LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
January 15, 2014
La Crosse County Law Enforcement Center
333 Vine Street, Room 1617
La Crosse, WI 54601
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Butler, Gregg Cleveland, Steve Thinnes, Sue Kunz, Brenda Hanson, Bob Ritger, representing Jennifer Shilling; Tom Wright, Mike Horstman, Leah Mudler and Vicki Burke

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pat Smith, Marc Schultz, Lois Losby, Jennifer Shilling, and Jay Loeffler

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Ben Hein, Regional Manager, Disaster Services for the American Red Cross and Lisa Olson-Mc Donald, West Central Wisconsin Regional Director

CALL TO ORDER
Gregg Cleveland, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Burke/Kunz to approve the meeting minutes of July 17, 2013, September 18, 2013 and November 20, 2013. MOTION passed unanimously.

MITIGATION GRANT UPDATE
This is all done except for the public presentation to be held in February. Once complete this grant will go through the Judiciary & Law Committee.

HAZMAT TEAM UPDATE – ANNUAL REPORT
The annual report was sent out. The La Crosse Team had the most responses last year including more calls with Law Enforcement for Meth Labs. Who will pay for clean-up is the big issue now. Cleveland will make arrangements to bring in someone to speak about the new railroad tracks coming in to La Crosse for the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING – DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE OPENINGS
Group 2 – Keith Lee has agreed to fill Keith Carlson’s spot and Ben Hein, American Red Cross would like to become a member also. A letter to the Editor to announce openings on this Committee may be a way to recruit people. Vicki will help write the letter to the editor. Someone from VOAD may be a good fit also. Motion by Burke/Thinnes for affirmation of Group 2 for continued membership. Motion Carried.

Lois Losby resigned from Committee due to new job commitments.

DISCUSSION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION BEFORE COUNTY BOARD RELATED TO THE JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE
Vicki chairs the Judiciary and Law Committee and it was suggested they could do away with this committee. It is important that the LEPC have a direct voice (Vicki) with the Judiciary and Law Committee as an advocate. Any comments from this Committee are welcome. Ritger said that the other four committees have enough work to do without adding the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee’s work to it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
The I90 bridge project has directed Butler to create some exercises for them. Off-site plans are almost all complete. The LEPC is welcome to come along for site visits. Butler will keep the group informed when tours are scheduled. Ongoing vendors for the mass notification system are still coming in and being saved.

Thinnes said that Trane is doing work on Losey and Ward Avenue facilities. No new chemicals are going in.

Wright - Gundersen health systems will be moving into their new Legacy Building this weekend.

Cleveland is working with Mayor Kabat to update the City's emergency plan. This is just about completed. Then they will begin work on a new formatted plan immediately. They will be launching an outreach program to La Crescent and the Town of Campbell on high-angle rescue including training.

Olson-McDonald – Wisconsin Emergency Management is developing a new guidebook mainly for new emergency managers but may be beneficial to the LEPC.

Ritger – Gundersen has a WISCOM system installed and Mayo is in the process of installing one.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
Vote on membership approval for Keith Lee and Ben Hein

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.
The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Kim Olson, Recorder