

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 17, 2016 - Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Gary Schenck called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:03 AM at the Emergency Operations Center in the Rock County Health Care Center.

Members Present: Chair Gary Schenck, Norvain Pleasant, Jay Gasser, Tim Banwell, Sondra Klipp, Steve Benton, Commander Troy Knudson, Lt. Ron Sagen, Robert Swenarski, Robert Wildermuth, Dick Mellom, Chief Loren Lippincott, Rick Richard, DC Jim Holford, Scott Running, Tim Schuster, Sgt. Shena Kohler and David Botts.

Members Absent: Chris Walsh, David Ausloos and Lt. Brad Altman.

Guests: Erin Denker – Evonik, Catherin Kolb – Shine Medical Technologies, and Norman Tadt – Rock County LCD.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Robert Wildermuth to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Rick Richard and seconded by Norvain Pleasant to approve the minutes from March 15, 2016. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Plan of Review – Committee did not meet as there were no plans to review.

Community Right-to-Know – Lt. Ron Sagen had nothing to report. Annual Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know notice goes out in mid-June.

Plan of Work – Sgt. Shen Kohler reported that the first half plans had been finished and turned in to the state. Those who signed the plans will get copies of the plans they signed. If anyone else would like a copy of any of the plans, please request a copy from the Emergency Management office.

Membership – Jay Gasser stated that he has spoken to the media contact about becoming a member of LEPC. Re-election are upcoming in July. Those up for re-election are Chief Loren Lippincott, Jay Gasser, Lt. Ron Sagen, Commander Troy Knudson, Dave Botts, Evonik (Virginia Purvis is no longer with Evonik), and the open media vacancy.

Budget – Sgt. Shena Kohler reported that the budget for phones had increased because the EOC phones were being replaced with new digital phones. The cost being split between Emergency Management and the LEPC. Also, under the Policing & First Aid supplies were purchases for Hazmat disposables in order to re-stock the decon trailer.

Spill Report - Spill reports were distributed. Lt. Ron Sagen stated the there was still not a known spiller for the incident on Hwy 14 and Kennedy. A local chemical company helped to determine what the substance was but a spiller has still not been identified. Norvain Pleasant wanted to thank Chair Schenck for his e-mail further clarifying the Stateline Recycling spill. The DNR is still working with Stateline to follow up on the spill.

Training – Sgt. Shena Kohler stated that the Emergency Response Guide books have been disseminated by the state but mentioned that our county only received enough for the emergency response vehicles and no extras. The latest can be acquired electronically through a smartphone app or by downloading the PDF. Rock County is

working towards a county-wide Rescue Task Force and Sgt. Kohler will keep the group updated as the work on the RTF progresses. There will be a Basic Public Information Officer hosted in the EOC, starting on September 21st. Rapid Needs Assessment will be hosted here as well on September 15th. The WEMA, Wisconsin Emergency Management Association, conference will be held in October of this year and all LEPC members are welcome to attend. There is still funds available in the training budget for those who may be interested.

Public Health – Tim Banwell reported that there have been no new reported cases of elizabethkinga meningoseptic in Wisconsin, although there have been 2 new cases in Illinois. The Health department has also been monitoring the mosquito population for Zika and other mosquito borne diseases.

Additionally, there have been at least 60 cases of Shigella, a bacterial disease that affects the intestines. The state epidemiologist stated that this is not alarming, in that the volume of Shigella cases is cyclical.

Hazmat Team – Lt. Ron Sagen stated that the Hazmat Team is working on finalizing their grant processing. The grants are used to update the Hazmat team's equipment needs. The Hazmat team has purchased a new mobile deionization, decontamination tent which cuts down on the use of water and how to dispose of the water after decontamination is completed. The new tent does a more complete job and has less decon waste.

Also, Lt. Ron Sagen mentioned that he would be available after the meeting to discuss the PEAK program to anyone who was interested. Chair Gary Schenck stated that PEAK may be a beneficial program for the county and fire municipalities for their future pre-planning needs, as the program is easier to navigate and use than the current program CAMEO.

Committee Updates – None at this time.

Public Input – Jay Gasser announced that WHAMSTAR, Whitewater Area Mounted Search Team and Rescue, is looking to become more active and would possibly be interested in doing a presentation at the next meeting. Sgt. Kohler stated that any group looking to network or do a presentation was welcome, as the LEPC, is an open public meeting.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business – None at this time.

Next Meeting: The next LEPC meeting will be held July 19, 2016 at Rock County Health Care Center EOC.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Bob Swenarski and seconded by Norvain Pleasant to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted:
Beth Kline

Materials distributed at this meeting were:

1. Spill Report
2. 2016 Budget