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Gov. Warren Knowles and State CD Division Administrator Bruce L. Bishop briefed state agency representatives on the new EOC recruiting program at the Capitol on Jan. 15. Left to right, facing camera are George Seymour, Adm. Assistant, Dept. of Local Affairs and Development; Gov. Knowles, Bishop, Wayne McGowan, Secretary, Dept. of Administration; and William Kahl, Superintendent, Dept. of Public Instruction.

Governor's CD Conference Mar. 6

The third annual Governor's Conference on Disaster Preparedness will be held at the Park Motor Inn in Madison on March 6. The combined conference-workshop program will feature presentations by representatives of communities that have suffered major natural disasters and have prepared disaster plans, and by Weather Bureau and Corps of Engineers personnel on flood and tornado planning.

Special features on the agenda will include a skit on tornado spotting and warning and a showing of the latest U.S. Weather Bureau (ESSA) film on tornadoes.

Special workshops will also be held for local officials on flood fighting plans, civil defense organization in natural disasters, civil defense in civil disorders, communications in natural disasters, and recovery agencies and financial assistance.

Over 200 local civil defense and other government officials are expected to attend the one-day conference. Registration will be from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and the conference will get underway at 9:00 a.m. sharp, with a welcome address by Bruce Bishop, Administrator of the State Division of Civil Defense and Disaster Control.

Governor Warren P. Knowles will address the group at a noon luncheon and a social hour and banquet will be held in the evening. The conference is being conducted by the Civil Defense University Education Program (CDUEP) in cooperation with the State CD Division. All local CD directors are urged to attend, if at all possible.

For Volunteers To Man EOC's

CD Recruiting Underway

The State Division of Civil Defense and Disaster Control has launched a recruiting campaign to obtain the services of regular state agency and university employees on a volunteer basis to assist in manning the state's six new area Emergency Operating Centers (EOC's), in event the facilities are activated in time of disaster.

Five of the new EOC's are located in the basements of the recently constructed State Patrol District Headquarters buildings at Madison, Eau Claire, Spooner, Wausau and Waukesha, and a sixth has been established at the existing State Patrol District No. 3 Headquarters building at Fond du Lac. All of the new installations will soon be operational. Volunteers are also needed for the state's alternate EOC at Stevens Point and for the State CD Division's new primary EOC now under construction in Room 99-A of the Hill Farms State Office Building in Madison.

In time of emergency, whether man-made or by an act of nature, the operating centers will serve as the hubs for all state disaster operations and assistance to local government. The EOC's will have a full communications capability including NAWAS (National Warning System), radio-teletype systems and land lines, are fallout protected, and will be self-sustaining for at least a 14-day period of operations, if necessary.

The recruiting campaign was kicked off by Gov. Warren Knowles at a meeting with state department heads and other state officials in the State Capitol on Jan. 15. The governor told the group that while some agencies are required by law to appoint staff personnel to man the EOC's, many other pertinent positions are not so covered and must be filled by volunteers.

The governor said he preferred the volunteer positions to be staffed by state employees, wherever possible, and that he had authorized the Bureau of Personnel to grant time off with pay from their regular duties to such personnel who are selected by their department heads, in order that they may receive proper training and participate in test exercises.

State CD Administrator Bruce Bishop briefed the department heads on recruiting procedures and distributed a promotional packet which included an announcement flyer for each required position, and necessary application forms. Department heads, in turn, will brief their staffs and make the recruiting materials available to their personnel officers who will post the announcements and forward all applications to the CD Administrator.

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

As spring again approaches, our thoughts once more must turn to the possibility of flood dangers along our major rivers and their tributaries. While it is still far too early to predict what 1968 holds in store for us flood-wise, it is never too early for us to plan for such an eventuality.

An important part of this preparation therefore, as in the past two years, will be the state-wide Governor's Conference to be held this year on March 6 at the Park Motor Inn in Madison. Each year the attendance at the spring conference has increased and it is expected that the 1968 conference will be the most successful yet. In any event, the conference serves as a valuable medium for local directors and other community officials to keep abreast of new federal and state policies and programs as well as to discuss their own problems and exchange ideas with other local officials which may be of mutual benefit in program planning and implementation.

