LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
November 15, 2017
County Administrative Center
Room 100
212 6th Street North
La Crosse, WI 54601
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aron Newberry, Keith Butler, Jay Loeffler, Tim Heiderscheit, Sue Kunz, Bob Ritger, Alternate for Jennifer Shilling, Pat Smith, Eric Bashaw, Alternate for Tom Wright, Vicki Burke, and Mike Horstman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jennifer Shilling, Ken Gilliam, Marc Schultz, Tom Wright and Joshua Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Krueger, Adam Jacobson and Wayne Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Tischer, American Red Cross, Jeff Schott, La Crosse Hazmat Team Leader

CALL TO ORDER
Member Vicki Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Loeffler/Horstman to approve the meeting minutes for September 20, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATIONS FOR GROUP 2-VOTING IN JANUARY.
Motion Butler/Loeffler to nominate the existing members in Group 2 for reelection. Voting to take place in January. Motion Carried. Group 2 is: Jay Loeffler, Communications; Marc Schultz, Local Environmental; Pat Smith, News Media; Keith Butler, Emergency Management Coordinator; Mike Horstman, Law Enforcement; Adam Jacobson and Sue Kunz, EPCRA Facility; Aron Newberry, Health.

MODIFICATIONS OF BYLAWS SECTION INDICATING CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE IN BOTH GROUPS 1 & 2
Modifications were completed in the September Meeting. Motion Ritger/Heiderscheit to have a citizen representative assigned in group one and one in group two to be included in the Bylaws. Motion Carried to amend bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES
Wayne Young’s term ends on December 31. Members are urged to solicit potential LEPC members to fill existing vacancies and to use social media and websites to post the information.

HAZMAT TEAM REPORT
Jeff Schott, La Crosse Fire Department and Hazmat Team Leader reported the Hazmat Team responses from July-September.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT
The OSHA Globally Harmonized System information has been added to all of the City of La Crosse wells off-site plans. In the future these will be included as the first page of the plan.
The Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission has completed and submitted the application for grant funds for the mandatory 5-year County Mitigation Plan update. Many communities are considering flood mitigation projects.

Training will be provided for the new WebEOC application will be held on November 30 in the County Admin. Bldg. Dan Schreiter is working with County EM to develop an EPCRA Tabletop exercise at Kwik Trip that may meet LEPC requirements.

The County Information Technology Department is working with Emergency Services and County Emergency Management to refresh websites and social media connections.

The La Crosse County LEPC is the only county in Wisconsin to post off-site plans on-line (Alert La Crosse website). This project may be discontinued if there is no need to update the public-access versions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Jeff thanked the Emergency Management Office for their ability to purchase extra hazmat equipment.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Hydrite Chemical Co. removed seven tanks and are now down to five tanks outside. Butler would like a new tank map. They also bought the parking lot north of their building.

Ritger announced that the Region 4 Health Care Coalition (HCC) is emptying out about 9,000 needles every 3-4 weeks out of the red needle drop off boxes. The HCC is using the Stop the Bleed campaign to purchase 260 kits to give to first responders, ambulances, and other agencies and events. Each kits costs about $45.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Hazmat Team Report
Voting next meeting for Group 2

Motion by Loeffler/Kunz to adjourn. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.

Approved January 17, 2018, Kim Olson, Recorder