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For 58 Units of Government

FINAL DISASTER TOTAL SET AT \$785,000

A final tabulation by the State CD Bureau of federal disaster assistance applications for flood and tornado damage to public property last April shows that 58 units of government in 16 counties will receive a total of \$785,802.

State CD Director Bruce Bishop said that, up to the present time, his office has mailed disaster checks amounting to \$462,545 to 48 of the stricken counties and communities. He said the money represents a 75 per cent advance of funds from the federal government to those political subdivisions whose project requests have received final approval. Reimbursements to the remaining eligible counties and municipalities will be made as fast as federal funds are deposited with the state. Bishop said final payments are made after repairs have been completed and the finished work checked by inspection teams. Work must be completed by April 21, 1966, he said.



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At the time the deadline of July 21, 1965 expired for the submission of applications, units of government in the following 16 of 21 counties originally declared "disaster areas" by the President were approved as eligible to receive help under the Federal Disaster Assistance Act (PL 875): Ashland, Barron, Buffalo, Crawford, Dunn, Grant, Green, La Crosse, Langlade, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, Trempealeau, Vernon and Washburn.

A recent survey of some of the disaster communities indicated that work was steadily progressing in restoring damaged facilities to the condition they were in prior to the floods and tornadoes. All unfinished work by the time

of the deadline date will be cancelled, so political subdivisions should immediately notify the State CD Bureau when all eligible work has been completed. Inspection arrangements will then be made. Following certification that the work has been satisfactorily completed, state auditors will check the records and final payment will be made, if forthcoming, to the applicant.

According to Stan Grimstad, State CD Economics Stabilization officer, a total of 104 applications for assistance were originally submitted. Many of these were rejected because damage estimates did not exceed the \$1,000 minimum, or were based on property not included under the federal natural disaster act.

Damage estimates were made in six categories: Debris clearance; streets, roads and bridges; dams or dikes; preventive measures; public buildings and public utilities. Major damage was in the category of streets, roads, and bridges.

Grimstad said the largest damage estimate was \$236,513 for the City of La Crosse. The city has already received advance funds of \$150,035. Other large estimates were \$89,455 for Prairie du Chien, \$68,658 for Cassville, and \$54,715 for Hudson.

Bishop said federal cooperation in the program was "excellent" and that the municipalities, "almost without exception, have been satisfied with the way the program was administered at both state and federal levels."

He also had praise for the hundreds of youths who worked under the Neighborhood Youth Corps program to clean up flood and tornado damage. He said their help greatly alleviated "a fantastic financial and physical burden which would have been shouldered by the municipalities."

SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT TESTS HELD

State civil defense officials, in cooperation with local governments, have been holding a series of simulated school bus accidents at various locations in the state to determine local capability to handle such disasters, and to train rescue and medical personnel in proper emergency procedures.

Exercises were held at Merrill on Sept. 28, Ashland, Oct. 2, and Baraboo, Oct. 5. The exercise at Ashland was a combined radiological and emergency hospital services drill. High school students simulate dead and injured during the tests and are transported to local hospitals by rescue personnel where predetermined injuries are treated.

State CD personnel, who act as advisors at the tests, are Allen Hulett, Deputy Co-director, Fire-Rescue Services; Louis Remily and Bob Heggie, CD Division, State Board of Health; and Lewis Versnick, Coordinator, Police Services. Louis Hamel, State RADEF Coordinator, also participated in the Ashland exercise.

Local directors interested in conducting such exercises should contact either Mr. Remily or Mr. Hulett.



(Photo courtesy Lodi Fire Dept.)

The above car-school bus accident near Lodi in May 1965 hospitalized 28 school children and took the life of the driver of the car. Civil defense is helping local communities prepare for such mass casualty disasters.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Over one million shelter spaces in some 2,000 buildings and other facilities in Wisconsin have now been stocked with food, water and other survival supplies. Effective utilization of these shelters, and some 1800 more ultimately to be stocked, requires that *trained* shelter managers, radiological monitors, first aid personnel and others be available to man the shelters in event of a nuclear emergency.

