



## **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES July 7, 2016**

An attendance sheet was distributed by the LEPC.

Committee Members Present: Pat Beghin (Columbia County Emergency Management), Kathy Johnson (Columbia County Emergency Management), Paul Nadolski (WI-DNR), Barry Pufahl (Columbia County Board), Dan Drew (Columbia County Board), David Tracey (Village of Pardeeville Administrator), Ryan Avery (American Red Cross Representative), Jonathan Stefonek (Portage Daily Register Media Representative), Randy Koehn (Columbus Emergency Management), Keith Ripp (Representative 42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District), Clayton Simonson (Portage Fire Department)

Committee Members Absent with Notice: Suzi Hemler (Portage Schools), Susan Lorenz (Columbia County Health Department), Judy Haase (Spectrum Brands-Portage), Dennis Richards (Sheriff), Nate Sievers (Alliant Energy-, automated "Out of Office" until July 11, 2016), Mike Hudgens (Portage Fire Department – noticed by Chief Simonson)

Committee Members Absent: None

The meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman Patrick Beghin at 1:34 PM at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, WI 53901 and was certified to be in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

### **APPROVAL OF JULY 2016 AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2016 MINUTES**

A motion was made by David Tracey and seconded by Clayton Simonson to approve the January 2016 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously by the remainder of the committee.

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

Kathy Johnson reported that we received the Second Half 2015 EPCRA reimbursement in the amount of \$14,133.00 for a total for 2015 of \$28,266.

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

Kathy Johnson reported that we received the Second Half 2015 EMPG reimbursement in the amount of \$23,970.55. In addition, we also received the 2014 Redistribution of \$5,112,59 for a total for 2015 of \$53,053.70.

### **EPCRA PLAN UPDATES / NEW EPCRA PLANS WRITTEN**

Kathy Johnson reported that 12 large facility emergency response plans have been updated.

Kathy also reported that a new emergency response plan is in the process of being written for Cliff's Inc. in Friesland.

Kathy explained that Landmark – Rio facility emergency response plan will be closed as they no longer have the Anhydrous Ammonia on site. The tank will be moved in the future (to an unknown location at this time) and used for LP storage.

105 Tier Two (chemical) reports have been reviewed since the beginning of the year, due in by March 1<sup>st</sup> each year. There was a small discussion on reporting facilities.

### **TRAINING & EXERCISES**

Pat Beghin gave an overview of all the training and exercises which included:

- Tabletop Exercise at CCI (Columbia Correctional Institute)
- Tabletop Exercise at the Wisconsin Dells Fire Department and the Crude Oil / Railroad (Pat gave a brief

- overview of the railroad and the crude oil reporting required if a train contains one million gallons or more)
- Tabletop Exercise on Ebola – State of WI Exercise – Regional approach with many counties present
- Crude Oil training`

**Future Exercises:**

- Columbus – All teachers from three schools - active shooter scenario – August 24th – Dodge County Emergency Management Director, Deputy Director, State Patrol, and DNR will have representatives at the exercise as well
- Portage – Portage High School – active shooter scenario – August 9<sup>th</sup> 5-9 PM
- Grande Cheese – Tabletop Exercise – chemical release – Columbia Health Care Center & Wyona Senior Living Apartments will have a representative at the exercise as well because of their location to Grande
- Barry Pufahl would like to see an exercise with the Pardeeville Schools in the future
- Meeting with Rio Schools next week to review plans

Pat Beghin explained the Rescue Task Force technique and how emergency personnel will be trained to get injured persons out.

**HAZMAT SPILLS**

Pat Beghin gave an overview of the chemical spills that have occurred throughout Columbia County which included:

- On 5/12/2016, a semi truck was losing 55-gallon barrels down the interstate highway. The Portage Fire Department was sent out to investigate and they were found to be empty. The driver returned when he noticed what was happening.
- 125 gallon diesel fuel spill on the interstate
- Others included small gas, oil, or agriculture spills

Pat Beghin introduced the new Red Cross Representative, Ryan Avery and all others present introduced themselves.

Representative Keith Ripp approved the motion to close the meeting and Dan Drew seconded it. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM.

The next LEPC meeting will be held January 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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These minutes were recorded by Kathleen M. Johnson/LEPC Recording Secretary/Coordinator of Information

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