LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 16, 2014
La Crosse County Law Enforcement Center
333 Vine Street, Room 1617
La Crosse, WI 54601
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Hein, Keith Butler, Brenda Hanson, Gregg Cleveland, Jay Loeffler, Bob Ritger, representing Jennifer Shilling, Keith Butler, Marc Schultz, Mike Horstman, Deb Brague, representing Pat Smith, Tom Wright, and Vicki Burke

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pat Smith, Jennifer Shilling, Keith Lee, and Leah Mudler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Thinnes

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER
Gregg Cleveland, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Burke/Kunz to approve the meeting minutes, May 21, 2014. MOTION passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/VOTING OF OPENINGS IN THE LEPC MEMBERSHIP
Cleveland recommends Wayne Young for membership as a citizen representative. He is very active in the community. He would be considered a citizen member. MOTION by Burke/Brague to recommend and submit Wayne Young’s name to the county board chair for membership. Motion Carried. Gregg will continue to contact groups.

HAZMAT TEAM REPORTS AND TRAINING
The biggest thing that is happening is the significant funding loss through the State. The local team came up with a way to fund the hazmat team by talking to Kwik Trip and City Brewery. The fire department will provide hazmat training to these facilities and will then be compensated. This money will go directly into the hazmat fund. The first class with City Brewing is scheduled for mid August. There is an exercise planned for water rescues and water involvement in October. There was a small release at R & L Carriers. The Hazmat Team is trying to get a determination on whether we still have a County Team, or if it’s a State Team only.

DISCUSSION OF TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL
The railroad was supposed to supply the areas with information on the trains that went through the counties. A resolution is before the county board to do a study in the County for a railroad safety analysis of the BNSF rail lines. This resolution will come before the county board on Thursday evening. See county board meeting agenda on the county website.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHAPTER 24 UPDATE
This update is all complete except for the component reviewing of hazardous spills billing. All the ordinances are being updated. The final update should be here for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Railroads are not a reporting facility for us. There are specific reporting rules for other facilities but not for the railroad. Is there anything that can be done? No oversight because it is always in transit, it is not just in a facility or at a stand-still location. Keith can reach out again for a RR member to come to talk to our Committee if they wish. Gregg will be talking to the RR again this week, and he can bring it up again.

The Mitigation Grant has been completed, one issue came up and we are working with the company who wrote the plan on correcting this issue.

Within last several months all 57 Off-site plans have been updated in regards from the old verbage (Level A & B) Hazmat Teams to read Type 1 and 2. All 13 La Crosse Wells will be updated and Charter has been updated. Two new off-site plans were created for Tractor Central and Logistics Health Warehouse. Home Depot has enough chemical now to be considered a planning facility.

We are polling the area Fire Chiefs to see how much railroad track they have. Some have reported back. There was a Meth lab exercise in the Town of Shelby with La Crosse Fire/EMS/PD responders on June 17th.

We are stalled on the Mass Fatality planning and are waiting to determine who has lead roll etc. Once this is decided, then it will move forward. No one has a specific plan in Wisconsin so we are using other communities’ plan as a map.

We are trying to determine if we want to do the ESF’s instead of the annexes now in use.

VOAD is active and running. We have not had to do a call in for teams in regard to the storms.

The LEPC meets next in September. Butler would like the LEPC to meet at the La Crosse Fire Department Station 1 instead of the LEC building to see the Hazmat Team equipment and have a small demonstration of it.

The LEPC members may tour the Off-Site Facilities with Keith. He will advise the Committee when he has scheduled a visit so they can let him know if they want to go along.

We have been approved to have an AmeriCorps volunteer provided for up to 900 hours of community outreach in regards to disaster preparedness.

Last Thursday was the first meeting that the state health for transitioning from the Hospital Preparedness Program to heading into Coalition Preparing Program where it’s opening up to be involved with all the partners.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
Membership
Mitigation Grant Report
AmeriCorps Member
Site Visit Information
Chapter 24 Update

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.
The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Kim Olson, Recorder