



## Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes January 4, 2018

An attendance sheet was distributed.

**Committee Members Present:** Kathy Johnson (Columbia County Emergency Management), Barry Pufahl (Columbia County Board Supervisor), Nate Sievers (Alliant Energy), Suzi Hemler (Portage Schools), David Tracey (Pardeeville Public Works), Paul Nadolski (WDNR), Pete McCormick (WDNR), Sharon Foley (Divine Savior Healthcare), Susan Lorenz (Columbia County Health Department), Dan Drew (Columbia County Board Supervisor)

**Committee Members Absent with Notice:** Dennis Richards (Sheriff), E. Kevin O'Neill (Red Cross)

**Committee Members Absent:** Media Representative, Keith Ripp (Representative 42nd Assembly District), Clayton Simonson Jr. (Portage Fire), Randy Koehn (Columbus Fire)

The meeting of the Columbia County Local Emergency Planning committee was called to order by Chairman Kathy Johnson at 1:34 PM at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, WI 53901.

### APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2018 AGENDA

*A motion was made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Dan Drew to approve the committee agenda as noticed. Motion was carried unanimously by the committee.*

### APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2017 MINUTES

*A motion was made by Dave Tracey and seconded by Suzie Hemler to approve the August 2017 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.*

### LEPC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

*A motion was made by Dave Tracey and seconded by Paul Nadolski to nominate Marie Darling Ellis as a committee member on behalf of Columbia County Emergency Management. Motion carried unanimously by the committee.*

*A motion was made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Dan Drew to nominate Amy Sandow as a committee member on behalf of City of Columbus Emergency Management. Motion carried unanimously by the committee.*

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- **Chairman** – Kathy Johnson – Motion made by Dave Tracey and seconded by Dan Drew. No other nominations. Nominations were closed. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Vice Chairman** – Clayton Simonson Jr. – Motion made by Nate Sievers and seconded by Suzie Hemler. No other nominations. Nominations were closed. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Recording Secretary/Coordinator of Information** – Marie Darling Ellis – Motion made by Barry Pufahl and seconded by Dan Drew. No other nominations. Nominations were closed. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

### **EPCRA (Emergency Planning Community Right To Know Act) \$ Reimbursement**

Marie Darling Ellis reported that on September 11, 2017 we received the first half of the EPCRA Grant Reimbursement in the amount of \$13,450.23.

### **EMPG (Emergency Management Planning Grant) \$ Reimbursement**

Marie Darling Ellis reported that on September 11, 2017 we received the first half of the EMPG Grant Reimbursement in the amount of \$23,771.66

### **EPCRA Plan Updates / New EPCRA Plans Written**

Marie Darling Ellis reported that seven large facility plans have been updated and one farm plan. No new plans have been written and no plans have been closed. Marie also spoke about the new state requirements for the off-site facility plans.

### **TRAINING AND EXERCISES**

Chairman Kathy Johnson gave an overview of the training and exercises we were involved in which included:

- Columbia County Health Care Center – Active Shooter Training and Tabletop Exercise
- Divine Savior Hospital/Tivoli Evacuation Drill – Natural Gas Leak
- City of Portage/Divine Savior Hospital Functional Exercise – Tornado
- GridEx Tabletop Exercise – 40 participants from 12 agencies
- GridEx Full Scale Exercise at Alliant Energy – 100+ participants including National Guard and officials. The Columbia County Emergency Operations Center was opened.
- Didion Incident After Action Review - 75+ responders attended

### **HAZMAT SPILLS**

Chairman Kathy Johnson gave an overview of the chemical spills that have occurred throughout Columbia that include:

- 9-7-17 Holland Trucking - I90/105 EB diesel fuel spill - company was invoiced for the response in the amount of \$1,502.81
- 10-2-17 Advanced Disposal - N4540 Allan Rd. Portage - release of LP Gas - company was invoiced for the response in the amount of \$7,395.62
- 11/20/17 Hemmersbach Trucking - Potter Road at CTH U - milk and oil spill - company was invoiced for the response in the amount of \$4003.04

