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CITY OF EAU CLAIRE TO HOST GOVERNOR'S CD CONFERENCE

Preparations are now underway for the annual fall Governor's Conference on Civil Defense Preparedness to be held at Holiday Inn at Eau Claire on September 17.

Sponsored by the Executive Office in cooperation with the State Division of Emergency Government each fall, the conference is designed to help local government in their plans and preparations for nuclear defense.

The conference theme for this year will be "Between Today and Tomorrow" with major emphasis on the kind of increased readiness measures that can be taken by counties and communities to assure the continuity of government and the protection of their citizens in event of a nuclear emergency.

Topics will include the role of executive and legislative officials, what government needs to know and why, mechanics of Increased Readiness Information System (IRIS) reporting, and actions of local government services in emergencies. Arrangements are being made to obtain nationally-known speakers for the noon luncheon and evening banquet.

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CD ESSAY PLANS ANNOUNCED

"Family Planning for Disaster" will be the subject for the first annual civil defense high school essay contest to be sponsored by the Wisconsin Civil Defense and Disaster Association in cooperation with the State Division of Emergency Government.

The state-wide contest, which begins October 1, 1970 and ends on November 1, 1970, is open to all public, parochial and private Senior High School Students, grades 10, 11 and 12, with the first place winner to receive a \$100 Savings Bond. Second and third place winners will be awarded \$50 and \$25 Savings Bonds.

County CD Directors have been provided with contest rules and regulations and asked to contact each senior high school in their county to determine which schools will participate. The three top essays from each school as determined by a panel of school officials must be submitted to the county director by November 15. A panel of judges chaired by the county director will then select the top three essays in his county which will then be forwarded to the state for final judging by the Association and Emergency Government Division. Certificates will be awarded the top three winners from each school and plaques to the county winners. Entries must be 1,000 words or less and may contain natural as well as nuclear disaster planning.

DISASTER BRIEFINGS HELD

Major provisions of new Federal Disaster Assistance Law (PL-91-79) and an explanation of Wisconsin's new plan for "Debris Removal On Private Property" following floods, tornadoes or other disasters were the topics under discussion at a series of six area meetings held for local officials by the Division of Emergency Government July 20-24.

Speakers on the agenda included James Gruentzel, Division Administrator; Terry Vangen, Region 4, Office of Emergency Preparedness; Anthony Testolin, Division Emergency Resource Planner, and Ingman Bolstad, Program Specialist, Wisconsin ASCS Office.

Vangen told the group that a provision in Section 14 of the new law for the first time provides federal reimbursement for the removal of debris from private property following a major disaster declaration by the President, if it is determined to be in the public interest. Public property had only been covered previously under existing law PL 81-875. Vangen said the tremendous damage caused by Hurricane Camille had hastened the passage of PL 91-79. He said that Wisconsin was the first state in their region to prepare a concrete plan for such debris removal.

In explaining the Wisconsin Plan for Debris Removal, Testolin said officials having responsibilities under the disaster relief plan included County Board Chairmen, Highway Commissioners, CD Directors, and Executive Directors of U.S. Department of

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Terry Vangen, OEP Region 4 field representative for Wisconsin, addresses state and local officials at Southwest Area disaster assistance meeting at State EOC in Madison on July 20.

STAFF COLLEGE GRADS HEAR SCHLECK

Roth S. Schleck, President of the First Wisconsin National Bank of Eau Claire, recently addressed the first group of government officials to graduate from the OCD Staff College's Civil Defense Career Development Program.

Schleck, who is also a specially appointed Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army and Chairman of the Wisconsin Resource Priorities Board, was one of a small group of nationally recognized experts invited by OCD to Battle Creek, Mich. to address the group during the final phase of their studies.

Discussing the concept that both active and passive defense should function jointly, Schleck told the 22 graduating officials representing governmental jurisdictions from throughout the country that such a program could create a total defense "umbrella" for the nation.

He cited the realignment of governmental responsibilities in Wisconsin by Governor Knowles in recent years as an example in keeping with the needs of government officials at all levels to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to all types of emergencies.

