

Dodge County Local Emergency Planning Committee

<u>LEPC Meeting Minutes</u> Wednesday, January 16, 2013 1:11 PM – 2:07 PM

Dodge County Law Enforcement Center - EOC

Members present:

Amy Nehls, Emergency Management John Haase, Dodge County Highway (Alt) Alan Mannel, Beaver Dam Fire Heather Lang, Wal-Mart DC/Facility Rep Sarah Neu, Member At-Large (Alt) Don Wellnitz, HAZMAT Joe Meagher, Emergency Management Jody Langfeldt, Public Health

Excused:

Eric Martin, Seneca/Facility Rep Dan Heim, DNR Muriel Harper, Red Cross Aaron David, County Board P.J. Schoebel, Medical Examiner Gary Berger, Horicon School District

Others present:

Trista Pruett, Beaver Dam Daily Citizen

Steve Fenske, WEM East Central Region Director

1. Call to Order

President, Jody Langfeldt, called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM. Attendees were reminded to sign the sign-in sheet. With only eight members present, it was noted there was NOT a quorum per the by-laws so nothing could be acted upon.

2. Review and approval of minutes of July 18, 2012

Due to not having a quorum, this item was tabled until the April meeting.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Public Comments

None

5. Review/Update LEPC By-Laws and Review/Designate LEPC Facility Compliance Inspector

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6. EPCRA Public Notice – Published in Daily Citizen (1/12/2013)

Amy reminded the group that publishing the annual EPCRA public notice is part of the LEPC yearly plan of work (POW) requirements. The notice was published in the Beaver Dam Daily Citizen on January 12, 2013.

7. EPCRA Report

2013 POW Site Visits

The 2013 plan of work started on October 1, 2012. Amy informed the attendees that this year we are updating the county-wide farm plan, which contains the following farms:

Brisky Brothers

Eugene Coughlin

John Meylink

Margaret Ganske Farm

Neal J. Stippich

Douglas Korth
Fairview Farm

Larry Moul Farm

Michael Vande Slunt

Nitschke Grain Farms

Roger Pribnow Farm Reible Farms

Ron Ganske Springhill Stock Farm

Tom Dooley Orchard Ver-Jan Acres

Witte's Century Farm

There is also potential for the following new EPCRA planning facilities: Pepsi Beverages, Quad Graphics – Hartford, Michaels Corporation, and Horicon's new well. Amy will be contacting these facilities to get more information on if they need a plan or just reported amounts incorrectly in the Tier II submission to WHOPRS.

8. Reports/Announcement by Groups

A. County Board - Aaron David

None

B. Senate - Sen. Scott Fitzgerald

None

C. Law Enforcement - Steve Allermann

None.

D. Fire - Alan Mannel

Alan said that the fire departments are moving along with MABAS and several departments will need to update their box cards because Fall River no longer has an EMS and is now being serviced by LifeStar for medical calls. Chief Mannel also said that the City of Beaver Dam is reviewing its mass casualty protocols, due to recent mass casualty events like the Sandy Hook school shooting. The City of Beaver Dam held a meeting last week with the fire department, police department, school district, Beaver Dam Hospital and Dodge County Emergency Management to discuss a mass casualty situation and decided to test their protocols and capacity with a full-scale exercise at the high school in July 2013. Alan also said that they are still discussing options for a county wide dive team but there hasn't been much activity with the group lately.

E. First Responder/EMS - Perle Macheel

None

F. HAZMAT - Don Wellnitz

Don had nothing new to report.

