

# Minutes

# EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, June 7, 2002

8:30 AM

MEDIC EMS

Lower Level Conference Room

1204 E High St

Davenport

**Meeting called by:** Decker Ploehn, Chairman  
**Type of meeting:** Regular Monthly Meeting  
**Attendees:** Denny Coon, Linda Frederiksen, Mark Frese, Brian Jacobsen, Scott Roenfeldt, Dana Sechler, Ray C. Wierson, and guest Tim Huey

## Agenda topics

### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Decker Ploehn at 8:37 a.m.

### Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves to guest Tim Huey from Scott County Planning and Development.

### Minutes of the 4-26 TAC Meeting

Motion was made and carried to accept minutes from TAC Meeting held on 4/26/02 as written.

### Scott County 911 Ordinance

Committee concerns were taken back to the County concerning the 911 address issue. The North Scott Press carried an article in their June 5, 2002, issue. Tim Huey explained that the County has an established rural addressing ordinance. The ordinance was explained as to how houses are numbered. An address map is at the County Planning office. It is a municipal infraction if there is failure to comply.

A discussion followed on how to create an environment more receptive to the numbering problems, with the following ideas:

- a. Send out letters to problem areas with a reminder of the need for proper numbering.
- b. Public service announcements on radio/TV or a press release in newspapers.

## Scott County 911 Ordinance-Con't

- c. Assess fines to problem areas (last choice).
- d. Switch or blinking bulb on porch lights to make it easier for emergency personnel to locate the house.

Muscatine and Cedar Counties have flags on a post with black letters on white on both sides for identifying purposes. Tim Huey will be talking to those counties to see if this would be a feasible solution.

There was a discussion on way finding - directional road signs.

A discussion followed on developers using their lot numbers and street names and not using the 911 issued address.

Denny Coon mentioned having maps for emergency services with both addresses printed for reference.

Ray Wierson explained how often county/city documents don't always tie in with a piece of property. Web enabled base maps would provide uniformity. He feels the County is heading in this direction. There will be an informational meeting with Geo-Analytic in July with cities/counties interested in developing this type of system.

Tim Huey's office has aerial mylar maps that could be provided to Medic.

Mark Frese asked how soon numbers are assigned. Tim Huey stated that house numbers are assigned before footings are poured. Farmers need to contact the County for a new house number even if they don't need a building permit.

There was a discussion of putting up a house number sign for a landowner and charging. Tim mentioned giving a citation (a \$250 fine) and if the sign is up by court appearance time (36 days later) the charges are dropped. Contacting local fire department if not physically capable of installing numbers - fire department personnel would be willing to do for public service.

This item will be kept on the Fire Chief agenda to interact with the Sheriff's Dept to see if there is a way for positive reinforcement. Will be on the agenda for the next Fire Chief/Ambulance Director meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## System Development Update

Denny Frisch is working on their curriculum to meet daily classroom schedules and plans to start this Fall at the Durant High School. Durant will be a model to take to other high schools.

## SCEMA Terrorism Response Committee

Larry Barker will be attending a Public Health Congress June 18-19 in Des Moines. The main idea of that congress is to develop a plan for dispersing \$13 million in the State of Iowa. At the EMA Conference on June 3-5, it was stated that some of the money applied for through the Department of Justice Grants is starting to come through. It will be dispersed alphabetically. There was a discussion to protest this form of dispersion. Decker suggested that Ross Bergen and Gerry Voelliger write a letter to Ellen Gordon objecting to the distribution method since we've had approval for a year.

## HIPAA Privacy Standards in EMS

No report. ISAC is working with counties to develop a plan

Fire Chiefs and Ambulance Directors Meeting 6-27-02

No Discussion

SCEMSA Report

Brian Jacobsen reported that at a June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, training grants were awarded out to people who applied. Will be trying to streamline the application/grant process.

EMS Week 2002 at the Mark was a learning process. Disappointed it wasn't picked up by the media as well as would have liked to have seen.

Discussion of "Beacon of Light" - working with seniors through CASI and law enforcement to get out to the high-risk population. They have chosen to use the light bulb.