In order to achieve a complete community shelter capability, it is necessary that county and local CD directors make a concerted effort to recruit and train volunteers to carry out these functions. This is a particular necessity if we are to meet our goal in the training of shelter managers, of which about 8,500 are needed in the state. Of this number, CD Bureau records show that only about 900 have presently been trained. Shelter manager training has been hampered in many counties by the lack of shelter manager instructors. About 100 instructors, of the 200 required in the state, have presently been trained to teach the shelter manager course.

State and federal courses for shelter manager instructors are held periodically to assist local directors in obtaining needed instructors. Every effort should be made to send volunteers to these classes. In addition to the instructor course given at Fond du Lac on Oct. 16, courses have also been scheduled by the U.W. Engineering Extension Division at Richland Center on Nov. 13 and at the Staff College in Battle Creek on Jan. 30, 1966.

State assistance is also readily available to local directors in conducting radiological monitoring and other training and education courses. State CD Health Services has 116 monitoring instructors available to teach at anytime on request of the local director, and at no expense to the community. The U.W. Extension Division is scheduling a series of classes to train RAEF Officer I and II candidates, the first of which were held at Medford, Appleton and Waukesha on October 16. The only cost to be borne by the community for attendance at these courses will be for travel reimbursement.

While recruiting and training service personnel is vitally important to effective local civil defense operations, of no less importance is the necessity for all citizens to be acquainted with local emergency plans, basic medical actions, and home preparedness measures in general, if they are to act wisely in an emergency. Excellent courses in Medical Self-Help and Civil Defense Adult Education are presently available to the public free-of-charge for this purpose and should be publicized at every opportunity. To date, over 10,000 persons in Wisconsin have completed the CDAE course and over 50,000, the Medical Self-Help course. The Dept. of Vocational and Adult Education, which administers the CDAE course, now has 529 trained instructors available to teach the course at no expense to the community. An estimated 800 persons are also available locally to instruct the Medical Self-Help course, and personal assistance to promote the course in your community, if needed, can be obtained from the CD Division of the State Board of Health.

Civil defense directors should re-examine their training requirements and take advantage of these many opportunities. Training is indeed a full-time job, and local directors should, if at all possible, procure the services of a Training Officer to assist in meeting these requirements. The local director, burdened as he is with overall program administration, will otherwise be hard pressed to keep pace with these ever expanding training functions.

CAP HOLDS CD TEST EXERCISE

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) units from Beloit, Chippewa Falls, Tomah, and Green Bay participated in a one-day civil defense exercise, "CDEX 66," on September 11.

The purpose of the exercise was to acquaint CAP personnel with the emergency functions they would carry out to support civil defense operations during an actual major disaster. Basically, these included the developing of liaison between CAP units and local civil defense; exercising existing communications capability; and familiarization with emergency operation reporting procedures.

The attack pattern included simulated nuclear bomb drops near Duluth, Minneapolis, Rockford and Madison. All but Madison were surface bursts which created extensive fallout across the northern and southeastern tips of the state, and across the central counties. The drop at Madison was an air burst with extensive damage caused by blast and fire.

Actions taken during the test were during H plus one hour and included detection of nuclear radiation, protection and decontamination measures, and the establishment and maintenance of communications with the Civil Defense Emergency Operating Center. Actual aerial missions by the CAP consisted of the transportation of medical supplies and personnel, radiological monitoring, damage assessment, and surface traffic surveillance.

Allen Hulett, State CD Deputy Co-director Fire-Rescue Services, acted as state observer during the exercise. A general critique on the exercise was held the next day at CAP Wing Headquarters in Watertown and was attended by CAP Wing and Unit commanders, U.S. Air Force Advisors, and state and local civil defense officials. The CD Bureau was represented by Gordy Reese, Plans and Operations Officer.

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NEW FILM ON NATURAL DISASTERS

A new 10-minute black and white film, "The Face of Disaster," has recently been released by OCD. In addition to showing some of the better action scenes of the 1964 Alaskan earthquake, the film also presents scenes from the 1965 Mississippi floods in Minnesota and also contains shots of damage caused by tornadoes and hurricanes.