"Leadership must be provided by state and local officials in order to organize and properly use our resources in overcoming the effects of disasters," Schleck said.

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ANNUAL REPORT AT PRINTERS

The Division of Emergency Government's 1969 Annual Report is now being printed and scheduled for delivery in August. The 57-page report covers the activities of the Division and its supporting agencies during the period Jan. 1—Dec. 31, 1969.

The comprehensive booklet contains information on eight major program categories, including state and local budget and fiscal data, and is well illustrated with photographs, maps and charts. The report also features a special section on state and local emergency operations during the major floods of 1969.

Automatic distribution of the report will be made by the Division to local CD directors and other concerned personnel as soon as it becomes available. Requests for additional copies can not be filled until complete initial distribution has been made, and then only on a limited basis.

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HUBERT SCHON RETIRES

Hubert A. Schon, Deputy Director of the Office of Civil Defense since April 1964 retired on July 31, 1970. Schon was a veteran of 15 years in civil defense, including seven years as Director of Civil Defense for the State of Minnesota. He left that post in 1962 to become Director for Federal Assistance for OCD and subsequently was named to the deputy director position.



Prior to leaving for his new job as head of the Portland Maine U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Joe Rigney, Madison weatherman for 14 years, was presented with an "outstanding service" citation by Gov. Warren Knowles, at left. At right is Emergency Government Administrator James Gruentzel.

NEW OCD PUBLICATION FEATURES BLACK RIVER FALLS HOSPITAL

The new Black River Memorial Hospital at Black River Falls, Wis. is one of two hospitals featured in the OCD Publication "Buildings With Fallout Shelter" (Design Case Study No. 3, March 1970).

The hospital is the first in Wisconsin and one of two in the nation that has incorporated radiation protection design techniques into its building plan. The 80-bed hospital offers fallout protection for 1,665 persons with 776 shelter spaces providing a protection factor of PF-100 and 889 spaces a PF of at least 40, the minimum standard set by OCD.

The best protection (PF-100) is afforded by a partial basement extending below grade under the rear service wing and in the first floor surgery section of the service wing. This is complemented by the PF-40 or more protection found on all floors of the hospital. Designed to permit both horizontal and vertical enlargement to meet the needs of future patients and staff, the hospital also has an emergency electrical power system for all critical areas of operation.

Financing for the \$1.5 million hospital was provided by a USPHS grant under the Hill-Burton program in which costs for creating reasonable fallout protection are allowable, and by a community fund drive and the sale of municipal revenue bonds. Most important, the shelter protection was obtained at no cost to the community since it was part of the overall building design.

Schon served in World War II with the Corps of Engineers in the Pacific Theater and is a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. His contributions to the CD program have been numerous, and the staff of the Emergency Government Division joins with his many friends and associates in wishing him a "most happy retirement."

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Agriculture County ASCS Offices, City Engineers and Department Public Works Directors in sizable cities would also have responsibilities.

Testolin said applications for reimbursement would follow standard procedures set for Public Law 81-75 project applications. In predominantly rural areas, USDA through its county agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) Offices would receive assistance requests as the agent for OEP. This function would be coordinated by the county CD director and be the responsibility of the County Highway Commissioner and/or the Department of Public Works, Engineering or Street Department of affected municipalities.

A total of 337 persons attended the six meetings held at Madison (July 20), Waukesha and Fond du Lac (July 21), Wausau (July 22), Spooner (July 23), and Eau Claire (July 24). The Wausau meeting had 75 persons for the greatest single attendance.

STATE GETS P & A FUNDS

The Wisconsin Division of Emergency Government has mailed checks totalling over \$81,000 to 45 counties and 14 communities participating in the federal civil defense Personnel and Administrative (P&A) matching funds program.

Under the P&A program, eligible political subdivisions are reimbursed by the federal government for one-half of their expenditures for civil defense operations, including salaries, travel, and other office expenses.

