LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
December 17, 2014
La Crosse County Law Enforcement Center
Room 1617
333 Vine Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Hein, Keith Butler, Brenda Hanson, Jay Loeffler, Bob Ritger, representing Jennifer Shilling, Deb Brague, representing Pat Smith, Wayne Young, Keith Lee, Sue Kunz, Todd Church, Marc Schultz, Eric Bashaw representing Tom Wright, and Vicki Burke

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pat Smith, Jennifer Shilling, Tom Wright, Mike Horstman, and Gregg Cleveland.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Barlow

CALL TO ORDER
Marc Schultz, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Burke/Loeffler to approve the meeting minutes, September 17, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

BYLAWS FINAL REVIEW AND VOTE
We do this annually. This year the County Clerk asked us to review the membership terms to see if we can’t get them more in line with how the County does them, which is the date the members first attended a meeting and was appointed by the County Board Chair. We do not have to do this. Discussion took place. Motion by Brague/Burke to renew the bylaws as is for 2014. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/VOTING OF OPENINGS IN THE LEPC MEMBERSHIP
Todd Church is replacing Steve Thinnes. We are waiting for the appointment letter from the County Board Chair for Dale Krageschmidt.

MEMBERSHIP PREPAREDNESS FOR VOTING IN JANUARY
Two groups – Group one is up for renewal next January. Group One includes Elected State and local officials, Firefighting/First Aid, local environmental, transportation and community groups. No one has notified the Emergency Management Office that they wish to end their service. So voting will take place in January.

DISCUSSION ON THE RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE MULTI-HAZARDS PLAN 2015-2019
Motion by Burke /Hanson to approve the resolution for the adoption of the Multi-Hazards Plan 2015-2019 as completed. Explanation of the resolution was stated by Butler. Motion carried. Our plan is now current and good for 5 years. Get link to plan for members.
OFF-SITE PLANS REVIEW FOR 2015
A list was handed out of the 2015 off-site plans we are updating. Kunz will check with Hydrite to set up a date for a site visit. There is some interest from the members to see Trane, Hydrite and Kwik Trip also on the list. Gundersen has made some changes, so they will be added to our list.

IDEAS FOR AN EPCRA EXERCISE FOR 2015
EPCRA Grant that we get annually requires a periodic exercise. We generally come up with an exercise each year. July would be good to hold the exercise. The exercise can include both hospitals, EMS, hazmat teams to be involved with a Mass Fatality scenario integrated also. It can include crude oil, hazmat, so it is considered an EPCRA based. Kwik Trip area and use their response/notification systems.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Regarding the explosion at Midwest Gas, Patrick Barlow thought more specific boundary information should be given for the Shelter-in-place instructions so more people would understand it. And use the AlertLaCrosse website further. Public Health will have a website soon and they will place these things on their site. Include Shelter in place as a component of an EPCRA Exercise. Get an after action report of the Midwest incident for the next meeting in January.

Can the LEPC recommend that Keith get a SmartPhone. Yes, also place this on the January agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Ritger informed the Committee the region held an Ebola Tabletop workshop with 54 attendees representing 7 counties. This went very well. But there are still some outstanding questions, which are being addressed. Transport is a major issue. Public Health will hold a workshop on Quarantine.

There was an article in the La Crosse Tribune regarding railroad bridges. The bridges reported are in very poor condition. On Feb 3rd the public health will have the Bureau of Occupational Health in for an overview on the climate change and a small group activity. Brenda will share the information with Marc.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am. The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.
Kim Olson, Recorder