After meeting, will have an inservice on the "Safety in Motion" trailer. This will be on display at the County Fair and will take the place of the EMS booth. It is an interactive safety trailer that Cedar Rapids Fire Dept owns and is lending. It will be staffed with EMS and Fire Department personnel.

Went to an EMS Grant Writing Shop at Ames in May. The State is revamping the way the dollars are going to flow to the counties. There will be an all-inclusive grant vs. a training, equipment, and systems development grant. A letter of intent has been sent out.

A mini-grant-writing workshop is coming up within the next month that needs to be attended.

Word has been received that EMS did not receive their RiverBoat Grant that they applied for this Spring. However, congratulations were given to Medic and Medforce, who did choose apply outside of the organization, and received funding. However, there was some concern voiced by the volunteer organizations concerning the agreement between all the agencies of the EMS Association to apply for dollars together. There was some concern as to continue with the need assessment for application to apply as one or if they would be better off going outside to obtain dollars. This concern will be addressed at the June EMS Association meeting. A decision needs to be made as to apply as a single unit (which the River Boat Development wants) or to just approach individually to request funding. Decker Ploehn suggested that possibly the application process could be broken down into buildings and equipment, since they're a different type of inventory. There needs to be some kind of agreement that capital purchases can be a stand-alone application, but equipment needs to be tiered together. It was stressed that there needs to be better communication as to goals and the process of the grant application.

There was a discussion of RDA funds received, and that those monies can't be looked on as a given source of funding.

Next meeting June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Scott County Fire Chiefs Report

Meet with the Scott County Board of Supervisors on May 23<sup>rd</sup> concerning radios and the 911 address issue. At the Chief's meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> a needs assessment was solidified, but not sure if it has been submitted. The Board requested bi-weekly updates.

Applied for 501C3 six months ago, received confirmation that it was granted, but has yet to see any paperwork. The Board is willing to write a grant with Bi-State's help, on behalf of the Chiefs and put in the request for monies for the radio system in the Fall.

Next meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup> in Eldridge.

### Quality Management Report

Next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup> - location may be changed to sixth floor of the Bicentennial Bldg.

Need to get logo dropped on feedback forms

Looking for an implementation date for the trauma evaluation of July 1, which will be a Monday. Will have 1/2 a year of data. Will look at maintaining that for a whole year.

Talked to Denny Coon about generating the feedback forms on pads. Genesis is very supportive and wants to get it going.

Once the logo is on the form, will bring the form to the next EMS Association meeting for distribution to respective agencies.

Denny Coon stated Judy Frisch has been requesting that a meeting be set up with the transport personnel about the computerized Run Form.

### Hospital Report

No Report

### EICCD Report

Dana Sechler reported the following classes for this summer: First Responder, EMTI 85, EMT Basic, and Paramedic Class.

This Fall there will be a full complement of classes and will be adding in the Paramedic Specialist Bridge curriculum.

Some organizations are looking to become certified as non-transporting either first responding or EMT level. Oscar Mayer is working on the application right now. This fall they will have 24 persons going through the class at the basic level. Alcoa is also interested.

Denny Frisch is working on the high school class curriculum. Discussed the high school drop out rate.

With funds this at the end of the year were able to purchase three OB manikins, one Excaliber cot, three laptops and three LCD projectors that can be checked out for utilization.

### scottcountyems.org

Brian Jacobsen reported that the Web page is up. Will be meeting with Community College to discuss on-line education for EMS in Scott County. Hopefully, will have some classes on-line by this Fall. Dana Sechler explained the interactive system between student and educators. There was a discussion of all the classes that could be put on-line.

### Iowa Donor Network for EMS

Last Spring Iowa Legislature passed to allow the formation of an Iowa Donor Registry. Right now, hospitals are required to notify the Donor Network of any death and if the individual would be a candidate as a donor. They are looking at integrating with EMS services, funeral directors, medical examiners, etc., to find out if individuals who don't make it to the hospital would be donors. The Donor Network is going to meet with Tim Peterson at State and rulings will be filtering down. One of the concerns is involvement of law enforcement with a crime scene. This issue should be looked at periodically.

Other Items of Interest

No other items

Next Meeting Date 6-28-02

No Discussion

Adjourn

9:50 A.M.