

**WAUPACA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

March 17, 2016
Courthouse, Waupaca

Chair Esch called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Bryant Esch, Mary Robbins, Roger Holman, Andrew Carlin, Eric Halverson, Steve Fenske, Don Kimlicka, Jed Wohlt, and Del Volpel.

Esch gave the open meeting statement.

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Carlin to approve the Dec. 12, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Halverson, seconded by Kimlicka to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Esch opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

Volpel, Halverson, Wohlt, and Fenske reported on the Governor's Conference on Emergency Management. Volpel state he learned a lot about LEPC, its authority, and work to get a community prepared. All stated it was an excellent conference.

Halverson handed out and reviewed the countywide Epcra Strategic Hazardous Materials plans.

Esch read the following report from Valerie Heise, RN for ThedaCare in Waupaca:

The Emergency Preparedness Committee at ThedaCare-Waupaca is hosting a Community Partners Breakfast on March 23, 2016 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the Chain O'Lakes Conference room at ThedaCare Physicians clinic. The purpose of this breakfast is to get to know our community partners and how we would work together in the event of an emergency at the hospital or a disaster within the community. Those invited included representatives from Emergency Management (city and county), police, fire, EMS, Red Cross, Public Works, Public Health, and Waupaca schools. If there is anyone on the Local Emergency Planning Committee that did not receive an invitation and would like to attend you are more than welcome. This is our first meeting of this kind so there may be people or agencies that we have overlooked. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to valerie.heise@thedacare.org.

Our annual Hands on Hazmat/Decon Training is scheduled for June 29. We are bringing in instructors from Fox Valley Technical College to lead the training this year. It will again be scenario based using volunteers to pose as "real" patients. More information will be coming soon.

Holman handed out and reviewed the Burning News brochure and the Solid Waste Yellow Program flyer which provides information on solid waste and recycling programs offered by the County.

Carlin updated the Committee on the Departments reporting work and the current flood stage warnings in Waupaca County.

Fenske updated the Committee on HazMat activities, including responding to a call in October, election of new officers, 2 technicians attended the annual WAHMR Conference, Bob Herubin completed Rad class in November, is now accepted trainer and conducted AWR-140 class to tour in Jan. or Feb., 6 hour awareness class with test in March, April 16 annual HazMat refresher with NTC providing training through HMEP grant

(Portage and Waushara Counties and Appleton Fire Dept. invited) with a focus on highway transportation response, SERTC has new web based trainings available, free to all emergency responders on flammable liquids and crude by rail, training conference with Waushara and Portage Counties involving Wild Rose Fire Dept. and hoping to involve Plover Fire Dept., Portage County planning decon training, functional exercise March 31 with Plover Fire Dept. and Portage Co. at UWSP and EPCRA grants due the end of April, looking at 2 SCPA cylinders, 1 new SCBA, level A suits, tube and chips.

Wohlt was introduced as the new Waupaca County Public Health Officer. Wohlt provided the Committee with background information and an overview of what they do.

Robbins reported the County is moving forward with developing and implementing safety and security needs for the County, with new training and drills being scheduled. Carlin is scheduling a review of the Courthouse to identify areas of concerns and possible actions.

Kimlicka updated the Committee on an April 13 tabletop exercise in the Clintonville area, the increase in calls being handled by the Clintonville Area Ambulance, and plans for active shooter training and drills.

Vopel reviewed active shooter training carried out at Creative Converting and upcoming tornado drills.

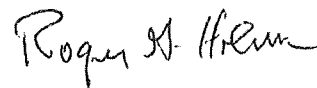
Esch reported the Foundry is doing ok with the auto area up and the agriculture area down. Discussion occurred on replacing Emergency Response Team members as the original group is retiring.

Carlin noted that on March 30 a weather spotter class will be held from 6:30-7:30.

The next meeting was set for June 9th at 7:00 a.m.

Motion by Robbins, seconded by Carlin to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Roger G. Holman
Recording Secretary