



BARRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

THURSDAY, April 24, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
BARRON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER (EOC)

ATTENDEES

- Louie Okey, Barron County Board. Mike Judy, Emergency Services Director. Nate Dunston, Emergency Management. David Putnam, Rice Lake Fire Department. Tyler Gruetzmacher, Barron County Soil & Water Department. Karla Potts-Shufelt, Barron County Public Health. Barry Kuenkel, Cumberland Fire. Dale Hanson, Community Representative. Barry Kuenkel, Cumberland Fire Department. Melissa Miller, Mayo Clinic Health System Northland. Travis Klukas, Mayo Clinic Health System Northland. Jeff French, Barron County Administrator. Brian Cockerham, Wisconsin Emergency Management. Dave Paulson, McCain Foods Inc. Sue Dau, Barron Electric Cooperative. Craig Turcott, Barron County Board. Jamie McCready, Cumberland Healthcare & Barron County Board. Josh Miller, Saputo Cheese. Gabby Thompson, Mosaic Telecom. Matt Feeney, Cumberland EMS. Jeremy Miller, Jennie-O Turkey Store. Joseph Gibbs, Jennie-O Turkey Store.

CALL TO ORDER

- Louie Okey at 09:00.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

- Read by Louie Okey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: January 30, 2025.

- Motion Made by Craig Turcott, Seconded by Matt Feeney. Motion Carried (Unanimously).

SPILL REVIEWS

- March 28, 2025. Wastewater Sludge 1,000 Gallons in the Town of Almena.

HAZARDOUS VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT (HVA) FOR MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM NORTHLAND

- Travis Klukas gave an overview of the annual Mayo Clinic Health System Northland HVA and answered any questions from the group.

RICE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAZMAT TEAM

- David Putnam with Rice Lake Fire Department gave a presentation on the Rice Lake Fire Department's HazMat Team.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS (EAP) FOR DAMS

- Tyler Gruetzmacher gave a presentation on the EAP's for the Rice Lake, Mikana, Chetek, and Haugen Dams.

MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES

- Mike Judy updated the committee on the following projects:
 - SIMUCAST Radio Upgrade – A new water tower being built in Chetek with a new antenna being mounted on it should fix a radio coverage issue in southwest Barron County affecting Chetek and New Auburn Departments.
 - Text to 911 Upgrade: AT&T and T-Mobile have been tested still waiting on Verizon and Sprint.
 - Maple Grove Solar Project – Jeff French gave an update a special committee need to be formed.
 - County Wide Search and Rescue Team – Mike is in the planning stages to start a county team.
 - Barron County First Responders – Looking at fund raising and purchasing a rehab/medical trailer.
 - Future Training:



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- High Angle Rescue Training Almena – June
- Active Shooter Training – June

PARTNER REPORTS

- Jamie McCready – Cumberland Hospital will be doing a Cyber Security Threat training drill.
- Matt Feeney – Cumberland EMS was approved by the state to start Critical Care inter-facility transfers and is currently looking to hire staff.
- Brian Cockerham – Introduced himself as the new Northwest Wisconsin Regional Director for Wisconsin Emergency Management.
- Joseph Gibbs – Introduced himself to the committee, as he is the Refrigeration Supervisor at Jennie-O.
- David Putnam – Rice Lake Fire Department has been busy on the ambulance, hopeful to hire more medics.
- Karla Potts-Shufelt – The HHS Emergency Preparedness Plan update is almost complete.
- Gabby Thompson – Red Cross & Mosaic Smoke Detector installation program: Quarter 1: 7 installed. 700 have been installed since the program started.

COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Cumberland Healthcare Hazardous Vulnerability Assessment
- Jennie-O Facility Presentation

NEXT MEETING

- Scheduled for Thursday, July 31st 2025

ADJORNMENT

- Louie Okey to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. Carried.