Other than the flood dangers, the coming warmer weather also brings the ever-present threat of tornadoes. Unlike the flood threat which is primarily confined to the northwest and southwest counties bordering the Mississippi and its tributaries, tornado incidence and location cannot be foretold. Tornadoes can strike anywhere at anytime of the year, although records indicate that 95% of Wisconsin's tornadoes have occurred in the six months of April through September. In the last two years Wisconsin has made great progress in the development of a state-wide Tornado Watch and Warning System. A plan for the rapid dissemination of severe weather warnings to affected counties has been established and was used successfully several times in 1967. It is of vital importance, however, that once this information is received at the local level, adequate precautions are taken to protect the population and to keep citizens advised of the situation during the period the storm warning is in effect. It is for this reason that every community, as part of its emergency preparedness programs, should establish an effective tornado spotting and alerting system. Many communities already have established such systems, complete with trained spotters. Such a plan must contain provisions for the alerting of institutions, e.g., schools and hospitals, as well as actual emergency plans of action to direct inhabitants to protected areas, if required.

The importance of a good tornado action plan in all communities is accentuated by the fact that Wisconsin ranks 17th nationally in tornado frequency and that during the last ten years, the state has averaged 18 confirmed tornadoes per year.

Local directors in mail area cities of the recently completed Home Fallout Protection Survey (HFPS) program may be interested in knowing that the final total of questionnaire returns from householders in the 41 mail area cities amounted to 83.8% of the slightly over 583,000 dwellings included in that part of the survey. This fine response places Wisconsin second in the nation in percent of questionnaire returns, and certainly is indicative of genuine citizen interest in disaster preparedness. With the personal interview canvass of some 571,000 dwellings, a grand total of 1,154,000 households were surveyed under the program. About 955,000 homes were found to have basements, and of these approximately 30,000 had the minimum federal standard of 40 PF or over. A total of 7,110 dwellings with basements and 351 without basements were found to have specially built shelters.

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CD RECRUITING UNDERWAY

Bishop said each of the six area EOC's has a normal size of 24 positions of which nine are already the responsibility of various state departments under the Wisconsin Operational Survival Plan. The State EOC's at Madison and Stevens Point each have 51 positions. All but 10 of these are already filled at Madison but the Stevens Point facility needs complete staffing.

Volunteer positions open at the six Area and the Stevens Point EOC include damage assessment officers, messengers, plotters, facility managers, security officers, telephone operators, resource management coordinators, deputy area directors, emergency operations officers, disaster analysis chiefs, emergency communications chiefs, radio operators and emergency message controllers. Training of the volunteers will be provided by the State CD Division in cooperation with the Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point Extended Services Division.

MSH AWARD PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, Division of Health Mobilization has established a Medical Self-Health (MSH) Humanitarian Award to honor individuals who save someone's life by using knowledge gained from the MSH training course.

All awards will be based on criteria established by the Medical Self-Help Awards Committee with all nominations to be carefully considered by that committee. **The specific criteria for the submission of nominations for the award have been mailed to local CD directors by James Joyce, MSH Consultant for Emergency Health Services, State Department of Health and Social Services. Each nomination must contain all of the required information.**

Recipients of the award will be presented with an inscribed sterling silver medal suspended by a blue ribbon and contained in a velvet lined case, and also a sterling silver emblem to be worn on a lady's dress, a man's lapel or as a tie tac. These will be accompanied by a certificate signed by representatives of the Office of Civil Defense and the Public Health Service.

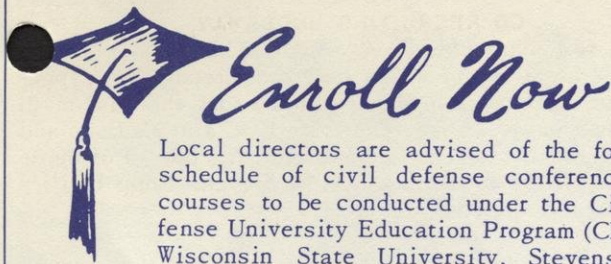
Nominations can be made by submitting the required information to the Medical Self-Help Awards Committee, Division of Health Mobilization, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 6935 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015.

Return Your Warning Survey Forms!

Local CD directors are reminded to return their completed survey forms on the Public Outdoor Warning Systems in their communities as soon as possible.

