

Labor/Management Safety Committee Minutes
December 18, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Wright, and Collyer; William Benosky, Public Works; Dave Costanzo, Galway; Robert Hartman, Safety Officer; Karen Levison, Public Health; CSEA Representative.

Chairman Rowland called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Hartman the minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Levison said she has three staff people who can administer CPR and First Aid training. She said her office has a difficult time getting their own staff done because it takes approximately three hours per person training five people at one time. Before coming to the class each individual is required to read a review book before taking the test. She estimated that the cost would be approximately \$25/hr. for the nursing staff to do the training.

Mr. Hartman said the idea of CPR and First Aid training has been suggested through the Safety Suggestion Contest. He said today's meeting is to discuss whether this would be feasible or not. He said at this point he is not sure of the targeted population for training, but that can be narrowed as discussions continue if it is determined that it can be done.

Ms. Levison said there are approximately 21 people in the Department of Public Health that have to be re-qualified every two years, taking six months to complete the training for everyone due to individual schedules.

Mr. Lent said each ambulance corp., with a few exceptions, does have the equipment and the trainers available to do training locally. He said training is estimated at \$40/per person.

Ms. Levison said the Public Health Department has just received an automatic defibrillator. She said one of the problems is if people do not know where the defibrillators are and it takes more than ten minutes to administer the outcomes are usually very poor.

Mr. Hartman said several years ago there was a safety suggestion regarding automatic defibrillators. He said after much research it was discovered that the only municipalities that are required to have automatic defibrillators are State and Federal Buildings and all schools.

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Mr. Rowland suggested doing a survey to see what county employees are qualified to do CPR and if they would be willing to perform CPR on a fellow employee if needed.

Mr. Hartman said he would establish a survey and bring it to the committee chairman before the end of the year for consideration.

Mr. Lent said there is a CD driven training that all vendors have. Ms. Levison said she would do research with the American Heart Association to confirm that the CD training courses are valid.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Collyer the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom