

**Senate Public Safety Budget Division,
Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee,
Senate Health and Human Services Budget Division, and
Health and Family Security Committee
Wednesday, November 16, 2005
Chairs: Sen. Jane Ranum,
Sen. Leo Foley,
Sen. Linda Berglin and
Sen. Becky Lourey
Time: 2:00 pm, Rm. 15 Capitol**

Agenda

Overview of Emergency Response Structure

- Commissioner Michael Campion, Department of Public Safety

State Issues

- Kris Eide, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety

Availability of National Guard

- Colonel Joe Kelly, Chief of Staff, Minnesota Army National Guard

Local Issues

- Tim Turnbull, Hennepin County, Metro Emergency Managers Association
- Judd Freed, Ramsey County, Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers

Catholic Charities

- Father John Estrom, CEO

Private Industry Issues

- Peter Duchak, CF Industries

First Responder Panel

- Scott Gerber, Chaska Fire Chief, Fire Task Force Leader to Gulf Coast
- Aarron Reinhert, Executive Director for Lakes Region EMS
- Pat McGowan, Hennepin County Sheriff
- Bob Jacobson, New Brighton Police Chief

Members present: Ranum, Berglin, Betzold, Cohen, Foley, Limmer, Neuville, Ortman, Skoglund, Kleis, Lourey, Rosen, Koering, LeClair, Kiscaden, Neinow

Sen. Ranum called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Commissioner Michael Campion, Department of Public Safety, gave an overview of the emergency response structure.

Kris Eide, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety, testified on the state issues related to preparedness for a natural or man-made disaster.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Tim Leslie, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Public Safety, testified on where Minnesota is in progress toward interoperability communications.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Colonel Joe Kelly, Chief of Staff, Minnesota Army National Guard, testified on the availability of the National Guard.

Witness responded to questions.

Judd Freed, Ramsey County, Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers, testified on the issues facing locals regarding preparedness for a natural or man-made disaster.

Tim Turnbull, Hennepin County, Metro Emergency Managers Association, testified on the issues facing locals regarding preparedness for a natural or man-made disaster.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Father John Estrom, CEO, Catholic Charities, testified on the importance of preparing the most vulnerable in our communities for a natural or man-made disaster.

Peter Duchak, CF Industries, testified on the steps chemical industry takes to prepare for a natural or man-made disaster.

Witness responded to questions.

Scott Gerber, Chaska Fire Chief, Fire Task Force Leader to Gulf Coast, testified on lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma and his and his team's work in the Gulf Coast.

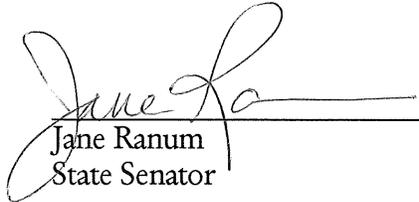
Aarron Reinhert, Executive Director for Lakes Region EMS, testified on lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma and his and his team's work in the Gulf Coast.

Pat McGowan, Hennepin County Sheriff, testified on the issues facing Minnesota for a natural or man-made disaster.

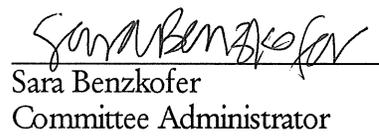
Bob Jacobson, New Brighton Police Chief, testified on the issues facing Minnesota for a natural or man-made disaster.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Minutes respectfully submitted:



Jane Ranum
State Senator



Sara Benzkofer
Committee Administrator

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