Out of the 768 forms mailed out by the State CD Division several weeks ago, only 258 have been returned thus far. In order to obtain the information from communities still delinquent, the state office is making another mailing of the forms to local directors. Since the follow-up mailing will go to all directors, **THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE RESPONDED SHOULD DISREGARD IT.**

The survey information is extremely important in planning for an effective state-wide warning capability that is as uniform as possible. Only by the receipt of the survey information can dissimilarities be determined and corrective actions taken.



Local directors are advised of the following schedule of civil defense conferences and courses to be conducted under the Civil Defense University Education Program (CDUEP), Wisconsin State University, Stevens Point during the months of March-June, 1968:

Title	Date	Location
Governor's Conf. on Disaster Preparedness	Mar. 6	Madison
Radiological Defense Officer Course (RDO)	Mar. 18-22	Stevens Point
Shelter Manager Instructor Course (SMI)	Apr. 1-5	Madison
Radiological Monitoring for Instructors (RMI)	Apr. 15-19	Eau Claire
Civil Defense Management Course (CDM)	May 13-17	Stevens Point
Civil Defense Management Course (CDM)	Jun. 17-21	Stevens Point

For enrollment information on any of the above offerings please contact your Area CD Director or the Director, CD University Education Program, Wisconsin State University, Stevens Point, Wis. 54481.

HFPS PROGRAM COMPLETED

Wisconsin's Home Fallout Protection Survey (HFPS) program, which ended on December 21, 1967, provided the opportunity for over 1 million Wisconsin householders to learn the degree of fallout protection presently provided by their residences, and how they can improve it, if necessary.

The fact that most citizens were eager to obtain this valuable information is well attested by the fact that only 8.2% of the total number of residents canvassed under the program failed to respond. Correspondence received at the State CD Division as a result of the program indicates that many citizens are already taking steps to improve their protection by ordering one or more of the six sets of plans available free of charge from the Bureau of Census Office at Jeffersonville, Ind.

Statistical information on the PF categories by standard location of all dwellings surveyed under the program has been made available to the State and will be utilized in the preparation of local community shelter plans throughout the state.

The State CD Division has received several inquiries from citizens in direct mail areas who failed to get questionnaires or who have lost or misplaced them. LOCAL DIRECTORS ARE ADVISED THAT ALL SUCH REQUESTS FROM CITIZENS IN THEIR AREAS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE STATE CD OFFICE. UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH REQUESTS, THE STATE CD HEADQUARTERS WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE HOUSEHOLDER CONCERNED FOR COMPLETION AND MAILING TO THE BUREAU OF CENSUS OFFICE AT JEFFERSONVILLE, IND. BE SURE THAT THE CORRECT NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE HOUSEHOLDER IS INCLUDED WITH THE REQUEST.

Versnik Appointed New State Patrol Chief

Lewis V. Versnik, 44, Deputy Director of CD Emergency Police Services since May 1964, has been named the new chief of the Wisconsin State Highway Patrol. Versnik, who was appointed to the position by James Karns, Administrator for the Division of Motor Vehicles, succeeds Lawrence E. Beier who recently retired from state service.

Versnik first joined the State Patrol in 1949 and served in three of the patrol's six districts. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1956 and to captain in 1957. From 1958-1964, Versnik commanded the Fox Valley and Lake Shore Districts for the patrol.

In his capacity with civil defense, he was instrumental in establishing state-wide programs in auxiliary police training and in the development of Wisconsin's Tornado Watch and Warning System. A conscientious and dedicated worker in civil defense, his talents and contributions have done much to further emergency preparedness programs in Wisconsin. The staff of the State CD Division and all of his many friends and associates join in wishing him the "best of luck" in his new and challenging position.

JOHN A. COCHRANE DEAD AT 52

State and local civil defense workers were saddened to learn of the death of John Cochrane, Director of program analysis for OCD Region 4, in a hospital at Battle Creek on December 8.

Mr. Cochrane had been employed by the regional office since 1957 and through the years had worked closely with Wisconsin civil defense officials and those of other states in the region in the administration of the many federal programs. Although in ill health for the past several years, he continued to work vigorously in the program and gained the respect of all who knew him.

Mr. Cochrane had a long and distinguished military career with the U.S. Army and Illinois National Guard, with over 30 years of combined Active, National Guard and Reserve service. After joining the NG in 1933 as a private, he rose through the ranks and was commissioned in Nov. 1942 at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. During World War II, he served as an artillery officer in the European theatre with the 3rd and 7th U.S. Armies where he participated in five major campaigns and earned the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Army Commendations Medals for heroism.

NEW SHELTER VISUALS RELEASED

OCD has recently made distribution of a 9-minute color film on shelter slanting techniques to all Army Audio-Visual Support Centers, and a new television announcement kit on shelter stocking to all TV stations.

The new film is entitled "Slanting" and shows how techniques now being employed in new building design can achieve radiation shielding with little or no additional cost. It may be obtained on a free loan basis from the **Fifth U.S. Army, Audio-Visual Support Center, Ft. Sheridan, Ill. 60037.**

The TV announcement kit contains a one-minute color film, duplicate color slides, copy for a 20-second slide announcement, and a letter to the program director. Local directors should contact their stations and urge maximum use of the new announcements.



CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

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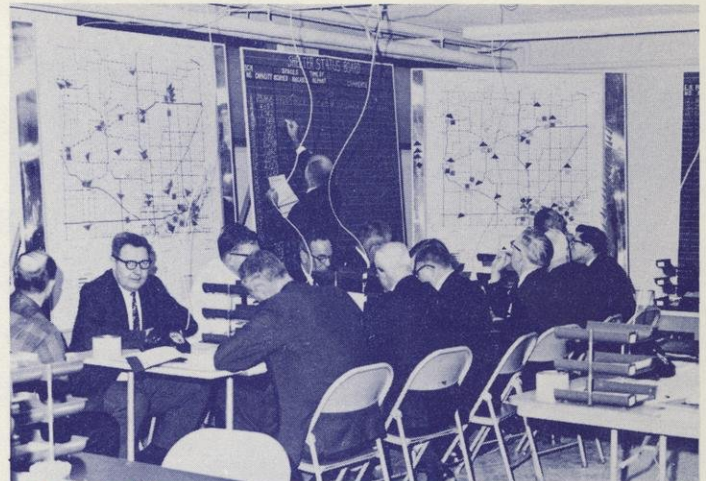


FT. ATKINSON—Cletus J. Fontaine, Supervisor of Civil Defense Adult Education, Wisconsin Board of Vocation, Technical and Adult Education, Madison, presents certificates to five teachers and two other persons who recently completed the 15-hour CDAE Instructor course in this community. Left to right, are high school teachers Robert LaHann, chemistry; David Hanneman, physics; Donald Krahn, biology; Gerald Spaanem, biology; Daniel Scheid, vocational agriculture; and Tom LaHann, a Beloit college student and Robert Merriman, supervisor of pupil transportation. Two other teachers, not in picture, Norville Lansing, mathematics teacher at Ft. Atkinson and Michael Ostrander, chemistry and biology teacher from Walworth Big Foot high school, also took the course.

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KENOSHA—Twenty-four members of the Civil Defense Auxiliary Sheriff's police have received diplomas for completion of the auxiliary police training program. The training program was designed to train the CD police in the operations of the Sheriff's Department so that in the event of major emergencies the department will have an added nucleus of trained personnel. Gerald Sonquist, chief deputy, along with Sgt. Roger Schoenfeld and Sgt. Donald Preston of the Sheriff's Department conducted the training.

After 10 days, return to
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APPLETON—Outagamie county and Fox Cities officials are shown hard at work in the Operations Room of the courthouse during a recent civil defense EOST (Emergency Operations Simulation Training) exercise conducted by Don Heimlich, Director of the CD University Education Program, Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point. The EOST's are being conducted in various communities to familiarize local officials with procedures and actions that they would be required to take in an actual emergency.

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS—The Common Council has approved the inclusion of fallout shelter facilities in the proposed new McMillan Memorial Public Library to be built in 1968-1969. A firm contract for the \$1.25 million building is to be let no later than June 1968. The shelter area will provide 1,800 spaces at an approximate cost of only \$2,000. In other actions, the Council resolved that the county-municipal CD director be present in all proposed public construction planning and approved an application for matching funds for installation of six warning sirens in the city at a cost of \$24,000. Wood county has also recently approved \$18,950 for the construction of an Emergency Operating Center in the courthouse.

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