "Winnebago County Safety Fair".
- A few groups of "Lego League" toured the Emergency Management Office for more insight involving their theme this year of "Nature's Fury".

9. EPCRA Report

Bernie S. gave a report, along with a handout, of where he is with offsite facility planning updates and facility tours. The committee discussed chemical reporting and thresholds of extremely hazardous chemicals.

MOTION to adjourn by Larry Smith; seconded by Tom Ellis; all in favor; motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Verwey