



# COLUMBIA COUNTY

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## Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes August 3, 2017

An attendance sheet was distributed.

Committee Members Present: Kathy Johnson (Columbia County Emergency Management), Clayton Simonson Jr. (Portage Fire), Barry Pufahl (Columbia County Board Supervisor), Nate Sievers (Alliant Energy), Suzi Hemler (Portage Schools), David Tracy (Pardeeville Public Works), Paul Nadolski (WDNR), Sharon Foley (Divine Savior), E. Kevin O'Neill (Red Cross), Dan Drew (Columbia County Board Supervisor)

Committee Members Absent with Notice: Susan Lorenz (Columbia County Health Department), Randy Koehn (Columbus Fire Chief), Dennis Richards (Sheriff)

Committee Members Absent: Media Representative, Keith Ripp (Representative 4nd Assembly District), Mike Hudgens (Portage Fire Department-resigning because of retirement-letter to come), Ryan Avery (American Red Cross)

The meeting of the Columbia County Local Emergency Planning committee was called to order by Chairman Kathy Johnson at 1:33 PM at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, WI 53901.

### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2017 AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2017 MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Dave Tracey and seconded by Dan Drew to approve the January 2017 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.*

### **LEPC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

*A motion was made by Clayton Simonson and seconded by Nate Sievers to nominate E. Kevin O'Neill as a committee member on behalf of Red Cross. Motion carried unanimously by the committee.*

*A motion was made by Clayton Simonson Jr. and seconded by David Tracey to nominate Dan Drew as a committee member on behalf of Columbia County. Motion carried unanimously by the committee*

*A motion was made by Clayton Simonson Jr. and seconded by Nate Sievers to nominate Sharon Foley as a committee member on behalf of Divine Savior Hospital.*

### **LEPC MEETING DATE & TIME**

Meeting date and time was discussed. The meetings are always held the first Thursday of January and July. The LEPC committee decided to leave the number of meetings to two per year (can always call a “Special Meeting” if necessary, and the dates and times the same as well. The next meeting will be held January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00 PM.

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

Chairman Kathy Johnson reported that there have been no EPCRA reimbursements since the last LEPC meeting.

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

Chairman Kathy Johnson reported that there have been no EMPG reimbursements since the last LEPC meeting.

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

Chairman Kathy Johnson reported that 3 large facility plans have been updated. Kathy also reported that 2 plans were closed out.

### **Training & Exercises**

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

- Columbia County EM Hosted the Southwest Regional Meeting – a Cyber Tabletop Exercise was held
- Alliant Energy- Grid EX Tabletop Rehearsal (Columbia County Emergency Management was asked by the State of Wisconsin to write a grant to cover a tabletop exercise, GridEx TT 2017, later this year- discussion followed including the power outage exercise held in Wisconsin Dells last fall)
- Rail Incident Preparedness at the Governor’s Conference
- Tornado Spotter Class- NWS Meteorologist
- Arlington Ag Research Center hosted a Grain Bin/Feed Mill Safety Seminar (discussion followed - Organizing a training course like this for all first responders in Columbia County on all combustible dust was discussed – Kathy to talk to Arlington Ag. Research Center about this
- South Central Healthcare Coalition (discussion followed)
- Cambria/Friesland School Lockdown Drill and Presentation and Plan Update
- Pipeline Safety Tabletop Exercise
- Columbia County Emergency Management hosted the Southwest Regional Meeting - WEB EOC Training was held
- Tabletop Exercise City of Portage/DSH- Tornado (discussion followed – Sharon Foley reported about the exercise)
- Tabletop Exercise Poynette School Bus Crash
- Full Scale Exercise Columbus Bus Crash (discussion followed)
- After Action Reports (AAR’s) are being written for the previous exercises and we have or will be reviewing the information with the planning teams

### **Hazmat Spills**

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

- Several small spills occurred throughout the county. Two spills in particular were small Alliant transformers, releasing small amounts of mineral oil. Nate Sievers from Alliant discussed how fighting a transformer fire is a very unique thing. All Alliant fire responders are trained for this. A transformer mineral oil fire training was discussed and will be looked into by Nate Sievers, Alliant Energy.
- A 2- semi accident on I90/94 at the 102.4MM where approximately 30-35 gallons of diesel and oil were spilled. Clean-up amount billed was \$3,294.05.
- A discussion followed regarding these spills

### **Didion Explosion**

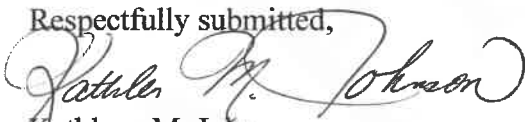
Kathy Johnson gave an overview of the Didion incident, the After Action Review, and the Long Term Recovery that continues. Kathy explained that the milling side of Didion has no extremely hazardous chemicals, therefore there is no off-site emergency plan written for it. Dave Tracey discussed how he assisted the village and they had to watch water levels, runoff issues, and lift stations very closely. Discussion followed.

### **2017 Flood Issues**

- **February** - Two ice dams occurred on the Wisconsin River on February 3-7 and 10-13 2017. The river level rose to 18.44 feet due to an early melt
- **March** - Most of the snow melt was none early from the north. The Wisconsin River stayed within action stage at 13 to 15 feet
- **April** - Storms/saturation Slow No Wake order was placed on the Fox River
- **May** - Storms/saturation Slow No Wake Order was placed on the Wisconsin River
- **June** - Slow No Wake Order was placed on Swan Lake and cancelled on July 26, 2017
- **July** - Slow No Wake Order in conjunction with Dane County was placed on Crystal Lake
- **July**- Slow No Wake Order was placed on the Big Slough

*A motion was made by Clayton Simonson Jr. and seconded by Dave Tracey to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 PM. The motion was carried unanimously by the committee.*

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen M. Johnson

Chairman

Columbia County Local Emergency Planning Committee

These minutes were recorded by Kathleen M. Johnson / Chairman