LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 20, 2017  
County Administrative Center  
Room 100  
212 6th Street North  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aron Newberry, Ken Gilliam, Keith Butler, Jay Loeffler, Tim Heiderscheit, Sue Kunz, Tom Wright, Wayne Young and Mike Horstman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jennifer Shilling, Bob Ritger, Jim Krueger, Adam Jacobson, and Pat Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vicki Burke and Marc Schultz

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Olson, Michelle Tischer, American Red Cross, Jeff Schott, La Crosse Hazmat Team Leader, Liz Russell and Amy Werlein, Stella-Jones Co., Bangor, WI

CALL TO ORDER
Chief Ken Gilliam, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Loeffler/Kunz to approve the meeting minutes for July 19, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATE
Information regarding budget concerns for a countywide alerting and notification system and automated weather warning siren systems was provided by Butler.

The EMPG and EPCRA grant awards may increase slightly in 2018. The Computer & HazMat grant has been reduced during the two previous grant awards.

HAZMATH UPDATE
Jeff Schott reported there was a total of 14 calls this year. Regular trainings and outreach activities were also completed.

CITIZEN VACANCIES
The LEPC currently has 2 vacancies. Wayne will be retiring at the end of the year and his citizen membership will expire. Submit a name by next meeting to have it approved in November and vote on in January.

NOMINATIONS FOR GROUP 2 MEMBERSHIPS
Motion by Butler/Young that there shall be a Citizen Representative assigned to each Group 1 and Group 2. Motion Carried.

We will need a verbal ok that the people in Group 2 will continue their membership in the future.
CHANGES TO WHOPRS AND TIER II REPORTING
Wisconsin Emergency Management has updated the WHOPRS reporting system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Michelle Tischer, American Red Cross (ARC) gave statistics from the flooding in July. Eight counties were impacted and they opened six shelters. The ARC is also being kept very busy with the Hurricane areas occurring in the US.

Jeff Schott, Fire Department/Hazmat Team reported they have a new truck to pull trailers. A rail car was donated by BNSF and is located by the training tower. Outreach training is available on opioid training especially to law enforcement, first responders, and other fire departments.

United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) is OSHA’s new hazard communication system using pictograms. Butler would like to include these pictograms in the off-site plans. This could be accomplished by a cover sheet, inserting it in the document, or as a new item as an attachment, or another method not mentioned. Let Butler know what your thoughts are on putting these pictogram pictures in the plans. Wright recommends that Keith puts it in the plan somewhere. From Jeff Schott’s point of view as a responder, the picture is the easiest to determine and quicker than reading long information.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

Motion by Wright/Kunz to adjourn. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 am. The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Approved November 15, 2017, Kim Olson, Recorder