42 COUNTIES NOW HAVE APPROVED SURVIVAL PLANS

EXCELLENT PROGRESS MADE IN PAST FEW MONTHS

State CD Bureau records now show that 58% of Wisconsin’s 72 counties have approved operational survival plans, with 19 others having plans under preparation.

Map at left shows breakdown by counties.

In order for political subdivisions to become eligible for Federal benefit programs (matching funds and surplus property), it is necessary that the following four requirements be met:

1. Full or part time CD director.
2. Approved civil defense ordinance.
3. Approved operational survival plan.
4. Approved program paper.

An additional requirement for eligibility under the personnel and administrative assistance program (AM-25-2) is that employees of the participating county or municipality must be under the classified service (merit system).

Sixteen of the 42 counties having approved OSP’s still lack program papers. However, if these are submitted by April 1, 1962, and providing Federal funds are available, those counties could participate in the P & A program during the balance of FY 1962.

Political subdivisions not qualifying during FY 1962 for P & A funds could, if they meet the above requirements and again providing Federal monies are available, qualify on July 1, 1962 for FY 1963.
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Civil Defense is growing by leaps, with new programs being launched nearly weekly. And our Wisconsin Civil Defense organizations, with the help of the big budget increments voted last fall by most County Boards, are proving themselves equal to the challenge of the new programs.

Forty-two counties now have approved Operational Survival Plans. Plans from nineteen more should be approved within a few weeks. Thus something like 85% of Wisconsin counties — plus many municipalities — should be eligible for P & A and other federal aid programs by 1 July 1962.

Last month nearly all counties promptly located the warehouse space for shelter supplies which was requested by OCD. This was a magnificent response to a difficult task.

Soon after you receive this Bulletin, Area meetings will be held to launch the next phase of the Shelter Survey: County and municipal CD Directors will be briefed on the vital operation of securing license agreements from property owners, authorizing the stocking and use of shelter areas identified in their buildings. I am sure this job will be tackled as resolutely and to as good effect as the warehousing operation.

Other new programs in the offing include the Public Health Service Medical Self-Help training program and the U. S. Office of Education CD Adult Education (CDAE) courses. The 16-hour PHS course is being test-run by 80 selected agencies in the state now. It will go into high gear by next summer. The 12-hour CDAE course will be administered statewide by the Board of Vocational and Adult Education as soon as a three-man staff can be recruited and trained.

Our Economic Stabilization program is off and moving. Wisconsin’s lead in this field is being followed by other states, including some of our neighbors.

Most important of all, OCD is moving towards a program for fallout shelter for a large part of the population. A New York Times article of 12 February reports that OCD estimates $3.3 billion may be committed to building or improving community-shelter spaces over the next four years. The school-hospital –welfare institution shelter incentive program is being presented to Congress now and it is not impossible that further incentive programs will be proposed in fiscal years to come.

Wisconsin now has a Statement of Principles on Non-Military Defense, an over-all policy guide badly needed by CD directors and the press and public. No other state yet has published such a document.

The picture is one of movement and growth. We have a long way to go, but we are moving, and moving at a rate which would have seemed incredible a year or two ago.

JUDGE RUETZ APPOINTED STATE ECONOMIC STABILIZATION DIRECTOR

Judge Edward J. Ruetz, Chairman of the Board and President of the Kenosha National Bank, has been appointed by Governor Nelson as State Director of Economic Stabilization.

He will work in close cooperation with the State Bureau of Civil Defense in the organization and implementation of an emergency program of economic stabilization to function in the event of a national emergency. This will include such actions as consumer rationing, price and rent stabilization, organizing of price, rent and ration boards, and coordinating Federal and State programs with local agencies in the managing of food, transportation, manpower, manufacturing and other resources for post-attack recovery operations.

Ruetz, a 1921 graduate of Marquette University Law School and former member of the Board of Governors of the Wisconsin Bar Association, has a long record of public service dating back to 1925 when he was Assistant District Attorney for Kenosha county. He also served as Kenosha municipal judge from 1938-1953 and is presently Vice-president of both the Wisconsin State Banking Review Board and the Wisconsin Independent Bankers Association, and active on several other committees.

DOD RELEASES HANDBOOK ON FAMILY SHELTER DESIGNS

The Department of Defense has announced the start of distribution of the handbook “Family Shelter Designs” (H-7) which supplements the booklet on Fallout Protection recently distributed nation-wide through the post offices.

