

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 17, 2017 - Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Gary Schenck called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:00 AM at the Emergency Operations Center in the Rock County Health Care Center.

Members Present: Chair Gary Schenck, Norvain Pleasant, Lt. Brad Altman, Commander Troy Knudson, Norman Tadt, Lt. Ron Sagen, Deputy Chief Jim Holford, Dick Mellom, Sgt. Shena Kohler, David Botts, Jay Gasser, Rick Richard, Robert Swenarski, Erin Denker and Chris Walsh.

Members Absent: Todd Lambert, Sondra Klipp, Steve Benton and Battalion Chief Scott Running.

Guests: Hans Schuhbauer – Evonik, Jason Rowland – Town of Turtle Fire Dept., Catherine Kolb – Shine Medical Technologies.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Norvain Pleasant and seconded by Dave Botts to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Lt. Ron Sagen to approve the minutes from November 15, 2016. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Plan of Review – The Plan of Review Committee did not meet. Rick Wietersen stated that there will be new battery plans to review at the next LEPC Plan of Review Subcommittee meeting. Nothing further to report.

Community Right-to-Know – Sgt. Kohler stated that Emergency Management is working on a Tier II campaign and press release. Additionally, at the last after action debriefing for the incident on I-90, there was an interest in Law Enforcement getting a refresher on their Hazardous Materials training.

Plan of Work – Sgt. Kohler stated that Emergency Management is working on the first half in addition to finishing up the Hazard Mitigation Plan dissemination and adoptions.

Membership – Jay Gasser stated that there were two openings and asked if anyone had expressed an interest. Jason Rowland, of the Town of Turtle Fire Department, expressed an interest, via e-mail, in joining the LEPC. Jay Gasser made a motion and was seconded by Robert Swenarski to forward LEPC's approval of Jason's request for membership onto the County Board for final approval. Motion carried. Rick Wietersen asked to be listed as Noel Sandoval's alternate as the new Director of Environmental Protection.

Budget – Sgt. Kohler reviewed the budget for 2017 and mentioned that anyone interested in going to the Governor's conference should sign up and turn in the receipt to herself for reimbursement. LEPC has agreed to pay the registration fee for this year's Governor's conference and would appreciate those interested in registering, to take advantage of the early-bird special.

Spill Report – Spill reports were handed out. There were no questions.

Training – Sgt. Kohler reported on the upcoming training opportunities and handed out a copy of the training schedule from the Wisconsin Emergency Management training portal. There will be a Communications Leader training, Jan 31st – Feb 2nd in the Dells. We've been approved to host a Critical Emergency Management training, utilizing the model city. We are looking for a location to host this training. We will also be hosting a Communications Tech class September 11th – 15th and are looking for a facility to host this somewhere in central to northern Rock County. ICS – 300 will be hosted in Beloit, May 15th-17th at Beloit's Utilities building. Incident Response to Terrorism training will be hosted at the Kohl Center on March 20th. Command and General Staff for Local Incident Management Teams training at Verona Fire Station, March 20th – 24th. Position specific NIMS All-Hazard: Resource Unit Leader training will be hosted in New Berlin, April 10th-13th. Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) will be held in Madison on May 16th – 18th. Lt. Brad Altman stated that SimCom will be in Wisconsin Dells, on April 26th, for those who are interested.

Public Health – Rick Wietersen reported that there was a case of Hantavirus in Manitowoc County contracted via domestic raising of rats. Some of the domestic rats from this location were reported to have been distributed to Rock County. The CDC and Rock County are continuing to monitor the situation.

Hazmat Team – Lt. Ron Sagen spoke about the Hazmat team putting in their equipment requests for this year's grant money. Additionally, if anyone is interested in going to the WHAMR conference this year, Janesville Fire Department has an open room on their hotel block (conference hotel is currently booked full).

Committee Updates – None at this time.

Public Input – None at this time.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business – Lt. Ron Sagen asked about having guest speaker's come in to present to the LEPC. Anyone with suggestions, please contact Emergency Management. Lt. Brad Altman then asked about having meetings at some of the facilities in the future. There seemed to be some interest in doing that in the warmer months.

Next Meeting: The next LEPC meeting will be held March 21, 2017 at Rock County Health Care Center EOC.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Lt. Ron Sagen and seconded by Robert Swenarski to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Kline

Materials distributed at this meeting were:

1. 2017 Budget
2. Spill Report