

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 24, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Thompson at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Bob Liestman, Donnie Mayer (School), Dusty Veldkamp, Kent Kortlever, Renee Eckerly, Frank Carter (Hospital), Doris Wendlandt, and Paul Evans, Cenex. Harry Thielen (Township) was absent.

**Motion was made by Kortlever to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Carter and unanimously carried.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion was made by Kortlever to elect Thompson as Chairperson, Veldkamp as Vice Chair, and Eckerly as Secretary. Seconded by Wendlandt and unanimously carried.**

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

It was consented to keep the same meeting schedule; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**2012 STEARNS MOCK EMERGENCY TEST**

The Committee discussed details of who will be at the test. Evans explained what is at the location and Cenex's policy is to let the propane burn. The reason being is when water is mixed with the propane it becomes hazardous material. Evans would call Voss Plumbing to have them create a berm of dirt around the tank and let it burn off. An explosion would radiate out not upward from the tank. The tank pieces would be ½ to 1 mile away and buildings in the area would be destroyed. It is estimated that the explosion would do structural damage to the highway 23 bridge.

Cenex will have their Safety Coordinator at the February 9, 2012 mock test. The radio reprogramming will be done this week with training on February 13, 2012. The Fire & Police Departments will use the new programming for the mock test. People participating will be Veldkamp, Eckerly, Liestman, Carter (from the hospital), maybe Matt Dickhausen (school), Thompson and Wendlandt.

The mock test will start with a mock 911 call to Stearns County at 8:45 a.m. and test will be done when agencies feel enough has been covered.

Goals – Check the processes to the Emergency Plan to identify any issues or process in the plan. The Committee doesn't want to hinder the County with what the City people are doing during the test. The Committee just wants motions no actual calling to outside businesses or agencies unless necessary.

## **EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN**

The Committee reviewed the last 39 pages and there were no additional changes. Eckerly will make revisions and have copies available at the mock test for the Committee. Liestman does not have a copy now.

## **SIRENS – UPGRADING - NOT ON BATTERIES**

Eckerly reported that she has been in contact with both Granite Electronics and Federal Warning Systems. Granite Electronics has sent over a quote and is trying to setup a meeting in Paynesville to review current sirens and locations.

## **2012 STEARNS COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN**

Eckerly gave a report that Stearns County will be holding a workshop on the updating the plan here at City Hall on February 27, 2012. The City needs to update its section and add the storm shelter at the High School. The Committee needs to review old sheets to be able to discuss revisions at the next meeting. All Committee members are allowed to attend the afternoon meeting with Stearns County. The Committee approved moving the regular scheduled meeting to follow the Mitigation workshop so that all information would be fresh for discussion.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be a special meeting to be held on February 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.