

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
May 23, 2013

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

Also present: Linda Kollmann, Bernie Sorenson and Sue Verwey

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 March 20, 2013 meeting by Bill Wingren; seconded by Larry Smith; all in favor; motion carried 5-0.

2. Comments from the public

None

3. Correspondence from committee members

Paul E. attended a meeting with NACO and learned that the funding to Emergency Management will remain the same as it has been in the past despite talk of consolidation which would have reduced the funding.

Bill R. complemented Linda K. on her interview with Channel 2 News regarding severe weather preparedness.

4. Siren Report

The project of narrow-banding sirens in Winnebago County is complete. However, a few radio issues are still being worked out and the new repeater is also in the process of some fine tuning.

Winnebago County Ham Radio Operators are traveling to siren sites during the Saturday noon test verifying rotation and sound of each siren. They have identified a few issues that do not read out on the paper report that is run each Monday morning so Linda K. is very grateful to their organization for the assistance.

5. Training and Exercising

- Linda and Bernie were evaluators at a Public Health Ice Storm Exercise that was held in March.
- In 2014 Winnebago County was selected to host a SIMCOM Exercise (an exercise that focuses on communication testing between local and state agencies).
- Bernie gave a presentation on WHOPRS (Wisconsin Hazmat on-line Planning & Reporting System) to several other counties.
- Bernie gave a presentation to the Oshkosh Safety Council on the subject of severe weather safety planning.

- Emergency Management held a “Severe Weather Tabletop” exercise (5/22) focusing on safety at Titan Stadium. In attendance were participants from the Oshkosh School District, UWO, Lourdes Academy, Sheriff’s Office, Oshkosh Police Dept. and Oshkosh Fire Dept. A second tabletop exercise with this same group discussing more in-depth issues is scheduled for September.

6. EPCRA Planning

Handout and discussion regarding Bernie’s EPCRA progress since the last meeting.

MOTION to adjourn by Larry Smith; seconded by Tom Ellis; all in favor; motion carried 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Verwey