

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Brian Gehrig, Elmer Goetsch, Tom Emond, Terry Williams, Dan Kuzlik, Ken Korten Hof and Dawn Robinson, Program Assistant.

ALSO PRESENT: Freeman Bennett (Oneida County Highway Commissioner), Lora Hainy (American Red Cross), and Michelle Fenske (American Red Cross).

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Nick Scholtes.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gehrig called the meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee to order in the Community Room at the Oneida County Law Enforcement Center at 1:34 p.m. Chairperson Gehrig noted the meeting notice had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: To approve the Agenda (Korten Hof/Goetsch, PASSED).

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2011 Committee meeting (Kuzlik/Goetsch, PASSED).

RESIGNATION/APPOINTMENT OF LEPC COMMITTEE MEMBER

Nick Scholtes retired and Freeman Bennett has been appointed as the new Highway Commissioner. Bennett will be representing transportation and will be listed on the County Board agenda for appointment/approval.

HAZMAT TEAM REPORT

The HazMat Chief was unable to attend today's meeting and the Emergency Management Director provided the HazMat Team Report addressing the following: member status, trainings, business meetings, service requests, contracted counties, equipment grant and building updates.

HAZMAT MEMBER STATUS

The Emergency Management Director explained some members were removed to make room for other members who wished to join the Team. New members added are: Nick Strupp (Pelican Fire), D. Williams (Rhineland Fire) and Wichmann (Rhineland Fire).

Mid-Probationary members are:

K. Johnson: Support staff member for decontamination of females, no concerns.

McDonald: Technician Level, assists with vehicle maintenance, no concerns.

Semmerling: Technician Level (need certificate), bomb squad member and is required to complete a physical.

MOTION: To approve mid-probationary reviews (T. Williams/Goetsch, PASSED).

New members:

Strupp: Member of Pelican Fire, Operations Level and assists with vehicle maintenance.

D. Williams: Member of Rhinelander Fire, Operations Level and completed EVOC training.

Wichmann: Member of Rhinelander Fire, Technician Level and completed EVOC training.

MOTION: To add Strupp, D. Williams and Wichmann to the HazMat Team as probationary members (T. Williams/Kuzlik, PASSED).

Appoint Assistant HazMat Chief:

The Emergency Management Director explained this year the Assistant HazMat Chief position is to be appointed and next year the HazMat Chief position will be appointed. The Director recommends reappointing Tom Waydick as the Assistant HazMat Chief for two-year term.

MOTION: To appoint Tom Waydick as the Assistant HazMat Chief for a two-year term (Goetsch/Kuzlik, PASSED).

ITEMS FOR AND REPORT FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

HazMat Incident Billing Policy and Procedure:

The Emergency Management Director recommended keeping the billing policy and procedure as is as and noted, the STATE is proposing to reorganize HazMat Teams and may develop a standard billing procedure. There was discussion.

MOTION: To approve the HazMat Incident Billing Policy and Procedure with no changes (Kortenhof/Emond, PASSED).

LEPC Compliance Inspector:

In the past, the STATE has been designated as the Inspector.

MOTION: To appoint the STATE as the LEPC Compliance Inspector (Kortenhof/Emond, PASSED).

LEPC Bylaws:

Changed meeting time from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: To approve the LEPC Bylaws (Goetsch/Kuzlik, PASSED).

State HazMat System Proposal:

Currently there are eight (8) Regional Teams and forty (40) County Teams. The State is revamping HazMat services to provide NIMS based standardized trainings, standardized equipment and standardized operational procedures based on a ninety

(90)-minute response time. The Oneida County HazMat Team would be classified as a Type 2 Team. The restructure of Teams allows for funding to be available and once a Team is called out, the Team is covered under the States liability insurance. The State has to approve of the new HazMat System Proposal in order to become law. There was discussion regarding contracts and controversy regarding the new proposal. LEPC will be notified as new information becomes available.

2012 County HazMat Team Contracts:

Contracts remain the same (Vilas, Forest, Lincoln & Langlade Counties).

2012 Computer-HazMat Equipment Grant:

The HazMat Chief and the Emergency Management Director are assessing equipment needs.

Oneida County Emergency Response Zone Atlas Books:

The Emergency Management Director wrote a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant through LEPC (and received grant award) to update the Emergency Response Zone Atlas Books. The Atlas breaks down fire zones, response zones and lists fire numbers (site address numbers) to aid in wildland fires. Atlas Books are being published and will be distributed.

NOAA Weather Radio Hazard Mitigation:

The Emergency Management Director wrote a Hazardous Mitigation Grant to purchase weather radios to be distributed to functional need areas. The Department received the grant and has purchased (and received) 1100 weather radios. The Department is developing criteria for eligibility factors and distribution. This is the second grant received to purchase weather radios.

Wisconsin Association of Hazardous Material Responders (WAHMR) Conference:

Conference is scheduled for Feb 9th and 10th in Wisconsin Dells with pre-conference trainings scheduled on the 7th and the 8th. Conference and attendees will be discussed at the next HazMat Business Meeting.

Wisconsin HazMat Online Planning and Reporting System (WHOPRS):

WHOPRS is an online reporting system that is State mandated this year. The online system is the only way to view Tier II Facility reporting.

ITEMS FOR AND REPORT FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

None.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF BILLING FOR SPILLS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two representatives from the American Red Cross were present. There was discussion regarding the following: Fire Zone Atlas Books available to view mapping to re-invent

their disaster analysis process, Safe & Well Program information shared, 211 partnerships, capacity needs for sheltering and functional need shelters.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

None.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Develop as needed.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for June 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

2:02 p.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Kuzlik/Goetsch, PASSED).

Brian Gehrig
Chairperson

Dawn Robinson
Program Assistant