

ROCK COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

**May 16, 2017 - Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Chair Gary Schenck called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:10 AM at the Emergency Operations Center in the Rock County Health Care Center.

**Members Present:** Chair Gary Schenck, Norvain Pleasant, Rick Wietersen, Lt. Ron Sagen, Sondra Klipp, Todd Lambert, Erin Denker, David Botts, Jason Rowland, Sgt. Shena Kohler, Commander Troy Knudson, and Rick Richard.

**Members Absent:** Jay Gasser, Deputy Chief Jim Holford, Robert Swenarski, Steve Benton, Chris Walsh and Battalion Chief Scott Running.

**Guests:** None.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Robert Swenarski and seconded by Norvain Pleasant to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Norvain Pleasant and seconded by Lt. Ron Sagen to approve the minutes from March 21, 2017. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Plan of Review** – The Plan of Review Committee did not meet but Rick Wietersen stated that he will have plans to review in July.

**Community Right-to-Know** – Lt. Ron Sagen stated that there was nothing new to report. Tier II reports have been downloaded into the PEAK software. Site plans are more difficult to download from WHOPRS.

**Plan of Work** – The Plan of Work Committee did not meet. Sgt. Kohler stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> half had already been submitted in March. About two thirds of the annexes were updated. Plan of Work reporting has changed slightly, requiring more work on the finance side and the detail of reporting.

**Membership** – The Membership Committee did not meet. Jay Gasser was not in attendance. There is a vacancy in group 4 and group 5.

**Budget** – The 2017 budget was reviewed. Policing and First Aid is being used for helping purchase Hazmat disposables. Public Health has quite a few PPE needs for the ongoing meth lab mitigation. There are still funds in our training expenses. If there are any LEPC related trainings upcoming, and you are interested in going, please let Sgt. Kohler know. The budget will support the registration costs.

Lt. Ron Sagen asked about stocking the decon trailers. Sgt. Kohler stated that she would speak with Interim-Chief Lukas from Milton about re-supplying the decon trailer's consumable supplies.

**Spill Report** – Spill reports were reviewed. There was one correction suggested by Norvain Pleasant. This will be corrected in the records.

**Training** – Sgt. Kohler stated that she has attended the ICS Train-the-Trainer through EMI. If you are looking to take the ICS 100 or 200 in person, rather than the on-line tutorial, please contact Sgt. Kohler. The test will still be taken on-line but the in-class is now being made available through Wisconsin Emergency Management.

**Public Health** – Rick Wieterson stated that Public Health is now responsible for the mitigation of identified meth labs and drug making sites after DCI and clean-up companies have removed the equipment and hazardous substances. This responsibility is new to the scope of Public Health and there are very few guidance measures in place as legislated by state statute. PPE will be a main concern going forward and long-term environmental hazards related to meth and other drug exposure to the first responders and Public Health personnel involved in mitigation.

**Hazmat Team** – Lt. Ron Sagen reported that the E-Sponder system is going away and will be replaced with WebEOC in the near future. Sgt. Kohler stated that Emergency Management will be able to train anyone who is interested in using the WebEOC. Sgt. Kohler suggested a possible training, after an LEPC meeting for anyone interested.

The state has slowly been decreasing their funding of the state hazmat teams. A capital fund has been discussed in replacing and upkeep of expensive hazmat equipment for all state hazmat teams. Nothing has been resolved as of yet but funding options have been under discussion for state hazmat needs.

**Committee Updates** – None at this time.

**Facility Input** – Erin Denker stated that Evonik (Janesville) is working with the Fire Department to do some drills and training with their facility. Sgt. Kohler is also scheduled to come out to the facility, to do a tornado shelter evaluation of their Janesville site.

**Public Input** – None at this time.

**Old Business** – Terra Yard clean-up follow-up. Norvain Pleasant will go to Terra Yard to see if the spill is still on-site.

**New Business** – Sgt. Kohler spoke about possibly starting up a committee to deal with the meth discoveries in the county, working with Walworth, Public Health and all other stakeholders in the community regarding meth labs and drug identification and mitigation. The group would work on the process from discovery to mitigation, who would be involved and how the county will be moving forward. Rick Wieterson stated that he has a contact in Milwaukee that would be happy to present to larger groups about discovery, disposal and processes of managing a meth lab. Rick Wieterson will work with his contact to propose a presentation to a larger group of department heads of community stakeholders. (Stakeholders to consider: DHS, DNR, DCI, DOJ, LES, FD, EMS, Hazmat Teams, Walworth County LES and Public Health, Public Works, DOT, CPS, WEM, Hospitals and CST 54<sup>th</sup>.)

Chair Schenck asked that the LEPC keep track of the recycling centers, particularly those with potential for hazmat spills (used tires, liquids, etc.). He brought up the tire recycling center in Beloit that may be moving to highway 81 in Orfordville. He would like recycling centers added to the agenda for group discussion. It's not covered under the LEPC mandate but it could be a substantial impact.

Chair Scheck asked that recycling centers and meth labs/drug identification and response be added to the agenda to discuss at the next meeting. Anyone who may be interested in these subjects and would like to be involved in any potential planning/design team for an

exercise related to meth lab/unidentified drugs or any potential subcommittee, please e-mail Sgt. Kohler.

**Next Meeting:** The next LEPC meeting will be held July 18, 2017 at Rock County Health Care Center EOC.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commander Knudson and seconded by Norvain Pleasant to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Kline

*Materials distributed at this meeting were:*

1. 2017 Budget
2. Spill Report