

Adams County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Adams County Emergency Management Agency  
1313 N. Hastings Avenue  
Hastings, NE

Minutes of July 9, 2009 Meeting

Members present: Shelly Boden, Dick Christensen, Steve Eddy, Jack Hynes, Steve Kisner, Bill Loutzenheiser, Jim Morgan, Bob Rose, Barb Shaver, and Loren Uden

Members absent (excused): Ronda Ehly, Jeremy Groves, Jill McMahon

Guest: Rob Osman

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by the Chairperson Christensen. Loren Uden and the ACEMA were thanked for the use of their meeting room.

Our guest, Rob Osman, was welcomed, was thanked for his interest in the group and was invited to become a member. Rob mentioned that he had previously been news anchor at KHAS-TV and is presently News Director for KHAS Radio (and the Platte River Radio group). It has been some time since the LEPC has had a media member and Rob's joining the group would be much appreciated.

The agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus.

As there was not a quorum at the last meeting, there were two sets of minutes to approve. The first set was for the March 24, 2009 meeting. Motion to approve by Steve Eddy, with second by Jim Morgan. Motion carried. The second set was for the Annual Meeting of April 28, 2009. Motion to approve by Steve Eddy, with second by Shelly Boden. Motion carried.

### **Membership Issues**

Bob Rose, Steve Kisner and Bill Loutzenheiser were recognized for their two years of service to the Adams County LEPC and were given membership applications to complete for their continued service to this organization.

### **Tier II Reporting for 2008**

The Tier II Report summary for 2008, as prepared by Loren Uden, was distributed to the group. It is believed, at this time, that all facilities that were required to submit a 2008 Tier II Report have done so. Consequently, the final version of the electronic file of the 2008 Tier II reports has been completed and a copy was given to Shelly Boden for distribution to the appropriate Adams County Fire Departments. The distribution is expected to include both a hard copy and the electronic file.

### **Regional LEPC Conference**

Loren Uden, Shelly Boden, Darin Clark, Steve Eddy and Dick Christensen will be attending the Regional LEPC Conference in Kansas City, August 6-9. Both the Adams County LEPC Website and Equalizer Midwest Inc. have been nominated for awards to be presented at the Conference. Shelly Boden was thanked for her work on the website and for the recognition that has attended the nomination. Equalizer Midwest, Inc. was also recognized for their contribution to the safety of the community.

## **DVDs**

Steve Kisner presented the LEPC with two DVD copies of the Unocal “Shelter in Place. Know What to Do” video. Steve spent considerable time and effort in converting the VHS version of the video (which is considered to be one of the best Shelter-in-Place videos available) to DVD and was thanked for his effort and especially for the very attractive label that was provided with each video.

DVDs were also obtained from DHS (Robert Norville, <http://emc.ornl.gov>) to include the following: Business Shelter-in-Place; Residential Shelter-in-Place; Evacuation Planning; Operations Level Training, A Refresher for Responders, Animals in Emergencies, What Planners Need to Know; Animals in Emergencies, What Owners Need to Know; Exposure and Contamination, Factors Affecting the Toxicology of Chemical, Biological and Radiological Agents.

4 copies of the DVD Chlorine Emergencies, An Overview for First Responders were obtained from the Chlorine Institute and are to be distributed to appropriate agencies.

## **Election of Officers**

As no quorum was present at the Annual meeting, the election of officers was deferred until today. Steve Eddy agreed to serve as Chairperson and was unanimously elected to this position. As there were no nominations for Vice Chairperson, Christensen agreed to serve in such capacity with the approval of the Committee. Loren Uden will continue to serve as Coordinator of Information, per the stipulation of the Bylaws. A plea was made for someone to serve as Secretary. In the meantime, Christensen will prepare the minutes for this meeting.

## **Adams County Emergency Management Agency Report**

Loren Uden detailed the spill of liquid fertilizer that occurred on May 26<sup>th</sup> on Hwy 6 near the Central Community College entrance. The spill resulted from a 500 gal container which had fallen from a transport and was struck by a pickup. The spilled material was Max-in ZMB (foliar application fertilizer containing zinc, manganese and boron). Employees from the Aurora Coop location on the property of Equalizer Midwest arrived to assist with the response but apparently were not familiar with the Incident Command System and created some confusion thereby.

Loren continues to look at high speed systems for providing notification to the public of emergency situations. Apparently, the State of Nebraska has a system, MIR3 Intelligent

Notification, which might be available and Loren is currently checking on pricing and applicability.

Loren pointed out that he is continuing to upgrade the Emergency Operations Center, to include new chairs, overhead projector, license for the use of State software and system for webinar presentations.

Shelly Boden mentioned a free training opportunity for September 29<sup>th</sup>, Household Pets and Service Animals in Disasters, Evacuation and Emergency Sheltering, which will be held at the Quality Hotel from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Shelly also mentioned ham radio events and training that are ongoing.

Shelly has approached NEMA about funding for the Business Shelter-in-Place kits and, while they were enthusiastic about the project, learned that no money would be available until after October 1<sup>st</sup>. The total cost for the kits (which will be in totes on wheels) is estimated at \$1900.

Shelly also mentioned that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> and that volunteers will be needed. Free Tire Collection will occur at the landfill from July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. And, today, the Electronics Collection and Recycling Event is taking place at the landfill.

Shelly also mentioned that the Quad County COAD is up and running under the direction of Jill McMahan and Jim Morgan.

### **Miscellaneous**

Regarding H1N1, it was noted that, so far, the flu was not any more deadly than any other typical flu but that this could change by the time fall comes around. Bill Loutzenheiser suggested that a meeting with the Hastings Area Manufacturers might be of some use for the promotion of the LEPC. Steve Eddy ran through the list of projects that the LEPC might pursue in the future. Shelly Boden mentioned the public outreach events that the ACEMA would be participating in July and August and suggested that volunteer help could be used at these. She stated that she would send out a schedule in Doodle form for interested persons to sign up to help.

### **Next Meeting**

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for September 24th at 12:10 p.m. at the National Weather Service Office in Hastings.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. by general consensus.