The shelter design handbook contains practical instructions for building eight different types of shelters which are designed for construction in backyards and basements and for use by families who do not have access to community shelters or who prefer that their shelters be at home.

Two of the shelters may be purchased in prefabricated form and one is to be built in new construction. The estimated cost of three of the shelters is $75 each with the other five estimated between $125 and $650, depending upon local variation in the cost of materials.

State distribution of the handbook is being made direct by DOD to local CD offices in 17 most populous counties. The State Bureau of Civil Defense has received 30,000 copies for distribution to local CD offices not receiving direct shipments. Those in the latter category should request the quantity needed by writing to the state office.

SOVIETS USE OUR CD FILMS TOO

Amid the recent controversy over whether or not Russia has a going civil defense program, there appears a little glimmer of light that they are at least interested in ours.

According to a recent news item, it seems that two representatives of the Soviet embassy in Washington
managed to borrow three unclassified films from George R. Rodericks, district CD director on the pretext that they represented a private concern in the city. When they returned the films and asked to borrow more, they were told to make their request through the State Department. Needless to say, they haven't been seen or heard from by CD headquarters since.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE IN FALLOUT SHELTER PROGRAM

The Department of Defense announced on January 19 that marking and stocking phases of the fallout shelter survey program will soon begin in 14 cities located in 13 states and the District of Columbia. It is estimated that fallout shelter spaces for 92,793 persons in 141 buildings will be marked with yellow and black shelter signs by early March, 1962.

In Wisconsin, the program is moving rapidly ahead in all six areas with A & E firms completing the first phase of the program by preparing FOSDIC forms and submitting them to the Contracting Officer for review and submission to the Bureau of Census. Data from the FOSDIC forms will be processed by that bureau to a computer tape and given to the Bureau of Standards which will use the tape to calculate the protection factor of the structures to be analyzed. The results will be recorded on a printout sheet and those structures not having a protection factor of 20 or on which no permission has been granted to use space as a fallout shelter, will be removed from the program.

The Contracting Officer will then furnish architect-engineer firms with the printout sheets on those structures meeting minimum requirements, and for which permission has been obtained, to begin the second phase of the program. This will involve entering the structure and making a detailed examination to determine the structure's protection factor of 100 in the final analysis and other necessary specifications for subsequent marking and stocking with food, water and supplies.

It is expected that the initial marking and stocking of approved shelter areas in Wisconsin will begin about May 1, 1962. All 72 counties have now designated reception points for shelter supplies to be furnished by the federal government, and have named persons responsible to receive the shipments.

TV FILM TO PROMOTE "FALLOUT PROTECTION" BOOKLET

The Federal Office of Civil Defense has announced the release of a new one-minute 16mm film promoting the recently distributed DOD handbook on fallout protection to all U.S. television stations.

Two prints of the film, which is designed to alert the public to the availability of the pamphlet, have been sent to each station along with a copy of the publication. Local CD directors should contact their station managers or program directors and urge them to use the films as much as possible.

DOD is also distributing a slide kit on the handbook to all TV stations and spot announcements to radio stations.

NOTICE TO CD DIRECTORS

Local CD Directors are advised to please not request the Medical Self-Help Training Kit and student materials from neither the State CD Bureau nor State CD Health Services. The 80 kits allotted to Wisconsin are part of a nation-wide test program and have been distributed to selected educational, medical and CD channels.

After the test program has been completed, the Federal government will make enough kits available to implement the program on a much larger scale.

EMERGENCY WELFARE MEETINGS HELD

The State Dept. of Public Welfare conducted two in-service training meetings on Emergency CD Welfare Services on Feb. 13 and Feb. 15 at Wausau and Eau Claire, respectively.

Joseph Kexcel, Field Service Supervisor for the Division of Public Assistance and Thomas J. Lucas, Jr., State Coordinator of Emergency CD Welfare Services conducted the training sessions attended by the following District Directors of the Division of Public Assistance:

Wausau Meeting: Lester Fry, Ashland; Robert Walsh, Rhinelander; Robert Andrews, Wisconsin Rapids; Lyman Haunschild, Eau Claire.

