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Eau Claire County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Present: Katherine Schneider, Kyle Johnson, Darrell Christy, Benjamin Frederick, Jason Knecht, Jack Running, Matt Jagger, Diane Hunter, Dustin Walters, Jamie Burkhardt, Marisa Stanley, Robert King, Frank Neibauer, Thomas Lochner, Sarah Seifert

Absent: James Hager

Others: Tyler Esh, Valerie Desio – Committee Clerk, Lisa McDonald-Olson and Brian Cockerham – WEM, Joan Miller– Ready Team-CV, Joe Kalscheur – Health Department

Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair Christy called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was noticed.

Roll Call

The roll was called by the clerk, and it is noted above under present. A quorum was confirmed.

Review/Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from May 18, 2023, with one correction to Election of LEPC Vice President, changing Motioned by from Frank Neibauer to Thomas Lochner. Motion by Frank Neibauer, seconded by Jamie Burkhardt to approve the May 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes with correction. All in favor, motion carried.

2023 Commodity Flow Study Project

Bruce Fuerbringer discussed the results from the 2023 Commodity Flow Study. The presentation detailed various hazardous chemicals transported by roadway. A copy of the presentation is available from Emergency Management by request. Next year's portion of the commodity flow study will discuss transportation of hazardous chemicals by railway.

Review/Approval of 2023 Sulfuric Acid Battery Plan

Valerie Desio, Emergency Management Program Assistant, presented two final updates to the 2023 Sulfuric Acid Battery Plan. Wal-Mart #1669 and WI-23943 Charter Communications-Altoona Warehouse are being removed due to retail exemptions and no longer having quantities that require reporting. Motion by Jack Running, seconded by Thomas Lochner to approve final update of Wal-Mart #1669. Motion by Frank Neibauer, seconded by Thomas Lochner to approve final update of WI-23943 Charter Communications-Altoona Warehouse.

Emergency Management Updates

Tyler Esh updated the Committee on the following items regarding Emergency Management:

- LEPC Members should have received emails with information about the LEPC Newsletter. This newsletter is being released quarterly and the content is reviewed by the LEPC Workgroup that is looking to help counties improve the engagement of their LEPC. Past copies of the LEPC Newsletter can be found at <https://wem.wi.gov/lepc/>. If anyone has ideas for upcoming content, please let Valerie Desio know.
- There are many upcoming training courses being held throughout the county. The training courses range from Cybersecurity, special event security, to ICS/EOC interface. Available training can be found on the Emergency Management website calendar.
- Our department is currently planning a long-term power outage full-scale exercise which will activate our EOC and allow us to test out our new EOC and tools recently created. The EPA has approached us about conducting a hazardous material spill exercise involving a local facility. This exercise is in the early planning stages and will occur Q1 of 2024.
- Our mass notification system contract is up for renewal at the end of the year. Recently we have shared the cost of RAVE with the City of Eau Claire and City of Altoona. With usage of the system slowing, Altoona is no longer interested in participating and the City of Eau Claire is looking to reduce their portion of the costs. Emergency Management has identified Regroup, Rave, and Everbridge that could meet the needs of the county, with Regroup being the lowest cost. However, with the city expressing no interest in changing systems and wanting to lower their shared cost, funding will need to be identified to ensure citizens and visitors of Eau Claire County can be notified in an emergency.
- Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) draft is being released to various partners. Based on responses from partner agencies, 6 preparedness priorities were identified. These priorities will drive the emergency management department training and exercises to ensure that Eau Claire County is prepared for emergencies. Contact Emergency Management for a copy of the Integrated Preparedness Plan.

Local Hazardous Materials Spill Response Team Report

Jamie Burkhardt, City of Eau Claire Fire Department updated the Committee on the latest hazardous materials incidents. From May 17 to September 11, there were:

- 22 events were CO related, 2 with CO present, 5 with detector issues.
- 14 events were natural gas leaks, many related to installation of Fiber.
- 1 event was a gas spill.
- 3 events were investigations.
- 1 event was oil or other chemical spill.

Next Meeting Date

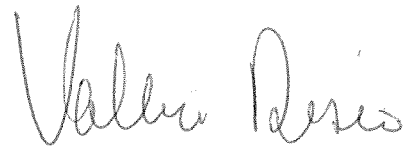
The Committee agreed on the next meeting to be held December 14, 2023.

Adjourn

Motion by Frank Neibauer, seconded by Marisa Stanley to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Desio". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully Submitted,".

Valerie Desio – Clerk, Local Emergency Planning Committee