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GOV. KNOWLES CITES PREPAREDNESS NEEDS

Gov. Warren P. Knowles is pictured above as he delivered the keynote address at the first state-wide Governor's Conference on Natural Disasters held on March 15 at the State Capitol.

Approximately 150 county and municipal heads of government and their civil defense directors from all of the state's 72 counties attended the meeting for the purpose of learning how they could better prepare their communities to meet the threat of a major natural disaster.

In his speech to the group, the Governor stressed the importance of building effective community disaster programs. He said that although federal and state levels of government could guide, coordinate, and bolster the resources of local disaster operations, they could never be a substitute for local effort.

"It is our duty as officials of government and community leaders to lead the way," he emphasized.

Other featured speakers on the agenda included State CD Director Bruce Bishop; Joseph Strube, Jr., U.S. Weather Bureau-River District Specialist; Joe Rigney, U.S. Weather Bureau Meteorologist in Charge-Wisconsin; Col Leslie Harding and Ron Buddecke, U.S. Corps of Engineers; and Ken O'Connor of the American National Red Cross.



"PLAN BULLDOZER" ISSUED

A new disaster plan which will enable local governments to draw upon the manpower and equipment resources of the state's construction industry during time of emergency has now been completed and distributed by the State CD Bureau to local civil defense organizations and officials of the construction industry.

State Civil Defense Director Bruce Bishop, in announcing the new document, called "Plan Bulldozer", at a May 10 Staff and Area Directors' Meeting, said it represented a significant weapon in the state's expanding arsenal of tools to combat the effects of major disaster. "Without question," he said, "the plan is an outstanding example of the cooperation of private industry with government in providing for the safety and welfare of our citizens."



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Specifically, "Plan Bulldozer" is a voluntary plan developed by the State CD Bureau in cooperation with the Wisconsin Association of General Contractors, the Wisconsin Road Builders Association, and the Operating Engineers Union to make men and equipment available in disaster situations on a cost basis to a stricken community. All contractors, whether or not affiliated with any of the organizing associations, may participate in the plan. However, the plan can only be placed in effect when a "state of emergency" is declared by the head of government of the affected area and when the situation exceeds the capability of public resources and facilities to cope with the problem.

Provisions of the plan call for participating contractors to provide resource lists of all available construction and engineering equipment and necessary manpower to State and Area CD Emergency Operating Centers (EOC's). In time of disaster, a Coordinating Committee composed of representatives of the participating associations and civil defense would report to the EOC's and utilize the resource lists to coordinate requests for assistance from local government authorities in stricken areas.

A series of meetings for all of the state's six civil defense areas will be held in May at the following locations to fully explain the provisions of the plan to local CD directors: Madison (May 10), Janesville (May 19), Spooner (May 23), Eau Claire (May 24), Milwaukee (May 25), Antigo (May 26), and Fond du Lac (May 27).









Similar plans to Wisconsin's exist in some other states and have worked successfully in many emergency situations. Such a plan was used by Alaska during the severe 1964 earthquake, and more recently by South Dakota to fight the worst blizzards in its history and by Minnesota in its April flood operations.

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from the DIRECTOR..

As the Midwest is the nation's breadbasket, so it is also the cradle of nature's most violent storms—tornadoes. Although some other midwestern states, Kansas for example, have a much greater yearly incidence of these severe storms, Wisconsin is far from immune, as we all know, from the deadly funnel clouds. It is for this reason, that a major portion of our natural disaster planning is slanted in this direction. The first draft of a new state Tornado Spotting and Alerting Plan has already been completed and will be finalized in the near future.

Records show that the months of April, May, June and July are most conducive to these storms in Wisconsin, with May being the most dangerous. Figures for the last ten years are shown by the following pictorial calendar.

January	February	March
April	May	June
 19	 39	 29
July	August	September
 25	 7	 14
October	November	December
 3		 1

This means that some of the worst months are still ahead of us. Many communities have already established tornado warning plans and are fairly well set in this respect. Others that do not have such plans should develop them as soon as possible and give maximum publicity through all available media.

While there is no possible way to predict the exact moment a funnel cloud will touch down, there are certain characteristics to such storms that should be taken into consideration when we develop our plans. Although tornadoes can occur at any hour of the day or night, they are most predominant in the afternoon or early evening. In fact, approximately three-fourths of all tornadoes strike between the hours of 1 and 8 p.m.

This peculiar characteristic is evident from the examination of records kept on 123 tornadoes which occurred in Wisconsin from 1950 to 1960. During that period, 93 of the 123 tornadoes hit from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Only 30 tornadoes were reported in any other hours of the day or night. Of the 93 tornadoes, 24 occurred from 1 to 3 p.m.; 33 from 3 to 5 p.m.; and the three hours from 5 to 8 p.m., 36 tornadoes were reported.