G. Medical Examiner - P.J. Schoebel

None

H. Health - Jody Langfeldt

Jody said that Public Health is dealing with influenza, there are four nursing homes that are either on restricted movement or have closed wings due to high levels of infection

with the flu. Anti-virals have been shipped to those nursing homes affected so they can vaccinate their residents and staff. Jody said that all the strains of the flu that are testing positive this year are in the current flu vaccines but people are still getting sick, those especially susceptible are children and the elderly. Public Health still has flu vaccines available, if someone is interested they should attend one of the vaccination clinics or make an appointment. Jody urged those who had not been vaccinated to get vaccinated because it is still early in the flu season, which usually does not peak until February in Wisconsin. There are 2 confirmed pediatric deaths from flu in Wisconsin for this flu season. Jody said that there were also 57 confirmed cases of whooping cough in 2012 and 1 child, in Wisconsin, died from whooping cough in 2012. Jody said the City of Watertown Public Health is working on a ground beef recall from a local catering company, over 2500lbs. of ground beef were affected and it was all sold over the holiday season. Jody is still working on disposing of the hazardous waste and trailer in Maple Grove Trailer Park on Forrest Road; this has been in progress since summer 2012.

I. Hospital – Anna Heller

None.

J. Red Cross - Muriel Harper

None

K. Environment - Dan Heim

None

L. Agriculture - VACANT

None

M. Transportation – John Haase

John said the Highway Department has just "gotten over the pre-Christmas blizzard", which dropped 24" of snow in Dodge County. Several members commented on the good job that the county did on getting the roads cleared and getting to stranded motorists.

N. Community - Sara Neu

Sara had nothing new to report.

O. Facility - Heather Lang & Eric Martin

Heather had nothing new to report.

P. Broadcast/Print Media - Zach Heilprin

None

Q. Schools - Gary Berger

None

R. Emergency Management - Amy Nehls & Joe Meagher

1a. Uniform Crisis Response Plan for Schools - School Incident Preparation
Emergency Management has been working with the Sheriff's Department, the Dodge
County SWAT team, the local police departments, local fire and EMS agencies, and the
schools on an initiative to prepare them for a school-based incident. Most of the schools
have completed the required ICS training for all staff and the schools also participated in
2 tabletop exercises in fall 2012. Since the Sandy Hook shooting in December 2012
Amy's phone has been very busy. The schools are now finalizing their plans and starting
to train staff and students on the new protocols. One of the districts that had dropped out
of the planning initiative has now come back to the process, their plan has been
completed and they are working on getting the staff trained. Amy has been asked by

CESA#5 (Portage, WI) to give a presentation to their school districts on what has been done in Dodge County. Amy was also contacted by the State Department of Public Instruction (DPI) about putting the Dodge County School Plan Template on the DPI website as an example, Amy got permission from the districts and the plan has been posted on the website. Law Enforcement is planning to start meeting to create a School Crisis Response Protocol for all law enforcement agencies in Dodge County. There will be two functional exercises and then two full-scale exercises (one at Beaver Dam) to test all the planning and training that has been done.

2b. Ashippun Tower Construction

Joe said that the new tower in Ashippun is completely live except for Channel 3, which only affects the Sheriff's Department. The tower had been built too high, but the problem has been rectified and the tower was erected to the proper height. The new tower should greatly improve our paging and communications for public safety response agencies. Joe also said that Emergency Management had applied for an Aid to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for \$750,000 for county-wide simulcasting. There has been no notification if the grant was received or not, so we are waiting for official notification.

3c. Potential Snow Storm Declaration for December 19 – 21, 2012

Joe said that Dodge County asked the municipalities and non-profits to report their initial costs for emergency measurers and debris removal for a potential snow declaration and the total amount that was reported for Dodge County was around \$770,000. Dodge County only needed about \$280,000 to meet their per capita amount, so the amount reported far exceeded the county's amount needed. However, the State of Wisconsin needed about \$8,500,000 to meet its per capita amount and they came up about \$1,300,000 short so there will not be a declaration request for the snow storm. Amy took this opportunity to tell the members that Wal-Mart DC had been gracious enough to donate cases of water and granola bars (2 squad cars full) so the Sheriff's deputies could carry them in their cars to distribute to stranded motorists during the snow storm. The LEPC extended a Thank You to Wal-Mart.

9. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be in the Dodge County EOC. The remaining LEPC meeting dates for 2013 are: July 17 and October 16 (this may need to be cancelled or rescheduled due to WEMA conference).

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Amy Nehls, second by John Haase to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried**. The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy B. Nehls

Secretary/Coordinator of Information

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Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.