Prints of the film may be obtained on a free loan basis by writing to the *Fifth U.S. Army, Audio-Visual Communications Center, Ft. Sheridan, Ill. 60615*. When ordering specify title and film number DOD CD 20-239.

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426 COMPLETE CDAE IN AUGUST

A total of 426 persons completed CDAE courses during August according to a monthly report received by the CD Bureau from the Dept. of Vocational and Adult Education. The report also shows that 12 teachers completed instructor training during this period. Since the start of the fiscal year on July 1 of this year, 25 courses have been completed with a total enrollment of 785 students.



**PERCENT OF STOCKED SPACES
COMPARED TO POPULATION
As of August 24, 1965**

State	Population	Spaces Stocked	% of Pop. Protected By Stocked Shelters
Minnesota	3,500,000	1,092,000	31%
Wisconsin	4,000,000	1,038,000	26%
Indiana	4,700,000	913,000	19%
Michigan	4,800,000	1,123,000	14%
Illinois	10,100,000	1,190,000	12%

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RESCUE SCHOOL HELD

An all-day school on rescue techniques for about 150 Sheboygan county firemen was conducted at the county fairgrounds at Plymouth on October 16 by Allen Hulett, State CD Deputy Co-director of Fire-Rescue Services, in cooperation with James Smyth, county CD director.

The school was the final session of the 22-hour Light Duty Rescue Course given to the fire personnel and featured actual rescue operations by the students.

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**CIVIL DEFENSE CONFERENCES TO
START IN OCTOBER**

The first in a series of fall Civil Defense Conferences elected and appointed government officials will be held at the County Courthouse in Shawano on October 28. Thirteen similar conferences were given throughout the state during 1964-65 and were well received by the officials.

In addition to Shawano, conferences are slated for Wisconsin Rapids, Oct. 29; Eagle River, Dec. 1; Medford, Dec. 2; Hayward, Dec. 8, and Menomonie on Dec. 9. Information on dates and locations of conferences to be held in 1966 will be disseminated as soon as they are available.

Registration for the meetings will be at 10:00 a.m. The agenda will feature talks by State CD Director Bruce Bishop on "Why Civil Defense?" and by Lowell B. Jackson, U.W. Engineering Extension Division, on "Nuclear Weapon Effects." Other items will include a briefing on civil defense activities in conference area counties by Dr. William C. Dries and John T. Quigley, U.W. Extension Division Project Associates, and a question and answer period by the Conference Staff.

Certificates of Seminar Completion will be awarded to the officials participating in the conferences.

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NATURAL DISASTER WARNING SYSTEM STUDIED

A survey team under the auspices of the Department of Commerce has just completed a country-wide tour of emergency operating centers for the purpose of determining the effectiveness of present natural disaster warning systems.

Places visited were the Hurricane Warning Center in Miami, OCD Region 5 in Denton, Texas, the Severe Storm Warning Center at Kansas City, Mo., and the Corps of Engineers headquarters at Omaha, Nebraska. A comprehensive report on the results of the survey will now be prepared by the group under the direction of Project Chairman Paul Kutschenreuter, Weather Bureau deputy director of service programs.

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Community CD Checklist

Lessons learned from the great Alaskan earthquake on Good Friday in 1964 pointed out the following key items as essential to an effective community civil defense program.

- 1 There must be an emergency **plan** - one designed to meet various contingencies, either in peacetime or wartime.
- 2 There must be **trained** people. . . who know what their responsibilities are, where to go, and what to do when an emergency occurs.
- 3 There must be **supplies and equipment**, in place and ready for use in an emergency.
- 4 There must be emergency **communications**, with emergency generators at transmitter and central receiving sites.
- 5 There must also be a **central control point** for each operational area for gathering and disseminating accurate, official **information**, and there must be trained professional people at such control points.
- 6 The overall control must be by civil government.
- 7 There must be an adequate operations headquarters for civil defense.

