



OZAUKEE COUNTY

Emergency Management

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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What is Emergency Management? Simply put – mitigation (lessening the effect of or preventing), preparedness, response and recovery. Actually, it is a vital link in a complex network of services, which makes it possible for disasters and emergencies to be dealt with effectively. Therefore, the responsibilities of our office vary greatly and include many different tasks. Emergency Management is a county office mandated by the State of Wisconsin. It is supported by county funds, which is reimbursed in part by federal funding. Emergency Management comprises organized analysis, planning, decision making and assignment of available resources to mitigate (lessen the effect of or prevent), prepare for, respond to and recover from the effects of all hazards. Continuous planning is necessary and has become even more important since the events of September 11, 2001. Our mission is to minimize the loss of life, injuries and damage to property, the environment and critical infrastructure while facilitating coordinated response and recovery actions following disaster or emergency situations in Ozaukee County. We use all-hazards planning to develop and implement timely and effective mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery efforts

Emergency Management:

During 2007, the Emergency Management department worked on a variety of projects including:

- NIMS Compliance, Including Incident command Training
- Emergency Management Performance Grant
- Review of the Countywide Hazard Analysis
- Emergency Operations Plan Development and Maintenance
- Urban Area Security Initiative
- Regional Planning for Mass Evacuations, Mass Sheltering, and Catastrophic Events
- Public Health-Related Planning Activities and Exercises
- Public Education Programs
- Hazardous Materials Exercise
- Per-Disaster Mitigation Plan
- Fairgrounds Safety Planning
- Incident Command



Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA):

EPCRA began following the chemical disaster in Bhopal, India in the mid 1980's. The United States analyzed what happened in India and asked if we were prepared if something like that happened here. The answer was no, thus EPCRA became law in 1986 and required the formation of the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC). This federal legislation set forth specific guidelines for the manufacture, storage, use, and transportation of hazardous materials. The LEPC is specifically charged with oversight of the Hazardous Materials Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation Program thru-out Ozaukee County. The Countywide Level B Hazardous Materials Response Team operates through the Department of Emergency Management, at incidents involving hazardous materials. The team has 15 members, all paid on call. The team responded to 12 calls in 2007.

Water Safety Patrol:

The Water Safety Patrol responded to 45 calls between mid-April and the end of October, 2007, providing emergency assistance to 103 people. The total amount of calls is down slightly from 52 calls and assists to 92 persons, in 2006. These calls involved a range of problems from mechanical failures to flare sightings and assists to other agencies. The Water Safety Patrol has 12 paid-on-call members and is under the direction of our department.

As always, you are welcome to call or stop in at the department with any questions or concerns. On behalf of department personnel, I thank you for your support and confidence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Fitzgerald, Deputy Coordinator