



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PORTAGE COUNTY LEC
TRAINING ROOM
1500 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

8:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

Members Present: Don Jankowski, Stan Potocki, David Medin, Shaun Przybylski, Barry Jacowski

Attending In-Person: Don Jankowski, Stan Potocki, David Medin, Shaun Przybylski, Barry Jacowski

Attending Online:

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Others Attending:

Sheriff Mike Lukas, Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Ben Beaudoin, Sheriff's Office

Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office

Captain Ronnie Leach, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Laug, Sheriff's Office

Lt. Jason Meidl, Sheriff's Office

Chloe Foss, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Cass Cousins, District Attorney

John Pavelski, County Executive

Jennifer Jossie, Finance Director (Remote)

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department (Remote)

Phillip Kostka, Medical Director (Remote)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. EMS Provider Monthly Activity Reports
2. Medical Director's Report

PRESENTATIONS

3. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

No Awards. Communications Manager Stephanie Laug introduced the newest Communication Technician, Chloe Foss.

VENDOR INVOICE LIST REPORTS

No questions on Vendor Invoices

4. Sheriff
5. Emergency Management

6. Emergency Medical Services

7. District Attorney

ACTIVITY REPORTS

8. Emergency Management Activities

- Plan Updates
- Operations and Exercises
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
- Office Activities

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Plan Updates - Mitigation Plan
 - Compiling and finalizing the draft of the Countywide Mitigation Plan
 - 14 Chemical Facility Off-Site Plans are being updated this year (8 are in process, 3 are done, 3 are being scheduled for site visits)
- Operations and Exercises
 - Portage County experienced an EF-0 Tornado according to the National Weather Service
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
 - Participated in the Portage County Safety Fair at Mark Motors on May 17, 2025
 - Attended Towns Association Meeting where the new deputy EM Coordinator was introduced
 - The Deputy EM Coordinator attended a course for new Emergency Managers last week
- Office Activities
 - The new Deputy EM Coordinator is getting familiar with the work of the EM Office and his role
 - Completed the emergency guide flipcharts for the county buildings

9. Emergency Medical Services Activities

- Grant Applications and Reporting
- Meetings, Trainings, Operations, and Activities

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Portage County Safety Fair on May 17, 2025 at Mark Motors in Plover was a success
- Toured Flint Hills Resources in Junction City
- Participated in Public Health Family Assistance Center tabletop
- Attended the annual meeting for the North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council
- Completed training to be the Stop the Bleed instructor
- Attended the EMS Association Meeting

10. Jail Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Captain Ronnie Leach:

- Staff completed the in-service re-certification training
- The annual jail inspection is taking place on May 28, 2025
- Staffing: doing well, currently no open positions and have one on-call employee
- Taking applications for potential vacancies

11. Operations Activities

- Patrol - Staffing, Operations, and Activities

- Communication Center - Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - One deputy completed field training and started on solo patrol
 - Boat patrols for the season have started
- Communication Center:
 - One new Communication Technician is in the final stages of training and is doing well
 - Conducted interviews for the open positions on May 20, 2025

12. Administrative Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Past and Upcoming Events

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Past Events:
 - May 16, 2025 - Cop on the Rooftop at Dunkin Donuts to help with Special Olympics
 - May 17, 2025 - Portage County Safety Fair at Mark Motors in Plover - three divisions participated: Operations, EM and EMS
 - May 22, 2025 - Foster Family Appreciation Day at Jordan Park
 - May 22-23, 2025 - Stevens Point Schools Track and Field Meet at Goerke Field
- Upcoming Events:
 - June 7, 2025 - Cops and Bobbers at Lake Pacawa
 - June 14, 2025 - Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) event in Kellner
 - June 18, 2025 -K-9 Fundraiser at Puro-Clean
- The new building project has been going exceptionally well

13. Medical Examiner Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Conferences and Trainings

14. District Attorney Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

District Attorney Cass Cousins:

- No updates

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes April 23, 2025

A motion was made by Stan Potocki, seconded by Shaun Przybylski, to approve the April 23, 2025 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION ONLY

16. Discussion Only Re: Portage County EMS applied for a Grant through North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council to help fund Stop the Bleed kits in Portage County Schools.

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Applied for a grant to fund Stop the Bleed kits for all the Portage County schools
- Already have received \$7000 in private donations towards that project

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

17. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 8:00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Stan Potocki, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25am.