To the above checklist you would add, of course, the licensing and stocking of fallout shelters, training of radio monitors and other radiological services, a warning system, and the organization of such emergency services as fire, police, health, and welfare.

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**GOVERNORS CALL FOR
INCREASED FEDERAL CD AID**

A highlight of the recent U.S. Governor's Conference held in Minneapolis was the adoption of a resolution calling for increased civil defense participation at all levels of government.

The resolution urged that "the report of the Committee on Civil Defense and Post-Attack Recovery be adopted, and a copy of that report, together with a copy of these resolutions, be transmitted by the Chairman of this Conference to the President and Vice President of the United States and to the chairmen of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees of both the House and the Senate of the United States Congress."

It was further resolved that "the Federal government be requested to continue its financial support for the states' resources management planning efforts beyond the present cut-off date of January 1, 1966; and. . . that the President of the United States direct the inclusion of fallout shelter to the maximum extent feasible, in new construction financed, sponsored or assisted by any Federal agency, and that he recommend to the Congress, legislation to establish and finance a realistic Federal incentive fallout shelter program similar to that recommended by President Kennedy (H.R. 8200) which failed of enactment by Congress in 1964."

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CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

☆☆☆ what your neighbors are doing ☆☆☆



OSHKOSH - The first session of a new course for CD police volunteers was held in the police assembly room of the city hall on Sept. 9. In other activities, the CD auxiliary police unit, in a meeting on Sept. 8, volunteered their services for crowd and traffic control for Oshkosh High School's five home football games and for the four home games of Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh. The unit was also thanked by Police Lt. Robert Klifoth for CD patrol use at the September 4 fire which burned down the exhibition building at the county fairgrounds.

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MANITOWOC - According to Wencel Dufek, county CD director, 11 farm homes in the county are being furnished with radiological monitoring kits. The kits are being given to Soil Conservation members who have completed a radiological course. At least two persons in the household must have completed the course to qualify for a kit. Dufek said that the latest distribution makes a total of about 80 kits which have been placed at various locations in the county.

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NEW RICHMOND - A Glenwood City resident, Warren Meintsma, 31, has been appointed the new St. Croix county civil defense director. Meintsma succeeds former county director Charles Wallesverd of Hudson. He was selected from a list of eight applicants by the County CD Committee. Meintsma is presently the manager of the Glenwood City feed mill, a veteran of three years with the U.S. Marine Corps and a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in economics.

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CEDARBURG - A series of three radiological monitoring classes were held at the Fredonia firehouse on Oct. 7-14-21. Ozaukee county CD director Jack Dries arranged the courses which were taught by Dr. Robert Moats, Ozaukee county radiological instructor. Fire personnel from Waubeka, Fredonia and Belgium, as well as the Ozaukee county rescue squad, attended the classes

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WAUKESHA - Bids have been opened for the new City Hall soon to be constructed in this city. Apparent low bids totaled \$1,139,371, or \$37,821 higher than previous estimates. The new City Hall will be built just north of the present facility and will contain an emergency civil defense control center in the basement. The city will receive around \$60,000 in federal matching funds toward the cost of the control center.

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MANITOWOC - Twelve supervisors from the Anheuser-Busch Inc. are currently taking courses in Fallout Shelter Management and Radiological Monitoring at the plant. The company is the first in the area to set up civil defense training programs for supervisory personnel on company time. The six sessions in shelter management are being conducted by Mrs. Lester Markwardt of the county CD office and the monitoring class is being taught by Sister Mary St. Martin of Holy Family College. Twelve department heads from the Manitowoc county courthouse are also taking the five-session radiological course. Anheuser-Busch has eight separate fallout shelters in the plant totalling more than 4,000 spaces which are partially stocked with survival supplies.

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OCONOMOWOC - Police Chief Clarence Nieman praised the fine co-operation of the local CD auxiliary police unit during the severe wind and rain storm which hit this area on September 9. Trees were leveled, homes damaged and some areas were without power for 24 hours following the storm. The Waukesha Civil Defense organization also called Oconomowoc and offered its assistance, if needed.



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