

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 19, 2013 - Minutes

Chair Gary Schenck called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:06 AM at the County's Emergency Operation Center, Rock County Health Care Center, Janesville.

Members present: Chair Gary Schenck, Sgt. Shena Kohler, Karen Cain, Robert Wildermuth, Dave Ausloos, Ron Sagen, Jay Gasser, Scott Cashion, Anthony Crites, Alternate for Gary Schenck, Captain Gary Groelle, alternate for Captain Jude Maurer, and Josh Hilden

Members Absent: Steve Howland, Beth Natter, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Curtis, Chief Loren Lippincott, Deputy Chief Dan Davis, Jim Stute, Major Bob Fay, Lieutenant John Conger, Captain Jude Maurer and Steve Benton

Guests: Matt Wesson, County Health Department

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Ron Sagen and seconded by Scott Cashion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Karen Cain and seconded by Jay Gasser to approve the minutes from January 15, 2013. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Plan of Review** – County-Wide Farm Plan and County-Wide Battery Plan – Chair Schenck advised the Plan of Review Committee met before the LEPC Meeting. There are two plans to review – County-Wide Farm Plan and the County-Wide Battery Plan.

Matt Wesson gave a brief review of the plans. With the exception of a few minor changes to the Battery Plan, Chair Schenck recommended Committee approval of both plans. Motion by Jay Gasser and seconded by Scott Cashion to approve both the County-Wide Farm Plan and County-Wide Battery Plan and forward these plans to Wisconsin Emergency Management.

- ◆ **Community Right-to-Know** – Ron Sagen had nothing to report.

Membership – There was some discussion regarding Captain Groelle becoming an LEPC member and Captain Jude Maurer being his alternate. This will be placed on the agenda for May 21, 2013.

Ron Sagen advised he would like to become a member of the Plan of Review Sub-Committee.

Plan of Work – Sergeant Kohler advised that the Committee the 2013 Computer and Hazmat Equipment Grant Application has been completed and is ready to be sent to the Wisconsin Emergency Management – EPCRA Division.

Sgt. Kohler advised the County Website – LEPC Committee Members, still lists Shirley Connors and that will be corrected.

Sgt. Kohler informed the Committee all of the annexes are being updated. Next year County Emergency Management will be tentatively transforming the annexes into ESF's (Emergency Support Functions).

Commodity Flow Study was passed around for member's perusal.

Emergency Management Report:

- ◆ Budget Report – The Committee reviewed the budget report with no questions.
- ◆ Spill Report – Spill reports were distributed. Sgt. Kohler advised there were four spills – two were motor vehicle accidents, a semi accident and a spill at Genencor of 1300 gallons of permeate.
- ◆ Training
 - Chair Schenck advised the Midwest Emergency Preparedness & Response Conference is going to be held May 1 - 3, 2013 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Rockford, IL. There will be several good guest speakers at the Conference. Ron Sagen will be a guest speaker as well on the topic of Commodity Flow Study. Registration fee is \$125.
 - Sergeant Kohler announced that the Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Weather Spotter training, Monday, April 8, 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM at the Health Care Center Auditorium. It is free to the public.

At the Emergency Management Conference in Wisconsin Dells, Sgt. Kohler and Captain Groelle met Sgt. Jesus Villahermosa from Washington State. He has had 30 years of SWAT experience. The Sheriff's Office is planning to bring him to Janesville for a training opportunity with Blackhawk Technical College April 29 and April 30. These sessions will involve Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, K-12, and higher education. She indicated this training will receive media attention and will also benefit schools.

There will be a two hour parent session in between the two sessions. This is open to the public and will give tips for teaching and educating parents on how to react regarding an active shooter situation. Sgt. Kohler thanked Blackhawk Technical College for agreeing to host this training.

Ron Sagen attended a joint exercise training at the Beloit Eclipse Center on February 25, 2013. This exercise was with City of Beloit Police Department (SWAT), City of Beloit Fire Department, Wisconsin National Guard 54th Civil

Defense Team and City of Janesville Fire Department. He stated it presented a good opportunity for all entities to work together.

Captain Groelle stated he and Sgt. Kohler attended the exercise and he thought it was very beneficial as real scenarios occur elsewhere in the United States today.

Public Health – Karen Cain gave an update regarding collection of prescription drugs. She stated the Drug Enforcement Agency is changing the way prescription drugs are being collected. They are no longer going to be separating controlled from non-controlled substances. There will be two law enforcement staff instead of one in drug collection. She hasn't heard if the changes have gone into effect as of this date.

Karen stated that there were 13,000 private water resources for Rock County residents. She stated the wells were tested for bacteria nitrate. Rock County water is some of the best per Ms. Cain. Well testing will be put on the agenda for the next LEPC Meeting on May 21, 2013 and further information will be reported.

Public Input – None

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Next Meeting: The next LEPC meeting will be held May 21, 2013 at Blackhawk Technical College – Blackhawk Room.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Scott Cashion and seconded by Sgt. Kohler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted:
Shirley Klipstein

Materials distributed at this meeting were:

1. Spill Release Report
2. Budget Report