

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 21, 2013 - Minutes

Chair Gary Schenck called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:30 AM at Blackhawk Technical College, Blackhawk Room.

Members present: Chair Gary Schenck, Sgt. Shena Kohler, Karen Cain, Tim Banwell, Robert Wildermuth, Dave Ausloos, Ron Sagen, Steve Benton, Steve Howland, Chief Loren Lippincott and Josh Hilden.

Members Absent: Jay Gasser, Scott Cashion, Beth Natter, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Curtis, Deputy Chief Dan Davis, Jim Stute, Major Bob Fay, Lieutenant John Conger and Captain Jude Maurer.

Guests: Rick Wietersen, County Health Department

Ground Water – Maps: Rick Wietersen spoke to the Committee regarding testing wells and ground water. High nitrates is an issue and some individual wells show high levels of nitrates. Reverse osmosis is one of the ways to correct the high nitrate level but is expensive. He stated for nitrate levels above 20, it is recommended that people do not drink the water. It is recommended that well testing be done every year. The Health Department has been doing town-based programs to determine which wells are safe versus which wells are the problem areas.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Chief Lippincott and seconded by Ron Sagen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bob Wildermuth and seconded by Karen Cain to approve the minutes from March 19, 2013. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Plan of Review – Nothing to report.
- ◆ Community Right-to-Know – Nothing to report. Ron Sagen did ask LEPC members for input regarding Community Right-to-Know.
- ◆ Membership – Chair Schenck advised Captain Gary Groelle is an LEPC member and Captain Jude Maurer will be his alternate.
- ◆ Chair Schenck announced his retirement effective June 30, 2013. He stated that he would like to continue as Chair of the LEPC Committee.
- ◆ Plan of Work – Sergeant Kohler advised the Committee the first half of the 2013 Plan of Work was submitted to Wisconsin Emergency Management.

Emergency Management Report:

Sergeant Kohler stated the Sheriff's Office had an exercise with Beloit Hazmat Team, 54th Civil Support was called from Madison as well as the Level B Hazmat Team from City of Janesville Fire Department. Someone had delivered an envelope with a white powder substance. Two weeks later the same thing happened in Janesville.

Lockdown Training (Crisis Reality Training) went well.

Flooding has kept Emergency Management extremely busy for quite some time.

There will be a debriefing at the City of Janesville Fire Department today. The Health Department reported they will be in attendance. Paul France will also be in attendance from Wisconsin Emergency Management.

Sergeant Kohler advised the Beloit debriefing showed City of Janesville Fire Department did an excellent job. Ron Sagen stated agencies came together and learned from each other's perspectives. Karen Cain stated Mercy Hospital had concerns and planned to be in attendance at today's debriefing.

- ◆ Budget Report – The Committee reviewed the budget report with no questions.
- ◆ Spill Report – Spill reports were distributed with no questions.
- ◆ Training
Sergeant Kohler announced the Sheriff's Office (Emergency Management) is looking at exercises to be conducted. A need for an exercise has been identified for a rural response team for off-duty responders to utilize their services in Clinton. Another possibility is an active shooter exercise at Clinton High School. She indicated they would like to see the impact on the school and how they would respond. This would include all resources. Chair Schenck suggested joint meetings and joint training.

Chair Schenck advised he attended the Midwest Emergency and Preparedness Meeting in Rockford this year. He thought it was very beneficial. Ron Sagen also attended the conference and spoke on the Commodity Flow Study that was done in combination with several other counties. He advised few results were given on Rock County.

Public Health – Karen Cain indicated the Health Department's interest in having some type of workshop where facilities, hospitals, emergency services, fire, police departments and schools come together and discuss their available resources. Chair Schenck stated he felt this was an excellent idea and urged LEPC members to assist Karen in this endeavor. Chief Lippincott stated he supported the idea and suggested it be called a "Community Preparedness Summit." Motion by Chief Lippincott and seconded by Sergeant Kohler to accept the "Community Preparedness Summit". Motion carried.

Public Input – None

Old Business - None

New Business – Approval and confirmation of the LEPC By-Laws – Copies were distributed to the LEPC members. Motion by Ron Sagen and seconded by Sergeant Kohler to approve the By-Laws and forward to Wisconsin Emergency Management.

Next Meeting: The next LEPC meeting will be held July 16, 2013 at Rock County Health Care Center, Emergency Operations Center.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Ron Sagen and seconded by Steve Howe to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted:
Shirley Klipstein

Materials distributed at this meeting were:

1. Spill Report
2. Budget Report
3. LEPC By-Laws