

# Minutes

## EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, August 26, 2005

8:30 AM

MEDIC EMS

Lower Level Conference Room

1204 E High Street

Davenport

**Meeting called by:**

Decker Ploehn, Chairman

**Note Taker:**

Linda Devlin

**Attendees:**

Denny Coon, Scott Roenfeldt, Mike Hayward, Gerry Voelliger, Ross Bergen, Dennis Conard, Dave Kelly, Orville Randolph, Phil Redington, Mark Hunt, Ron Reinders, and Sara Strell, Steve Wearth, Jamie Temple, Linda Frederiksen, Ray Wierson, Steve Knorrek, Dr. Richard Vermeer, Don Gano, and Jim Bickford.

### Agenda topics

Call to Order

Decker Ploehn called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

### Introductions

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

### Minutes of the June 24 Meeting

Minutes of the Previous meeting were approved.

### Homeland Security/EMA Report

Ross Bergen reported, \$25,000.00 for the communications study has been secured from extra Homeland Security funds. Davenport received pre-disaster hazard grant in the amount of \$10,710.00. Will be meeting with Mitch on the putting the resource directory on the web. 04' Homeland Security Grant has closed. Purchase orders are out. A news letter has gone out on NIMS Training. By September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006 all organizations must be NIMS compliant to be able to apply for Federal Grants. Denny – mentioned NIMS Training will be at the Scott County Administration Building August 30<sup>th</sup>, in the Board room. Ross- Dept. of agriculture and Land stewardship, Scott County was one of the 8 counties to go along with Illinois in a drought declaration. The new command vehicle is in; training is needed before it can be in use. Gerry Voelliger- Ross is in the process of writing up simplified instructions on how to operate the vehicle. Housing for the vehicle will be in a chain linked enclosure. Racom has programmed all the radios, communications ability with everyone is completed. It should be in service in September. The biggest issue is developing an interoperable communications plan which is being worked on through Bi-state. Communications with Illinois seems to be a problem. Mark Hunt reported that he has been working on the communications plan between states. Talk groups are not aligned on both sides of the river. Bistate has put together an informal committee to talk about fire communications first then open it up to other areas. Decker Pleohn- now that we are in midst of communications and consolidated dispatch study, the consultant can help us understand the linkage. One set of frequencies or have definite interoperability systems developed.

### 7-19 Exercise Report

Ross Bergen- Room for improvement was indicated during the exercise. Communications seem to be the largest problem seen. The location of the JIC seemed to be a problem; accessibility to cell phone service and computer availability was the largest problems. There may be a possibility of a space that can be used for the JIC at the new Police Department building. Dennis Conard mentioned there was a possible relocation of the dispatch center and the EOC to Tremont.

### CDC and HRSA Report

Dave Kelly: Funding has been reduced by 50% this year. Some of the Excess funds will be used to hire an educator for each region. Denny: There will be a conference call this afternoon between the CDC and HRSA groups to look at the education position and they are also combining fiscal agents this year, fiscal person will do the whole region 6 for both groups and education and training for both groups. Sara Strell has been looking for policies and procedures for implementation of the Isolation and Quarantine Policy. Nothing has been developed in the state of Iowa that is readily usable. We are hopeful we will find something we can adapt that has already been implemented elsewhere.

#### SCEMSA Report

Denny: no meeting was held this past month.

#### Quality Management Report

Jamie Temple: At the meeting discussion of how to disperse the last of the funds, a decision was made to purchase, for all Fire and First Response and transport agencies, tape dispensers for the triage tape and head immobilizers and straps. The next meeting is September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 with a cookout potluck. New state protocols are out and need to be reviewed. Any changes have to be approved by the Physician's Advisory Board.

#### SC Fire Chief's Report

Scott Roenfeldt: No August meeting, at the July meeting in Princeton, the 911 addressing was talked about, homes in rural areas do not have address. This has become a big problem. McCausland fire received an \$180,000.00 from Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant for a new pumper truck. New Liberty Steak Fry is August 27<sup>th</sup>. Next Meeting is in Riverdale September 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm.

#### EICCD Report

Steve Wearth: \$8,000.00 grant received to develop online capabilities for social levels degree training.

#### Hospital Report

Dave Kelly: Nothing to report. Dr. Vermeer: Appointed as the Iowa college of Emergency Medicine representative to Trauma Advisory Committee to the State, lack of trauma surgeons and Neuro Surgeons continues to be a problem.

#### Law Enforcement Report

Dennis Conard: Communications between local law enforcement agencies and the Iowa Highway Patrol continues to be a problem. Three radios have been given to IHP; these are the same radios that Deputy Sheriffs carry so a Highway Patrol Officer can talk to Bettendorf Fire, Rural Fire, Sheriffs Office, Bettendorf Police and Davenport Police.

Other Items of Interest

Mark Hunt: Fiber Optic Grant, September 15<sup>th</sup> is the time frame for this grant, Governor's Harkin's and Nusell's office both support the grant. Mutual Aid Agreement has been completed and sent to the State; filling fees were waived by Ray Wierson. Fire and police mutual aid agreements with the Arsenal will have to be re-written because of implications working on federal land with federal officials. They have to have their own agreement. Any fire on federal property or federal buildings we can charge for services provided. Law Enforcement Mutual Aid agreement; the major players have joined in on the Iowa side, the county and one Illinois city has joined. The PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) kick off starts in September. Surveys will be going out and there will be one-on-one interviews with all stakeholders.

Linda Fredericksen: New Striker Cot is out and will accommodate 700lbs and it is motorized.

Next Meeting Date-9-30-05

Adjourn 9:45am