Eau Claire Meeting: John Erickson and John Barrett, both of Milwaukee; Frank Frieschko, Green Bay; Russel Duket, Fond du Lac; and Clarence Soderberg and Kenneth Kringle of Madison.

SURVIVAL-BISCUIT CONTRACT AWARDED

The Department of Defense Supply Agency recently announced its Defense Subsistence Supply Center at Chicago has awarded the Kroger Company a contract for 500,000 pounds of all-purpose survival biscuits at a cost of $136,450.

About 2½ inches square and made of wheat, corn and soy flours with sugar, shortening, leavening agents and salt, the biscuits are the first procurement by the government for stocking group shelters now being designated under the national shelter survey program. They will be used until the development of production capacity for a bulgur-based biscuit which will ultimately become the permanent food item for mass shelter stocking.

For protection, the biscuits will be wrapped in waxed-glassine paper or cellophane as units. The units will then be hermetically sealed in cans for moisture and insect protection. They are expected to be available by the early part of February, 1962.

FALLOUT SHELTER MEDICAL KITS ON ORDER

The Federal Office of Civil Defense has ordered 493 medical kits for fallout shelters from the Defense Medical Supply Center located at Brooklyn, N.Y. The kits include medications, dressings, and a self-aid booklet prepared by the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, to be used for test purposes.

Designed to meet basic medical requirements for a period of 14 days, the kits are being supplied in three sizes with adequate medical items to care for 50, 100, and 300 persons, respectively.
KENOSHA — Joseph Ripp, county CD director, has been furnished six sets of radiological instruments by State Radiological Services for use in the county's fixed monitoring program. The sets are valued at $300 each and are part of 19 such sets slated for Kenosha county. Each set contains one high level survey meter, one medium range survey meter, a geiger counter, two pocket dosimeters and charger, and two chemical warfare face masks. The sets will also be used for instructional purposes.

BOSCOBEL — A radiological monitoring course will begin in this community on February 1, it was announced at the Jan. 18 meeting of the Boscobel Area CD Committee. Instructor for the course will be William Erdman. Persons interested in taking the course should contact Alvie Rust or their respective coordinator. Local CD director, Rev. Fred Landdeck chaired the meeting which was also attended by Clair Boughton, Grant county CD director.

VIROQUA — Paul R. Mockrud, Vernon county CD director, reports that 75 members of the county’s auxiliary police force received good training in traffic control when they assisted regular police officials at the recent ski meet at Westby attended by over 14,000 persons. Mockrud also commended members of the local V.F.W. who volunteered their services for a recent CD survey in the city. He also said that 25 men in Readstown and 26 in Coon Valley have completed the auxiliary police courses and have been issued equipment and that Westby CD director, Clayton Aarness has now received supplies for a mobile medical rescue team and training will start in the near future. The team is headed by Drs. P. T. Bland and Warren Otterson.

JANESVILLE — All elementary schools in Janesville will participate in a civil defense evacuation drill on either April 15 or May 1, it was announced by Pat Dawson, city CD director. Plans call for the children to be sent home at 9:45 a.m. on the date finally set. The children, with the exception of those attending Wilson, Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt and St. Paul's schools, will walk home. No individual transportation will be permitted for the other schools which are within 25-minute walking distance.

APPLETON — The joint Appleton-Outagamie County CD Committee at its Feb. 6 meeting, approved plans for a siren warning system survey. The present voice systems have been declared unsatisfactory by Lee Penney, CD director, since the sounds become garbled due to deflections from buildings. Penney was instructed by the Committee to contact several warning system manufacturers to study the situation and submit plans. Cost of the proposed system is estimated at around $68,000, half of which would be paid for by the Federal government under the Matching Funds program.

ASHLAND — The importance of an effective CD program in natural as well as man-made disasters or emergencies affecting normal day-to-day living was once again demonstrated during the recent water shortage at Mellen resulting from a break in the water mains. With faucets bone dry, the people of that community were completely without water for either drinking or sanitary purposes. Clarence Day, Ashland county CD director was immediately aware of the health hazard imposed by the water shortage. He met with Ken Todd, County Board Chairman, and took instant action to alleviate the situation. Day had the Ashland creameries fill 2,000 milk cartons with water and transported them to Mellen. This quick action enabled citizens to have adequate and safe drinking water until regular water service was restored. The State CD Bureau has commended Mr. Day for his quick and efficient action in handling the emergency situation.

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