

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: 07/26/2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order

Roll Call: Board Supervisors present are David Drayna (zoom), Brandon White (zoom), Mary Roberts, Dwayne Morris, Karl Zarling

Others present were Donna Haugom, Tracy Neuhauser, Anita Martin, Yelena Zarwell, Ben Wehmeier, Michael Luckey (zoom)

Certification of Compliance with open meetings law: This meeting complies with the open meetings law.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented. The motion was made by Mary Roberts and seconded by Karl Zarling.

Public Comment: Anita Martin requests that she may make a comment when the Committee speaks on Item 9, which is the update on foam use during oil spills. Committee agrees.

Approval of the 6/28/2024 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Ben Wehmeier and seconded by Mary Roberts. The minutes are approved.

Communications: None

Review of Emergency Management Budget:

- Emergency Management sent out an attachment with the Flex Period Budget.

Update on Foam usage for Oil Spills : Tracy Neuhauser updated the committee that she contacted the local fire departments to ask how foam was used in oil spills. The consensus was that it was not. An absorbent material like oil dry, cat litter, or sand is typically used for an oil spill.

Foam would be used in a large gasoline spill, such as a gasoline tanker spill. But even for gasoline, it would have to be a large-scale incident to warrant foam.

Status of 2024 Off-Site Plans:

- To meet the requirements of the 2024 EPCRA Grant, we must update 11 plans.
- Nine plans are complete.
- Two plans were added due to updates to EM. We will look to amend the original list of companies because we do not get credit for extra plans. The plans we remove from this year will be filed next year
- Reiss Industries is not responding to the Emergency Management requests to update their plan. They will be seeking further action.

OSI Tabletop Exercise :

- Emergency Management presented a tabletop exercise at OSI Industries in Fort Atkinson on January 17, 2024. The exercise went well, and we identified areas for OSI to work on. OSI stated they would like a future tabletop for an active shooter incident.

South Central Health Emergency Readiness Coalition Exercise:

- Emergency Management hosted the South Central Health Emergency Readiness Coalition Exercise in the EOC on June 18, 2024.
- 17 people attended the exercise at our location. It was a Zoom joint exercise with other South Central HERC Region EOCs.
- Exercise was well received, and many contacts were made.

UW Whitewater Exercise:

- Tracy Neuhauser attended a tabletop exercise hosted at UW Whitewater on July 11, 2024, as an evaluator for a power outage scenario.
- Tracy provided some suggestions that would help UW Whitewater survey damage, which would help the county if they needed to file an emergency declaration.

Future Exercises:

- Tracy Neuhauser is working with Perry Way Foods, LLC, aka Johnsonville Brats, in Watertown for a tabletop exercise in September. The exercise will address an anhydrous ammonia leak, and we will test their second shift's responses.

2024 Governor's Conference:

- This year, Tracy Neuhauser and Donna Haugom attended the Governor's Conference.
- One of the main topics discussed was the East Palestine, Ohio train derailment.
- Both Tracy and Donna attended multiple trainings during this time

Lights N'Sirens, Jefferson County Fair & Veteran's Block Party:

- On June 29, 2024, Emergency Management had a booth at the Veteran's Block Party hosted by Jefferson County's Veterans Service Office. This is the second year we have attended a Veterans event, and it gives us a chance to reach a different demographic.
- Emergency Management attended Lights and Sirens in Watertown on July 2, 2024, and reached approximately 250 people.
- Emergency Management attended the Jefferson County Fair from Wednesday, July 10, 2024, to Sunday, July 14, 2024. Our booth was open from 8 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day except Sunday. On Sunday, we opened from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many people stopped at our booth this year, and we gave out lots of information. As always, this is our biggest outreach event.

Training:

- In anticipation of Donna Haugom's retirement in September this year, Tracy Neuhauser has been attending additional training. She participated in a planning class in Green Bay from May 30, 2024, to May 31, 2024. She gained some great planning tips and made some new contacts with whom she has been able to work on updating and creating new plans for Jefferson County.
- On June 20, 2024 Tracy Neuhauser attended a training hosted by DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection) on how to handle Mass Animal Mortality. This class was essential since Tracy is working on a zoonotic plan for the County to align with the County's strategic plan.

Ben Wehmeier invites the Committee members to attend the Retirement Luncheon for Sheriff Milbrath on August 8, 2024 which will be followed by an open house and Sheriff will have his last call at approximately 2:30.

The following day, on August 9, 2024, Captain Travis Maze will be sworn in as the new Sheriff, and everyone is invited to attend this as well.

*This is Donna's last LEEM meeting, as she is retiring on September 3, 2024. Dr. Morris requests this record of the minutes to reflect the gratitude for all the years of faithful service Donna has provided the County and her advances in Emergency Management.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Karl Zarling and seconded by Mary Roberts. The meeting adjourned at 9:29

Next Meeting – August 23, 2024 (hosted by Sheriff's Office)