

## KENOSHA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 1000 – 55<sup>TH</sup> STREET

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**DATE:** April 27, 2016

**EVENT:** Public Meeting-Hazard Mitigation Plan

**LOCATION:** County of Kenosha

**RELEASED BY:** Lt. Gil Benn (Emergency Management Director)

# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING SCHEDULED ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR KENOSHA COUNTY

Citizens are invited to a public information meeting related to the mitigation of impacts from natural and human-induced hazards in Kenosha County, Wisconsin. This session will provide an opportunity to learn more about, and to comment on, the of the County's hazard mitigation plan which will be documented in the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) Community Assistance Planning Report No. 278, 3rd Edition, *Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2016-2020.* The plan includes recommendations related to reducing damages from hazards such as flooding and related storm water drainage problems; weather-related hazards such as tornadoes, winter storms, and severe thunderstorms; and hazardous material incidents in Kenosha County and the municipalities within Kenosha County. This plan constitutes an update of the initial hazard mitigation plan which was adopted by the County in 2005, updated in 2010, and was completed in order for the County and the cities and villages within the County to maintain eligibility for hazard mitigation funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Copies of the draft report chapters completed to date are now available for review on the SEWRPC web site at

#### http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPC/communityassistance/Hazard-Mitigation-Planning.htm

The plan is being prepared by SEWRPC, in cooperation with the Kenosha County Office of Emergency Management and the County Department of Planning and Development. Preparation of the plan was guided by a Hazard Mitigation Local Planning Team consisting of elected and appointed officials from the County and the cities, villages, and towns in the County; agency and business representatives; and citizens from throughout the County knowledgeable in hazard mitigation matters.

The meeting will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2016 at the Kenosha County Center, 19600 - 75th Street, Bristol, Public Hearing Room.

The session will begin with a presentation by the Commission staff at 6:00 p.m. This will be followed by a meeting in "open house" format from 6:30-7:30 p.m., which will



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provide an opportunity to meet one-on-one or in small groups with the Commission and County staffs to receive information, ask questions, and provide written comment.

Persons with special needs are asked to contact Kenosha County Emergency Management at 262-605-7900 a minimum of 72 hours in advance of the public session date so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Affected may be site access and/or mobility, materials review or interpretation, or active participation, including the submission of comments.

In addition to providing comments at the public meeting, written comments may also be submitted by U.S. mail or through a comment screen on the Commission's website. This comment screen may be found at:

http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPC/communityassistance/Hazard-Mitigation-Planning/Kenosha-County-Comment-Form.htm

To ask questions, or to submit written comments on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, please contact:

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