LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
January 16, 2019
County Administrative Center
Room 100
212 6th Street North0
La Crosse, WI 54601
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Butler, John Stevenson alternate for Pat Smith, Jay Loeffler, Ken Gilliam, Tom Wright, Sue Kunz, Mike Horstman, Aron Newberry, Jim Krueger and Vicki Burke
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jennifer Shilling, Marc Schultz, Tim Heiderscheit, Bob Ritger, Alternate for Jennifer Shilling; Joshua Olson, and Pat Smith
MEMBERS ABSENT: Adam Jacobson
OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Smith alternate for Sue Kunz; Blane Neher, La Crosse Hazmat Team; Burlie Williams, American Red Cross, Sarah Semrad, Jennifer Shilling Office

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Stevenson/Burke to approve the meeting minutes for November 14, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTING FOR GROUP 1
Motion by Horstman/Loeffler to approve the membership continuation of Group 1. Motion Carried unanimously

START BYLAWS REVIEW
No changes were made to the 2018 bylaws. Discussion regarding the LEPC meeting schedule. The current bi-monthly schedule will be maintained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Neher - Hazmat Report. There were 3 responses over the last quarter. Training was completed through the HMEP grant managed by the Emergency Management Office. 3 team members completed the Iowa Meth lab training course. An additional HMEP training grant has been approved. Several outreach presentations were completed.

Wright –Gundersen Health will conduct an evacuation drill not involving actual patient movement.

Burke - The County Administrator and County leadership attended the annual Legislators Day.

Krueger – MTU has a new Manager, Adam Lorentz. They are updating some documents including the Safety & Security Response Plan. MTU responded to an apartment carbon monoxide incident to provide temporary shelter.
Smith – Hydrite is no longer handling gaseous chlorine, so they will provide their Chlorine kits to the Hazmat Team.

Loeffler - The 9-1-1 telephone system replacement project is underway. In 2018 the non-emergency phone calls were down 5%, emergency 911 calls were up 1%. 133,000 calls for service.

Williams– Participates in the long-term recovery group for the 2018 flood disaster. The American Red Cross is working with the La Crosse Fire Department to install residential smoke detectors in the area. Outreach for 5th graders, for a quick training with the students on the hazards, fire, floods, etc. to give them skills to know what to do.

Butler – Purchased more presentation equipment for Room 100 in the Administrative Center. Demonstrated WHOPRS system used by facilities for their annual chemical reporting.

Alerting system –The County Emergency Services Department was unable to secure funding support from various municipalities to allow the acquisition of the alerting and notification system for the 2019 budget. The implementation project will be postponed until the 2020 budget preparation cycle begins in June.

No Chemical-spill scenario exercises have been requested for this year. It may be useful for the LEPC to prepare a list of potential sites, scenarios and off-site plans to evaluate.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Bylaws Final Review and Voting

Motion by Burke/Krueger to adjourn. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am. The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Kim Olson, Recorder

Approved March 20, 2019, Kim Olson, Recorder