In summary then, it is obvious that tornadoes represent the primary natural disaster threat to our state during the late spring and the summer months. Considerable progress has already been made toward developing procedures that will better enable communities and citizens to act effectively, should a "Tornado Warning" be given in their area. The CD Bureau is working closely with the U.S. Weather Bureau, the State Patrol and other responsible agencies in preparing these plans, but their ultimate success will depend greatly on local government's cooperation and initiative.

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The type of equipment available under the plan would include air compressors, graders, shovels, tractors, dump trucks, pumps, loaders, scrapers, trucks and trailers, cranes, generators, welding machines, barges, and similar items. These have been classified in the plan in accordance with the type of disaster for which they would be required.

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EWALD, KINSELLA LEAVE CD BUREAU

Wallace Ewald, Northwest and West Central Area CD Director, and Mrs. Agnes Kinsella, a Steno II in Bureau headquarters, terminated employment with State Civil Defense on April 30.

Ewald, who has been with the Bureau since Nov. 17, 1958, has accepted a new position with the State Insurance Department. Prior to his duties as an Area Director, Ewald had served in the capacity of Training Officer for State Civil Defense. Mrs. Kinsella joined the state civil defense organization on March 1, 1957 and has been forced to retire due to ill health.

Members of the Bureau staff held a dinner in their honor at the Top Hat on April 22 and presented each with a Parker pen and pencil set. State CD Director Bruce Bishop was the dinner speaker and commended the two departing employees for their long and dedicated service in civil defense, and their many worthwhile contributions on its behalf.

We take this opportunity to wish both of you—Wally and Agnes—the best in the years ahead.

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APPLETON JOINS CD HEALTH SERVICES

The CD Division of the State Board of Health has announced the assignment of Mr. Fred Appleton to its staff. Appleton's duties will be that of Coordinator of Emergency Health Services and as an assistant to James Joyce in the administration of the Medical Self-Help program. He replaces Bobby Hicks who recently accepted another assignment.

Appleton comes to the state from Ohio where he spent the last three years in that state's Health Mobilization Unit in a similar capacity.

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TRAGIC LOSS TO CIVIL DEFENSE

The recent deaths of Clarence Day, Ashland county CD director and Waushara county director Art Judge have removed two of civil defense's most dedicated servants from the scene.

Both were veterans of many years of service in civil defense, and their contributions to the program in general and to the safety and welfare of the counties they so capably served will not soon be forgotten. They will be sorely missed by their many friends and co-workers. Members of the State CD Bureau express their deepest sympathy to the families and relatives of the deceased.

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WELFARE EXERCISE HELD

The Emergency Welfare Services of the Wisconsin Department of Public Welfare was one of several state welfare departments selected by the Bureau of Family Service, DHEW, for participation in a "Pre-test" exercise on March 30 and 31.

The evaluation and pre-test was carried out by Mrs. Marna Miglioti of the Bureau's Washington Office and Thomas J. Lucas, Jr., of the State Welfare Department. The objective of the test was to determine the type of information required and methods to be used in collecting information from the State and County Departments of Public Welfare in order to permit evaluation and determination on a National level degree of "Operational Readiness" of the states and the nation in the welfare field.

OCD HANDBOOKS TO BE REPRINTED

Contrary to previous information received by the Bureau, OCD has now advised that there will be a reprinting of civil defense handbooks H-3 (Handbook for Emergencies), H-6 (Fallout Protection), and PA-578 (Your Family Survival Plan.)

The reprinting of these handbooks is an interim action pending the availability of a new handbook which will incorporate the information contained in the other publications. Requests for H-3 and H-6 now on hand at the federal publications center will be back-ordered and filled when the new supply becomes available. Requests which have been returned by the publications center will have to be resubmitted.

All stocks of H-8 (Firefighting for Householders), and H-1 (Home Protection Exercises) are exhausted and will not be reprinted.

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DISASTER TEST ALERT HELD

An unannounced test alert on April 5 sent CD staff personnel and representatives from other state agencies hurrying to the Governor's Command Post at the State Capitol. The test, which was initiated by State CD Director Bruce Bishop at 2:00 p.m., was conducted to test alert fanout procedures, determine assembly time and response, and to review departmental disaster roles.

Upon notification of the alert, personnel involved were contacted in accordance with established general staff alerting and mobilization telephone fanout procedures. By 2:22 p.m., all persons or alternates on the alerting plan had been notified. Representatives of all departments, except two, reported at the Command Post by 2:50 p.m. One of these was excused and the other was unable to respond due to absence of key individuals. The average time from receipt of warning to arrival at the CP was about 18 minutes.

