



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

8:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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To attend this meeting by video: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/245936597247780?p=Pk6PJ68AqyrOwb7csQ>

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Members enter Per Diem and Mileage

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

Members Present: Stan Potocki, Robin Falk, Mike Splinter

Attending In-Person: Stan Potocki, Robin Falk, Mike Splinter

Attending Online:

Members Excused: Scott Soik, Landon Elgersma

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

Kasia Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Fabian Lane, Sheriff's Office

Ty Tretter, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Medical Examiner

Maria Davis, County Clerk

Trevor Howard, Plover Fire Department/EMS

Brandi Makuski, Point-Plover Metro Wire

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

3. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

Sheriff Lukas presented Life Saving Awards for the incident in the jail to the following Portage County Sheriff's Office staff:

- Corrections Officer Fabian Lane
- Corrections Officer Ty Tretter
- Corrections Officer Shane Tiumalu
- Deputy Collin Hawkins

- Deputy Donald Daneault

ACTIVITY REPORTS

4. Emergency Management Activities

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

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Plan Updates
 - Four chemical facility off-site plans are left to be updated
 - Met with towns of Linwood, Eau Plaine and Dewey regarding their disaster plans
- Operations and Exercises
 - None
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
 - Participated in the State Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) certification work group meeting
 - Participated in the Household and Community Readiness Group meeting and Critical Infrastructure Resilience meeting
- Office Activities
 - Organized the public outreach materials for future events

5. Emergency Medical Services Activities

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

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Presented the Portage County EMS System to La Crosse County EMS Commission
- Attended Rescue Task Force planning meeting for the upcoming training this summer
- Attended multiple meetings with the Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition
- Attended Emergency Services YMCA Camp at Glacier Hollow - taught Stop the Bleed
- One of the ambulances slotted for sale was sold

6. Jail Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Captain Ronnie Leach:

- All of Corrections Officers attended 2 days of state-mandated re-certification training at Mid-State Technical College
- Two Corrections Officers are in the final stages of training and are doing well

7. Operations Activities

- Patrol - Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Communication Center - Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - One new Deputy started on June 1, 2026
 - Conducted Deputy interviews on June 19, 2026
 - Several second interviews are upcoming and have one background in process

- Communication Center:
 - Had Communication Technician interviews for open positions on June 17, 2026 - testing three candidates and will be scheduling second interviews

8. Administrative Activities

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

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Past Events:
 - May 28, 2026 - Foster Care Parent Appreciation Day
 - June 6, 2026 - Cops-N-Bobbers at Lake Pacawa
 - June 18, 2026 - PuroClean and KPR K-9 Fundraiser
- Single point access at the Courthouse is progressing. Soft opening is planned for September 1, 2026

9. Medical Examiner Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Conferences and Trainings

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz:

- Attended Wisconsin Coroner and Medical Examiner Association Conference in Wausau
- New department transport vehicle is in service

10. District Attorney Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

11. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

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

12. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes May 27, 2026

A motion was made by Mike Splinter, seconded by Robin Falk, to approve the May 27, 2026 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION ONLY

13. Out-of-State Travel

Sheriff Lukas made a notification to the Committee that Emergency Management Coordinator, Bob Weinert, will be attending training on July 21-22, 2026 and August 12-13, 2026 in Blaine, MN: Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review. It was approved by the County Executive.

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 8:00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mike Splinter, seconded by Robin Falk, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:33am

