

MINUTES

EMS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, September 27, 2002
8:30 AM
MEDIC EMS
Lower Level Conference Room
1204 E High St
Davenport

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn
Type of meeting: Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Randy Bay, Ross Bergen, Linda Frederiksen, Mark Frese, Brian Jacobsen, Joseph Lohmuller, Debbie Morse, Les Norin, Mark Postma, Orville Randolph, Ron Reinders, Scott Roenfeldt, Kevin Takacs, Gerry Voelliger, Ray C. Wierson

Agenda topics

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves to Dr. Randy Bay, Emergency Department Director at Trinity. Dr. Bay will be representing Trinity at the TAC meetings.

Minutes of the 07/26/02 TAC Meeting

Gerry Voelliger noted an error in last month's minutes. Under "Other Items of Interest", The International Fire Buffs Association Conference to be held at the Mark was expecting a crowd of approximately 2,000 instead of 20,000. The minutes were approved as amended.

CDC and HRSA Terrorism Grants

The regional concept has been accepted and meetings are scheduled for next month. Region 6 will be meeting on Monday, October 7th. The State is expanding its staff for bio-terrorism.

Terrorism Response Committee-Training 10/29/02

Ross Bergen reported that Lt Col Robbins and members of the Civil Support Team of the Iowa National Guard will be presenting a two-hour overview showing how they interface with the community in case of any chemical bio-incident. The meeting will be held on October 29th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the

Terrorism Response Committee-Training 10/29/02 (con't)

Sheriffs Department Annex. Fire, police, health, EMS, and Medic entities have been invited to attend.

Finalizing the applications for the next round of grant funding to the DOJ and will be submitted to the State no later than October 15th.

Kevin Takacs introduced new board member Admiral Sam Cooperson, who will be taking over the flight operations for the Med Force Team. Admiral Cooperson will soon be retiring from the position of Deputy Commander of Naval Airforces Atlantic Fleet headquartered in Norfolk, VA and is also a captain for Delta Airlines.

Linda Frederiksen asked Ross if there would be any participation in a disaster drill that Rock Island has planned. Ross said that Rock Island has been calling around and asking for volunteers to assist them in evaluation and control of the exercise.

Ross requested some training material from the State of Iowa. He received four computer based training CDT's - Incident Commander and Staff, Hospital and EMS, General Information, Hazmat - for small group or individual training. These CD's are of such quality that Ross burned copies and distributed them to other agencies with the State's permission.

System Development Committees-Update

Denny announced that PAB has a meeting next week.

The Priority Dispatch is trying to set up a meeting for October 10th.

Transport agreements have been signed from the fire departments, Medic and Buffalo, Davenport, and Bettendorf.

Need to schedule a Fire Chief's meeting.

Denny hasn't heard anything from Dana and Denny Frisch on how they are doing in the schools. Decker requested a report from Dana at the next meeting.

Fire Chiefs Meeting 09/26/02

Scott Roenfeldt reported on a meeting held 9/26/02 at the Davenport Central Station. He reported that they got their 501C3 approved.

Will talk about the 2080 (?) agreement next month.

Talked about the radio grant. Went over some of the wording and will put a draft together for signature.

Talked about the success of the September 11th event - Circle of Unity.

Talked about 911 addressing - Ray Wierson referred them to Tim Huey for specific concerns.

Discussed the new HIPPA standards and the effects on first responders.

Next meeting is October 24, in Donahue at 7:00 p.m.

Quality Management Report & TAC

Linda Frederiksen reported that they met in August and worked on quality plans for New Liberty, Bettendorf Fire, and the Isle of Capri. Denny sent a template of what they had done to the State.

The next meeting is a question mark right now. They were supposed to meet on October 9th, but key members won't be there. Denny mentioned the possibility of having the next meeting before the SCEMSA meeting on October 17th.

Quality Management Report & TAC (con't)

Physicians Advisory Board will meet next Wednesday morning (Oct 2nd) at the Bicentennial Bldg on fourth floor for their bi-annual meeting. Topics for discussion will be: responsibility for radio reports, the quality plans, an update on HIPPA, and looking at protocols as to changes and the new state format.

