

LABOR MANAGEMENT SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Public Works Municipal Garage, 891 N. Dale Street

Minutes taken by Jean Karpe

Present: Mike Dreis, Randy Graff, Lynn Waldorf, Kathy Korum, Mary Jo Kiewel, Jane Mead, Mark Cahill, Tom McDonough, Glen Kadrlík, Bill Gunther, Lee Williamson, Tom Bosman, Greg Galloway, Kevin Chapdelaine, and Jean Karpe

1) Presentation by Ruby Myers with the American Red Cross on Severe Spring & Summer Weather Safety Procedures.

Buy/Create an Emergency Preparedness Safety Kit – Ruby stated that the American Red Cross sells an Emergency Safety Kit that is a backpack filled with the basic things a family would need in case of an emergency. The cost of backpacks are \$49.95 and can be purchased from the American Red Cross. Included in your personal kit should be bottled water, non perishable food items, flashlight, medical items, sanitation and personal hygiene items, personal documents, radio; family and emergency contact information, extra cash, cell phone and charger etc. There are 3 actions that everyone can take to make a difference and be prepared: Get a safety kit, make a safety plan and be informed.

Thunderstorm Safety - A thunderstorm is considered severe if it produces hail at least 1 inch in diameter or has wind gusts of at least 58 miles per hour. Every thunderstorm produces lightning which kills more people each year than tornadoes or hurricanes. Severe thunderstorm watches mean that severe thunderstorms are possible in your area. Severe thunderstorm warning is more severe and means that spotters have seen thunderstorms that are possible of creating imminent danger to life and property. Listen to your local weather station or NOAA radio for information on what you should do in case of a severe thunderstorm. Stay away from windows and doorways, avoid being on your home phone, turn off electrical items that are not protected from surge protectors. Do not take a bath, shower or use the water during a severe thunderstorm.

Tornado Safety – A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. During any storm listen to your local news or NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about weather and warnings. The safest place to be is an underground shelter, basement or a safe room. If you are in a building, then seek shelter in a stairwell, or a small room without windows. If you are outside, drive to the nearest shelter or stay in your vehicle, keep your seat belt on. The Minneapolis Tornado of 2011 caused \$116M in damage. There have been 431 tornados in Minnesota in the past ten years.

Flood Safety – Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters. Conditions that cause floods include heavy or steady rain for several hours or days that saturate the ground. Urbanization increases runoff 2 to 6 times what would naturally occur. Listen to your local news or NOAA Weather Radio for possible flood warnings in your area. Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice. When a flash flood or flash flood warning is issued for your area, head for higher ground and stay there.

Heat Wave Safety – In recent years, excessive heat has caused more deaths than all other weather events including floods. A heat wave is a prolonged period of excessive heat, often combined with excessive humidity. You can be prepared by listening to your local weather forecasts and stay aware of upcoming heat watches, heat warnings and heat advisories. Remember to drink plenty of fluids, limit your time out in the sun, take frequent breaks if you are working outside, and make sure your pets have plenty of fluids also. If your skin is starting to turn pink from the sun, take an aspirin to help the sunburn.

LMSC Committee members thanked Ruby Myers for her presentation today. Handouts on all severe weather safety were distributed to members.

2) Approval of June 6, 2012 minutes. Changes to the June 6 minutes included: correction to Lee Williamson's name and Barb Morin's name.

Lorrie Brown said she has implemented a 2-day New Employee Orientation Program that will include general information and safety training.

Saint Paul Fire Foundation non-profit has donated some AEDs to some of the Saint Paul Schools who did not have them. Minutes were approved with above changes.

3) Sub Committee meeting minutes were reviewed by members. Tom Bosman is still working with OSHA on their citations.

4) Discuss storage of 2010 information from the LMSC website – Mary Jo will remove the information from the website and find a location for the minutes for future reference.

5) Kathy Korum stated that seasonal employees and interns will receive safety procedure information related to their jobs in Parks and Recreation. At the next LMSC meeting there will be a representative to give us a demonstration of the standing Ergotron work stations.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.