After arrival at the CP, Director Bishop presented a brief Natural Disaster scenario with problems and suggested solutions to the group. Service representatives were then asked to note comments and suggested actions on their copy of the scenario and return it to the CD Bureau.

Problem areas noted, included absence of key alerting people, busy telephone lines and difficulty in reaching CD Bureau personnel in the field who have no mobile communications.

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EMERGENCY POLICE KITS READIED

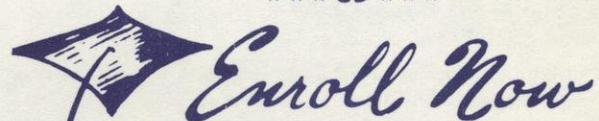
Marjorie Stafford, an employee of the CD Division of the Motor Vehicle Dept., is shown preparing one of 13 Police Services Kits for use in event of a major disaster. State CD Police Services Coordinator Lewis Versnik is making distribution of the kits to all Area Directors of Police Services, State EOC's, and other individuals with emergency assignments. Each kit contains copies of resource lists, disaster plans, operating procedures, training manuals and other items, including office supplies.

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6,000 COMPLETE MSH IN MARCH

The Medical Self-Help status report for March shows that 114 courses were completed with a total enrollment of 6,502 students. The fine progress recorded during this month brings the overall total of citizens trained in Medical Self-Help to 65,327.

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**OCD STAFF COLLEGE
BATTLE, CREEK, MICHIGAN**

Industrial CD Management	Jul 17-22
Workshop for Conference Leaders.....	24-28
*CD Planning & Operations I	24-29
*CD Planning & Operations II.....	31-Aug. 5
Civil Defense Management.....	31-Aug. 5
Rad. Monitoring for Instructors	Aug 7-12
Shelter Management Instructor.....	7-12
Shelter Mgmt. Instr. Workshop (CDUEP)	14-17
Radiological Defense Officer.....	14-19
CD Adult Education Seminar	14-19
Rad. Defense Workshop (CDUEP).....	21-24
Emerg. Opns. Laboratory (CDUEP)	21-26
	(1st week)
Emerg. Opns. Laboratory (CDUEP)	28-Sep 2
	(2nd week)
Advanced Civil Defense Seminar.....	Sep 11-16
Civil Defense Management.....	11-16
CD Planning & Operations I	18-23
CD Planning & Operations II.....	25-30

*Primarily for South Dakota National Guard—others on first come basis.

The above schedule of courses is for the first three months of FY 1967. Individuals planning to take any of the courses should apply to their local civil defense office as early as possible.

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CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE



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MILWAUKEE— Robert E. Atkins, city CD coordinator, has announced the appointment of Michael E. Kucharzak as Public Relations Officer for the City of Milwaukee CD Administration. Kucharzak succeeds Timothy Hanley who resigned last October. He was formerly a community organizer for Milwaukee's Department of City Development. In other activities, the Milwaukee CD Administration recently conducted a 32-hour course for school personnel and teaching staffs covering CD Adult Education, Radiological Monitoring and Shelter Management. The participants received two credits for the course from the Milwaukee School Board. Atkins said the course was essential to assure "proper use" of the many public school buildings that have been licensed and stocked as public fallout shelters. He said the course was well received and that more such courses are now being planned.

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CHIPPEWA FALLS—Chippewa County Reserve Officer Marvin Schroeder, center, demonstrates mouth-to-mouth resuscitation at the conclusion of a special CD training course. He is assisted by county CD director Harold Polzin. Looking on, left to right, are Dr. Clifford T. Bove, Cadott; Sister Philomene and Sister Karen of St. Joseph's Hospital, and Dr. Diane Dahl.



BELOIT— City of Beloit CD director Herbert Christiansen gives the order to sound the newly installed air raid siren system in his city during the initial public test on April 13. The system will be tested at noon on the first Wednesday of each month hereafter. Observers are Oliver Webb, new Rock county CD director and State Deputy CD Director James Bruentzel. Other observers included Gil Czarnecki, Southwest Area CD director and Region 4 Community Shelter Program Officer Ray Ballard.

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MANITOWOC— A total of 52 persons from this city were recently awarded certificates for completion of a six-week's course in government civil defense education held at the City Hall. The special course is being given on a compulsory basis by the city to all of its employees to acquaint them with state and local disaster preparedness programs. The sessions featured briefings by Allen Hulett, State CD Bureau Fire-Rescue Chief; Bob Hensen, East Central Area CD Director, and Lloyd Berray, State CDAE Supervisor, who awarded the certificates of course completion. A similar course for aldermen got underway on April 26 with the last session scheduled for May 31.

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