SCEMSA Report

Discussed issues of the Safety Motion Trailer at the Mississippi Valley Fair and whether they will repeat the event next year.

Talked about grant strategies for the Fall with the Riverboat and spending the existing dollars that they have left (both the System Development Grant and the Riverboat Grant). Also discussed looking at the statewide protocols. Decker asked about the outcome of their strategy for this grant cycle. EMS might put in for a token grant, but plan on deferring to the Fire Chiefs Association radio plan hoping they will receive the full amount asked for. Decker suggested that it might be beneficial for Mark Postma to notify Mary Ellen that this was a conscientious move on the part of EMS, to convey that there is strong cooperation between organizations. Denny mentioned sending a letter of support for proposed use of funds.

Elections will be coming up in the month of December.

Hospital Report

Dr. Lohmuller reported about the Safe Communities Coalition involvement in the Child and Youth Injury Prevention Conference in Des Moines on September 26th. Dr. Lohmuller reported he was to give a speech at this conference concerning ordinances passed in Davenport and Bettendorf not allowing persons to ride in the cargo area of pickup trucks. Twenty-nine states have such ordinances. Ten days before this conference was to take place, two boys in Des Moines were killed in such an accident. So, this became a hot topic at the conference. They are now trying to get something passed on the State level.

The Safe Communities Coalition is also working on the reintroduction of revisions to the State laws on child and youth safety seats. The argument against changing the laws has always been that parents are being asked to spend a lot of money on seats they can't afford. However, seats are provided through grants to needy individuals. Monday, September 30, 2002, they will be getting together with the Kathy Leggitt(?), Iowa Safe Kids Coalition Chair, who worked on this last year. The Iowa Chapter of the American College of Surgeons state committee on trauma has also offered to provide funds for lobbying efforts and physicians who will testify that these laws need to be fixed. The American College of Emergency Physicians Chapter has been contacted to help back this attempt.

Dr. Randy Bay reported that the new Trinity Hospital is moving along nicely and is looking at an anticipated opening date of December 2003.

Debbie Morse reported that flooring in the hospital's east hallway will be replaced. Starting on Monday, September 30, 2002, at 10:00 p.m. patients will need to be brought to the side entrance for four days. The ER charting area will still be able to be used. The trauma room will be located in Room 11 during that time. Three rooms in the Chest Pain Unit will be used for exam rooms.

EICCD Report

No report this month.

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The website is up and running with numerous hits on the calendar. Denny Coon reported on the on-line training program. A proposal of costs will be submitted to implement this. A file server will probably need to be purchased to host this program along with other software and hardware. The committee will meet following this meeting.

LeClaire Medic Open House 09/28/02

LeClaire Medic Open House will be Saturday, September 28, 2002 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ribbon cutting is a 10:00 a.m.

A basic EMT training class for the LeClaire area will begin on November 4th.

Other Items of Interest

Scott Roenfeldt mentioned an incident at the Mississippi Valley Fair where a 5-year old was lost and received no help from the Davenport Police Department. The child was found without the help of the police force. Decker suggested emailing a message to Chief Bladel concerning this incident.

Scott also thanked everyone who helped out during the bank incident on Wednesday, September 25th. The substance is currently at UHL being tested. A discussion followed on the actions taken during the event. Dr. Lohmuller explained the process of handling a potentially contaminated patient and maintain the function of the ER. Dr. Bay mentioned from the hospital standpoint that inter-hospital communications between the three ER's and how each was handling the patients and the symptoms each patient was displaying would have been helpful on the scene. Kevin Takacs commented on the amount of information disseminated over inter-agency radio communications during the event. Mark Frese led a discussion on encountering the law enforcement agencies during a hazmat event and the necessity of those organizations realizing that hazmat should take first priority. Decker mentioned that a debriefing of the event would be helpful in the learning process. The Terrorism Task Force Committee will be responsible to set up the debriefing meetings. Ross Bergen will assist on pulling law enforcement into the debriefing to explain the unified chain of command during a possible bio-terrorism event.

Next Meeting Date 10/25/02

Announced next meeting is October 25, 2002

Adjourn

Adjourned 9:40 a.m.