

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 24, 2009**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Larry Greschner, Matt Matteson, Jack Martinson and Sonny Paszak.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave O'Melia was excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Freese, Clarence Puza, Ken Kortenhof, Emergency Management Director and Dawn Robinson, Program Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greschner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Oneida County Law Enforcement Center. Chairman Greschner noted the meeting notice had been posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law, and noted accommodations would be made for handicap accessibility.

APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: To approve the Agenda (Martinson/Paszak, PASSED).

MOTION: To approve the May 27, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes (Martinson/Matteson, PASSED). Greschner abstained.

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for July 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

REPORTS FROM SACRED HEART-ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL AND HOWARD YOUNG MEDICAL CENTER

There was discussion regarding whether financial report copies should be provided to Committee members. It was decided it is up to each individual member to choose if they wish to have a copy of a report to follow along.

Kortenhof provided the financial report and the maintenance report of Sacred Heart-St. Mary's for the month of May, Exhibit #1 and Exhibit #2. There was discussion regarding projected revenue loss due to the City of Rhinelander implementing an ambulance program.

MOTION: To accept the May financial report and maintenance report of Sacred Heart-St. Mary's Hospital (Paszak/Matteson, PASSED).

Freese provided the financial report and maintenance report of Howard Young for the month of May, Exhibit #3 and Exhibit #4.

MOTION: To accept the May financial report and maintenance report of Howard Young Medical Center (Martinson/Paszak, PASSED).

HAZMAT TEAM REPORT

Puza provided the HazMat Team Report, Exhibit #5.

The State reduced Wausau Fire Department's (Level A HazMat Team) budget by \$40,000, with the \$40,000 being evenly distributed to Milwaukee and Madison. Since Rhinelander Fire Department is a Chemical Assessment Team for Wausau Fire, Rhinelander Fire Department budget was reduced. Money Rhinelander Fire received is applied towards training and personnel expenses.

The Emergency Management Director, HazMat Chief and the Rhinelander Fire Chief attended a HazMat meeting in Plover to address concerns and request to have money allocations reinstated to Wausau Fire.

The Emergency Management Director informed the Committee last evening a HazMat incident occurred in Lake Tomahawk, the spill was stopped, the State Spill Coordinator and the DNR have been contacted, the area is secured, the DNR will verify proper cleanup measures are taken.

MOTION: To accept the Hazmat Team Report (Matteson/Paszak, PASSED).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nokomis Ambulance Medic 4:

Med 4 began service and backup coverage on June 6, 2009, has been busy with approximately twenty-eight (28) patient transports and has been doing well with a few minor glitches.

An inquiry was made about the Willow First Responders but due to the issue not being listed on the agenda, the subject was not discussed.

Code Red Notification System:

The Internet (web-based) system is designed to notify a mass number of people during an emergency, similar to Reverse 911, with an annual cost of \$22,500 per year. For an example; if a Tornado Warning has been issued, the affected area is circled on the map. Everyone within the circle would receive a call warning people before the Tornado hits. The system allows groups of people to be setup so when a particular emergency event occurs, the system would leave a message informing groups such as; the HazMat Team, the Swat Team, etc., as to the situation. Vilas County is utilizing the system and the Director suggested scheduling a demonstration for the Committee to view at the next meeting. Due to economic times and budget reductions, the Director recommends entering into a joint public/private partnership to fund the program and plans to contact the Canadian National Rail Road, school districts and both hospitals for assistance since the system would benefit community programs, multiple departments, agencies and organizations.

MOTION: To place Code Red Notification System on the July 22nd, 2009 Emergency Management Committee Meeting Agenda (Greschner/Matteson).

Discussion on motion:

There was discussion regarding County committees/departments/programs benefiting from the system, funding options and partnerships. The Director commented the NEWCOM Group had previously discussed notification options, explained the amount of minutes allowed per year is restricted and indicated he (Director) would be contacting other county departments regarding this topic. No grant monies are available.

There was a discussion on how the topic was placed on the Agenda. The Director stated it was only for discussion and the Committees information. The Director would like to set up a demonstration of the system at the next Emergency Management Committee Meeting and invite potential users.

MOTION: To place Code Red Notification System on the July 22nd, 2009 Emergency Management Committee Meeting Agenda (Greschner/Matteson, All Nays, voted down).

MOTION: To approve the Directors Report (Paszak/Martinson, PASSED).

UPDATE OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Due to meeting date conflicts, the meeting has been rescheduled to July 1, 2009, here at the Law Enforcement Center at 1:30 p.m.

MONTHLY BUDGET REVIEW

The Emergency Management Director referred to the department's monthly budget, Exhibit #6, referred to two Emergency Management budget accounts reflecting a negative balance due to line item transfers not being posted yet, money has been received.

MOTION: To accept the Monthly Budget Review (Martinson/Paszak, PASSED).

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

The Emergency Management Director provided the monthly bills, vouchers, line item transfers and expense voucher summary sheet, Exhibit #7 and Exhibit #8 (line item transfers).

MOTION: To approve the line item transfers (Matteson/Paszak, PASSED).

MOTION: To approve the bills, vouchers, line item transfers and expense voucher summary sheet (Paszak/Martinson, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was given.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Develop agenda at Emergency Management Director's discretion. Code Red was cited.

ADJOURN

10:55 a.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Paszak/Martinson, PASSED).