

# **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE THURSDAY, August 13, 2015**

**Members Present:** Brad Henricks-EM Director, Bill Greening-Sheriff, Jon Petroskey-Antigo Fire Dept., Joe Novak-Co Board, Sadie Brown-DNR, Brian Braun-Hwy Dept., Eric Roller-Antigo Police Dept., Mike Winski-Citizen, Brian Cockerham-Red Cross

**Others Present:** Kim Bissonette-Sheriff's Office-LEPC Recording Secretary

## **Call meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Novak called a meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee to order on the above date at 10:04 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Introductions immediately followed.

## **Approve February 26, 2015 Minutes**

Minutes from the February 26, 2015 meeting had been distributed and reviewed. Moved by Winski to approve the February 26, 2015 minutes, second by Henricks. All ayes, motion carried.

## **LEPC Membership Updates**

EM Director Brad Henricks noted that there will be a few changes with new members for the Highway Department, Red Cross, and Jan Novak is no longer at the Sartori facility in Antigo. Henricks will try to reach out to other facilities and update the LEPC membership list. There are nine (9) sites that have to do planning. The updated membership list will then have to be taken to County Board next year.

## **Review Summer '15 Off-Site Plans**

EM Director Brad Henricks stated two (2) plans were completed right now. They are from the Multi-Purpose Bldg and Waukesha Bearings.

## **Discuss three (3) Spill Reports for Langlade County**

EM Director Brad Henricks informed members there were three (3) spill reports. March 16, 2015 a contractor dumped 3500 gallons of leachate from a landfill into a storm sewer, the DNR was notified and they said it created no problems. April 25, 2015 FS lost some Potassium Chloride from a hopper being towed by one of their trucks, FS hired a company to clean it up. June 26, 2015 an individual dumped human waste and toilet paper into a swamp near White Lake, the DNR inspected it and the amount was very minor.

## **Discuss Disbursement of Hazmat Equipment and Trailer**

EM Director Brad Henricks informed members that the Highway Dept. would like the Hazmat equipment and trailer removed from their building. There is only one (1) vehicle that can even hook up to the trailer and it is way too big and serves no purpose. The Public Safety Committee approved to get rid of it the best way possible. Henricks would like to get together with the Fire Chiefs and have them take what equipment they can use since they are first responders anyway and would like to see the items stay local. Henricks will offer it to Oneida County Hazmat and work out a deal on our contract with them or sell it on the Public Surplus Auction.

### **Discuss Langlade/Antigo Mass Notification System**

EM Director Brad Henricks informed members that the city has abandoned the outdoor weather sirens due to fiscal options. Eric Roller stated that the outdoor weather sirens were tabled at a recent meeting and going back to counsel to discuss it further. The sirens weren't hitting everyone in the city and the cost to cover everyone is very expensive. New technologies are being looked at. The city is looking at providing weather radios for \$25 each and also partnering with the county on the Nixle system. The Nixle system will notify the public in many different ways; cell phones, broadcaster TV/Radio, social media, websites, facebook, twitter, emails, hard line phone listings on LAN lines. Henricks stated it's turned on but phone listings are not completed. The alerts will go to all active cell phones and the messages will be specific whether it's an active shooter, water freezes, severe weather etc... There's also an online certification for designated people to author their own messages. Henricks commented that he appreciates the city working with the county to make this happen.

### **Review Contract Purchases for the Oneida County Hazmat Team**

EM Director Brad Henricks stated that he has fulfilled the contract obligation with Oneida County.

### **Current activity updates from the different disciplines**

Citizen/Fire– Mike Winski reported that MABAS (Mutual-Aid Box Alarm System) is moving on with training & development.

Antigo Fire Dept. – Jon Petroskey reported that the old Schulz Creamery building on Hwy 47 now has employees there with machines separating rubber and metal. His concern is if there was a fire of how to handle the situation to prevent run off into Spring Brook. He will get together with the state fire coordinator and do a walk through and the DNR will be on the radar to address this.

Sheriff – Bill Greening stated that he recently hired one (1) new 911 dispatcher and has had several complaints on her performance. She is still in training and not working alone, there are others that are monitoring the situations and would not allow life threatening situations to happen. Greening asked that everyone have patience and allow her the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience and to contact the Sheriff's Office with any problems so that they can be corrected. It's a tough job and our dispatchers do a fantastic job. Mike Winski stated that he has had very positive comments on the dispatchers.

DNR-Sadie Brown reported that it has been a fairly average fire season and there are a couple of vacancies that they are hoping to fill by this fall.

Antigo Police-Eric Roller reported that paramedics have been trained as Tactical EMS that work with the SRT team and it has been a going well. The city will be getting a new ambulance this fall and the old one will be used for the TEMS Team, which will allow them to respond quicker.

Red Cross-Brian Cockerham informed members that they are working on a home fire campaign to reduce fatalities and injuries. They will install 10 year smoke alarms up to three (3) per house for free and also provide fire education/evacuation

plans. The Red Cross does not deny anyone. The Red Cross just set up a website called getasmokealarm.org that will generate a ticket and coordinate the installation. Brian Cockerham also stated that they will be setting up an event in Antigo in the spring of 2016 and need more local volunteers. The Red Cross is also working on a Pillowcase project for grades 3-5. This project will focus on fire safety, natural disasters and coping. They will be handing out pillowcases for their emergency supply kits.

Hwy-Brian Braun reported that the bridge on Y is to be completed by the end of September. The required maintenance to the Skinner Dam has been completed from the 2013 inspection. Brian Braun also stated that there was a questionnaire that was sent out to all gas stations regarding providing emergency power to fuel pumps. Quik Trip has someone that has a local presence to reset their pumps, the Hwy department has emergency power in place. There was also discussion on getting together this fall with Brad and someone at the Hwy department to look at back-up generators on the tower sites.

County Board-Joe Novak stated that they are involved in findings of invasive species in Langlade County as well as some in the City of Antigo.

**Public Comment**

None

**Such Other Matters as May Legally Be Brought Before the Committee**

None

**Set next meeting date**

The next meeting date is set for February 11, 2016.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Jon Petroskey, second by Mike Winski to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted

Kim Bissonette, Local Emergency Planning Committee Recording Secretary