The checks covered expenses for the period Jan. 1-Mar. 31, 1970. The largest amount paid locally was \$16,922 to the City of Milwaukee, with Dane county next at \$7,844. Localities receiving over \$2,000 were Brown county (\$3,789), Village of River Hills, "Zone A" (\$3,739), Milwaukee county (\$3,715), Kenosha county (\$2,490), City of West Allis (\$2,139), and Racine county (\$2,089). Fifteen other municipalities received at least \$1,000 and 36 less than that amount.

State agency reimbursements under the program amounted to \$41,525. Of this, the Emergency Government Division received \$31,794, the Dept. of Health and Social Services \$6,097 and the Division of Motor Vehicles \$3,634.

The latter two agencies have emergency assignments in support of the Division of Emergency Government in event of major disaster operations.



Scene above resembles a real disaster situation. In reality, Hill Farms state employees are donating blood to the American Red Cross. The Plans and Operation Room of the State EOC was the site of the activity.

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LOWRY ARTICLES TO APPEAR IN INTERNATIONAL CD BULLETIN

Jose H. Lowry, Milwaukee County Emergency Government Training Officer, has been advised that a series of articles he has written on medical and public health aspects of civil defense will be published in the next five issues of International Civil Defense, the bulletin of the International CD Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

The bulletin is printed in four languages (English, German, French and Spanish) and enjoys world-wide distribution. Lowry has had six articles published by the bulletin since 1964.



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CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE



what your neighbors are doing



WEST ALLIS – State Fair Park was the scene of a recent realistic disaster drill held by this community to test the ability of West Allis Auxiliary Police to treat and transport injured persons and also to test the efficiency of West Allis Memorial Hospital in handling a mass casualty situation. The unannounced test began with the interruption of a regular monthly meeting of the auxiliary police by a teenage girl with a badly injured hand. She informed the group of an “explosion” in an adjoining building that had “injured” several of her classmates. Rushing into the building, the auxiliary police found a scene of disorder with about two dozen “victims” of the disaster lying around the room, many in a bleeding condition. In the absence of regular first aid equipment, the police improvised bandages and dressings with handkerchiefs and belts to treat the simulated casualties, and then arranged transportation to Memorial Hospital which had been informed of the situation. Zone “C” CD Director Chet Newman was advised of the disaster and alerted zone personnel to support the operation. The casualties were admitted, sorted and treated at the hospital in almost record time, according to Jose Lowry, Training Officer for the County of Milwaukee Emergency Government Services Division, who directed the exercise. Moulages were used to make injuries appear real. “Victims” were students from West Allis Central High School.

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OSHKOSH – Winnebago county CD director George Oaks Reports that a second county water safety patrol boat has now been put in operation to patrol Winnebago waters. The boat will be operated from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as on special occasions. The boat is staffed by members of the Winnebago County Auxiliary Police under the direction of Lt. Robert Berrell. Chief pilot is Charles Meyer. The boat has an emergency ship-to-shore radio and will provide towing, pumping and fire service and also has scuba divers among its complement.

WAUSAU – Wayne Dutton, 41, has been named to succeed Lawrence Egdahl as Director of the Marathon County Office of Emergency Government. Egdahl served as director for over 15 years. Dutton is a retired Army lieutenant colonel with 24 years service, during which he served as an Army pilot in Korea, Germany, Alaska, and Japan.

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MONROE – Ted Weiss, city CD director, has announced the installation of a new communications system to replace the former citizen band system which was inadequate. The new system, installed by Motorola is on a high band FM frequency which will provide better coverage for the city and give less interference from unauthorized transmissions. The new units were purchased by the city CD office under the federal matching funds program.

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MADISON – Walter Kind, Dane county CD deputy director, has developed and made available to Madison radio stations special announcements on tornado preparedness measures to acquaint area citizens with actions they are expected to take during severe weather situations. The announcements explain the meaning of the CD siren warning signals and protective shelter procedures.

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ORFORDVILLE – The village board in this community has voted to adopt a civil defense ordinance and has appointed George Stewart as deputy civil defense director. Stewart will receive no salary but will be reimbursed by the county for costs of attendance at meeting and training courses.

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