



REPORT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Year To-Date 2009 Summary

Technical Assistance Provided

1358 Community Systems Visited

Training Provided Statewide

Classes	Individuals Trained
82	1267

Highlighting Training & Technical Assistance Provided

COMMUNITY PWS RURAL WATER MEMBERS	
WI RURAL WATER DISTRICT	NUMBER OF SYSTEM MEMBERS
1 (NE)	96
2 (SE)	233
3 (Central)	104
4 (NW)	100
5 (SW)	123
TOTAL	656

SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS

May 7, 2009 - Jesse Claflin the WW Technician for WRWA was called to the **Village of Arlington** to assist the operator Dan Mulhern in televising a sewer line that had been backing up into a basement. When arriving Jesse and Dan looked at the situation and decided to televise the line to see if they could find the problem area. It was found to have a break in it and Jesse marked and located the problem area. By doing this the village saved the cost of having a contractor come in and also by telling where the problem area was and saving the village the chance of getting sued from the homeowner who's basement was being backed up into. **System savings were around \$1000** for cost of a contractor and could go higher if the village ever was sued.

May 26, 2009 – Jeff La Belle the Circuit Rider for WRWA was contacted by Operator Rex Hoover of the **Village of Elk Mound** asking for assistance in locating water mains around the three schools. Because of school construction for expansions, the lines needed to be traced and marked. These lines were not properly documented when installed in the 1960's. This contact will allow the Village to properly document the lines, and determine if any of the mains need to be moved for construction. **System savings were around \$500.00** for the cost for consultant to assist with locates.

May 6, 2009 – Ed Hendzel the Circuit Rider for WRWA received a request from Scott Popelka, **White Lake Waterworks** for help with locating a water lateral. The utility had a water leak on a lateral but was unable to locate the curb box or lateral to shut off the leaking lateral. A meeting date of Thursday, May 7, 2009 was scheduled to begin the line tracing. The utility has 2 metered groundwater wells that provide water to 165 metered connections. The utility does not have full-time disinfection but has emergency chlorine disinfection. After a few hours of tracing, Ed and Scott were able to determine the location of the lateral and then they were able to find the curb box. The utility was then able to stop the leaking lateral and make the needed repairs. The technical assistance took 3 1/4 hours to complete and **saved the utility about \$3200.00**, the cost of a line tracer if they were to purchase one. Ed will do a follow-up visit in the near future.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE WATCHING

***ASSEMBLY BILL 316** - Introduced last week - emergency management, succession of public offices, liability and licensure of emergency volunteers, disaster relief, ratification of the pest control compact, transportation and disposal of animal carcasses, the plant industry, computation of school days, variance for hospital requirements, public works mutual assistance, emergencies related to computer or telecommunication systems, and providing penalties.

***Public Works Mutual Assistance** – Currently, the adjutant general is required to furnish guidance and establish standards for emergency management programs of local governments. The bill requires that standards for public works include a suggestion that local governments, or federally recognized American Indian tribes or bands, adopt the mutual assistance agreement created by the division of emergency management for the intergovernmental collaboration of public works personnel, equipment, and resources during an emergency. The adjutant general must consult with public works associations and organizations regarding the content of that agreement. The bill also defines the term “public works”.