### **CAMBRIA-FRIESLAND LONG TERM RECOVERY**

Chairman Kathy Johnson spoke about the long term recovery efforts in Cambria – Friesland stemming from the Didion Milling Incident. There were two MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Centers) held in Cambria on August 10<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup> of 2017. Many Columbia County Human Services agencies, mental health, and a medical provider attended and provided information about their services to the community. During the MARC on November 11<sup>th</sup>, we also provided free family photos taken by a local photographer and ran a concession stand with all proceeds going toward the long term recovery efforts to benefit the Cambria-Friesland area. Camp Noah is also in the works and fundraising has begun. Planning meetings continue.

## **PORTAGE AND PARDEEVILLE RIVER GAUGES**

- **Portage River Gauge:** The Portage River Gauge was repaired in 2017. Columbia County Emergency Management bought a replacement part for \$126.00 and the City of Portage installed the new part.
- **Pardeeville River Gauge:** The Pardeeville gauge will need to be taken off the Haynes Road Bridge and be relocated in 2019 due to a construction project. Location of river gauge during that time to be determined.

## **WISCONSIN CREDENTIALING ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (WI-CAMS)**

Chairman Kathy Johnson explained the WI-CAMS program. WI-CAMS is an identification system that identifies the responder, validates their credentials and tracks assets on the scene of an incident. All Columbia County Fire and EMS agencies have been given the option to have the cards made through Sauk County Emergency Management at a cost of \$2.00 per card.

## **PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT**

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant process has been completed for the required update of the plan in 2020. All municipalities must adopt the plan or need to write their own. Any mitigation issues that are not included in the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan will not be eligible for funding if an issue arises and funds become available.

## **SLOW NO WAKE ORDERS**

Slow No Wake Orders were cancelled on the Fox River and Big Slough in October after being on for most of the year. An ice jam occurred on the Wisconsin River and started some flooding issues in the lower part of Blackhawk Park in Portage on December 25, 2017. Signs were placed by the highway department advising of the high water. The water has receded at this time.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL HEALTH CARE COALITION**

The South Central Health Care Coalition is working on a state-wide evacuation plan. Emergency Management is helping with resource information. There will be an Influenza Outbreak Tabletop Exercise at Tivoli on January 17, 2018.

## **NEW ADMINISTRATION AND COURT SYSTEM BUILDING EMERGENCY PLANS**

The final draft of the plan was approved at the Security Meeting at the end of December. We will start printing the plans. The new plans will be placed into 3-ring binders instead of the flip charts to make it easier for changes. Once the Health and Human Services Department moves into the building and the Court Services move back over to the Courthouse building, the plans for those two buildings will again be updated at that time.

## **CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM (CART)**

Chairman Kathy Johnson reported on the Child Abduction Response Team (CART). Emergency Management and several other members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office attended a tabletop exercise in Lake Delton and participated in discussion about our joint response to a child abduction incident.

## **DRONE NETWORK**

Chairman Kathy Johnson spoke about The Drone Network. The Drone Network has 40 operators certified throughout the state of Wisconsin that we can utilize for incidents. Kathy also spoke about the need for drones to be grounded if/when Med Flight enters the area. We are trying to come up with the best way to make operators aware of this during an incident.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Chairman Kathy Johnson talked about a recent meeting set up by National Weather Service (NWS) with Columbia County Highway Department and City/Village Department of Public Works representatives to go over weather/snow removal concerns. NWS was asking for input on the kind of weather information would be helpful to them in determining their response to weather related incidents. The Highway/DPW Departments were given resources available to them through NWS including weather update emails and a chat option.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

The next LEPC meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. The location is yet to be determined.

*A motion was made by Nate Sievers and seconded by Barry Pufahl to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.*

Respectfully submitted,



Marie Darling Ellis  
Recording Secretary/Coordinator of Information  
Columbia County Local Emergency Planning Committee