

# Minutes

## EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, February 25, 2005  
8:30 AM  
MEDIC EMS  
Lower Level Conference Room  
1204 E High Street  
Davenport

**Meeting called by:**

Decker Ploehn

**Notetaker:**

Pam Gealy

**Attendees:**

Decker Ploehn, Denny Coon, Brian Panke, Mark Hunt, Scott Roenfeldt, Jamie Temple, Mike Hayward, Gerry Voelliger, Ross Bergen, Steve Werth, Mark Frese, Patty Garrells, Orville Randolph, Denny Conard, Kathy Hall, Nick Porter, Larry Barker, Dave Kelly, Ray Wierson, Mark Ridolfi, Linda Frederiksen

### Agenda topics

#### Call to Order

Decker Ploehn called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

#### Introductions

Everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

#### Minutes of the 1-28-2005 Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

### IMAC and 28E Agreements

Mark Hunt reported on the Law Enforcement 28E and that Davenport and Scott County have signed and are still waiting for more signatures. 18 Illinois and 11 Iowa agencies have signed the Fire Mutual Aid agreement, an increase of three since the last meeting. Mark handed out a list of those agencies. Calls will go out on Monday to agencies that haven't yet signed to see if they still want to be included in the process.

Gerry Voelliger explained to Mark Ridolfi what the agreements mean from the fire perspective with input from others in the group. Denny Conard explained the agreement from the law enforcement side.

### Homeland Security Report

Ross Bergen reported an initial meeting for the full scale exercise was held on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Great representation from the following departments: Bettendorf PD, Davenport PD & Fire, rural fire, Scott County Health, Sheriff's, Medic, and Genesis. Discussed were the need for training of people who would fill the positions of evaluators and controllers. Also how the departments would come up with objectives that they would like to see tested in this exercise. Objectives would be due to Ross prior to the May 14<sup>th</sup> exercise planning conference.

Exercise Evaluator Training was yesterday at the Kirkwood campus in Cedar Rapids. Our region consists of 14 counties and although there was great representation from Scott County, there wasn't from some of the other counties. Great information was given out to use not just for this exercise coming up, but for all department training.

Ross explained the July 19<sup>th</sup> exercise to Mark with input from others in the group.

Linda Frederiksen asked about having other counties evaluate our county on this process. Ross said it would be an individual agency or department's decision to make, but suggested that if you have someone in your department that knows the SOP's and what response should occur for the situation, then use them. Also consider if your SOP's (Standard Operational Procedure) need to be updated. If there is a need to pass along information received at the Evaluator's Training, then to contact Jeff Swanson at the Sheriff's Department. Ross offered to make copies of the CD ROMs who needed them. Decker suggested that Ross take the issue of having internal and/or external evaluators for departments, to the next committee meeting for discussion and bring back the recommendations to this group.

Mark Frese reported that the Fire Fighter's Assistance Grant application was successful. Total received was around \$247,000.000 and will be used to upgrade all of their self contained breathing apparatus. He commended Steve Wearth for writing the application.

### Full Scale Exercise for Scott County

Please see above.

### CDC and HRSA Report

Dave Kelly reported attending a HRSA meeting on February 10 in Cedar Rapids and found out the state will be providing more money for hospitals. A grant application will be filled out by Dr. Lehman for Genesis.

A regional Surge Capacity exercise will be held on June 9, 2005. Not much information on it for right now.

Dave and Nick Porter explained to Mark about the decontamination facilities. On April 4, 2005 Trinity will have some of their decontamination equipment set up. The Regional Emergency Response Team from Peoria will be there to display their ICU/ER trailer.

Communications are an on going problem. Denny Coon reported that a regional HAN (Health Alert Network) test will take place in March.

The Department of Health gave the CDC group a million dollars to make available to agencies. Agencies can fill out an FRP for up to \$250,000.00. The grant has to be written and submitted in March with the stipulation that the money be spent between April 1, 2005 – August 31, 2005. It is yet to be determined how to spend the money and was suggested by Denny to forward the application to the local planning committee. A quick decision would have to be made so it can be turned in on time.

Brian Panke is working with two University of Iowa nursing student to assist them with building a better relationship between local veterinarians on how to report zoonotic diseases.

Larry Barker reported that Iowa has passed quarantine and isolation administrative rules that now have to be addressed at the local level. This would involve working with the county attorney and law enforcement to determine how situations will be handled.

### SCEMSA Report

Denny reported since Brian Jacobsen was out of town. Next meeting will be combined with fire in McCausland on March 31, 2005.

Denny and Decker explained to Mark what the EMS group is about.

Needs Assessments have to be turned in by March 1, 2005 in order to be considered for this grant cycle.

### Quality Management Report

Linda Frederiksen reported the next meeting will be on March 17, 2005 with discussion on the implementation of the protocols.

### SC Fire Chief's Report-FR Notification

Scott Roenfeldt asked a question concerning the full scale exercise and the First Watch System on how to alert first responders before they go out on a call. This will have to be discussed with the Health Department.

Scott explained to Mark about the Fire Chief Association with input from others in the group.

Next meeting in McCausland on March 31, 2005.

### EICCD Report

Steve Wearth reported on future EMS classes. A Cardiac Health Series will be held April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 for \$75.00. Individual class cost is \$19.00. Classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Please contact Mary Briones at the college for location information.

The Scott County Health Department, University of Northern Iowa, and the Eastern Iowa Community College will present “Providing Effect Care to Diverse and Under Served Population” on April 14, 2005 at the Adler Education Center from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. No charge.

This Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is the second weekend for the EMS Refresher course being held at the Blackhawk.

Approximately 200 was in attendance for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual CPR Saturday.

The areas first Quad City Fire School will be on April 23, 2005 at the Arsenal. 12 different classes will be offered. Information will be available on EICCD’s website soon.

### Hospital Report

Patty Garrells reported on preparing for the Trauma Recertification Survey that will take place at the end of spring or early summer.

Joint Commission Survey will be the week of May 16, 2005.

Training is set up with Excelon and also for staff on the decontamination trailer.

Nick Porter reported that Excelon training will be held in May.

They’ll also be a two hour awareness class on hazardous chemicals and basic knowledge on how to identify events when they happen.

### Law Enforcement Report

Denny Conard reported that it has been seven months since the last complaint was made on the fire radio system.

There was an electrical fire of unknown causes in their radio room.

They had a smooth transition to Bettendorf dispatch for back up service.

### Other Items of Interst

Ray Wierson reported that the Scott County Board of Supervisors gave their final approval for the Scott County wide GIS implementation. A fly over will take place at the end of March, first of April. Huge savings were attained by including Rock Island and Muscatine counties in the fly over. Not sure if Henry county is included. A GIS Coordinator will be hired and start July 1, 2005. Rural fly overs will be done at 10,000 feet and urban areas will be at around 4,000 feet. Bi-State will have a meeting next Thursday for discussion on an RFP draft for the possibility of consolidated dispatching.

Ross still has 3 pallets of water left.

Next Meeting Date 3-2-2005

Next meeting will be April 1, 2005.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.