

Minutes

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, October 26, 2007
8:30 AM
MEDIC EMS
Lower Level Conference Room
1204 E High Street
Davenport

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chairman
Type of meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting
Note taker: Denny Coon/Amy Cannady

Attendees:

Agenda topics

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Agenda topics

Call to Order

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the October 5 Meeting

Discussion: Decker Ploehn

The minutes of the October 5 meeting were approved unanimously with the following changes: Phil Redington's name spelled with one "d", and change 2080E Agreement to 28E Agreement in Communications Study section.

Homeland Security/EMA Report

Discussion: Ross Bergen

Ross Bergen—Ross explained that he has distributed new weather radios to communities as a part of the grant for "Storm Roads" designation. He has received correspondence from Homeland Security that Scott County has once again met the requirements to be rated compliant in emergency preparedness. This makes Scott County eligible for grants and other state and federal assistance. The Senior Officials workshop is being offered in Cedar Rapids or via the ICN. Participants can choose from December 4, 2007 from 6:00pm-10:00pm at the Kahl Center or December 7, 2007 from 8:00am-Noon at the Kimberly Center. Ross explained that he has purchased and installed a Sprint air card for the laptop computer in the mobile command center to allow for internet access for the responders. NIMS training is ongoing, and Ross has provided overview training for the Davenport Police Department, while Steve Wearth is coordinating NIMS 300-400 training. The MCI RV will be completed on schedule and will be operational in early to mid December. The RV is designed to work with the decon trailer from the Rock Island Arsenal, and it will be stored at MEDIC.

Communications Study Report

Discussion: Mark Hunt/Decker Ploehn

Mark Hunt—We did receive the \$2.6M grant from the federal government for the equipment software for the new Consolidated Dispatch Center, and training on the management of this grant is scheduled for December 4-16 in Arizona.

Decker Ploehn—Nothing has changed since the last minutes describing the Consolidated Dispatch Study and Radio Study. We anticipate the city councils to be briefed between now and December 12, 2007. The EMA has a meeting scheduled for November 13, 2007, and we would expect decisions at a joint meeting of city councils and MEDIC board on December 12, 2007 at the Adler Heart Center. On December 13, 2007 a presentation would then be made to the commission, and another meeting to hold a vote would be the following week.

Mark Hunt—BiState's transportation engineer is the lead on the Evacuation Plan project. Mark explained that the Illinois side is ahead in purchasing when it comes to the Communications Study, but what they are currently doing should be able to integrate well with the Iowa side to provide for increased interoperability.

Gerry Voelliger—Gerry asked Mark to describe the Interoperability Grant.

Mark Hunt—The grant was received in 2005 to put fiber between all of the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) locations in Iowa, Illinois, Scott County, Rock Island County. This did not include the Arsenal, but that may still be a possibility. About 99% of the routing is done, and it includes the new location for the Consolidated Dispatch Center.

Jerry Shirk—There will be a change in command in about a week. Col. Himsel will be replacing Al Wilson.

Decker Ploehn—Decker suggested getting a hold of Denise Bulat from Bi-State to contact Garrison Manager Al Wilson quickly before the change of command, to begin discussions on interoperability plans with the Arsenal.

Public Health Planning Report

Discussion: Larry Barker/Denny Coon

Larry Barker—The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) finally has an application going into the CDC for the Public Health Preparedness grant. The guidance was received extremely late, and Scott County is getting about \$42K for this grant year as compared to \$44K last year. Exercises will be the big push this coming grant year.

Denny Coon—This grant year there will be a large community involvement exercise with EMS, EMA and all area hospitals. The exercise will test hospital's surge capacity, the county's components of an evacuation plan, and possible SNS activation. Continuation activities for the grant year include Scott County's Continuity of Operations Plan and Isolation and Quarantine policies and procedures. Dan Darland has been named the new Region 6 Public Health Planner, and he will take his position on November 5. The Health Department will be hosting an Advanced Epidemiology class on December 10, and would like to invite any individuals from the hospitals to attend. Tricia Kitzmann is the Regional Epidemiologist for IDPH and will be the course instructor. Basic Epidemiology is a pre-requisite to attend this class, and it is currently available on the Learning Management System (LMS).

Hospital Planning Report

Discussion: Dave Kelly/Travis Noyd/Chris Webster

Dave Kelly—Iowa does not have their funding finalized yet, but we should be receiving around the same amount as last year. The big drill Denny spoke of previously is set to take place in early Spring and will probably involve everyone in this room and throughout the region. The drill will be quite extensive...all planning tied to drills and exercises this grant year. The hospital will begin their big flu vaccine push on October 29, 2007, and would like to achieve 90% compliance. If the hospital does not reach that percentage of compliance this year, then it will become mandatory in the future. Last month, Dale Sievert from the Davenport Police Department gave two presentations on responding to an active shooter. The talks were well received.

Travis Noyd—The Illinois side did receive their grant funding for the year. Most deliverables will be based on drills like the Iowa side. Our flu vaccine drive was last week and wrapped up on Monday.

Chris Webster—Chris explained that the Illinois preparedness grant will not accept tabletops this year, but the drills will have to be functional or live. John Deere on the Illinois side has offered their site to host a drill, and would like to be active in the planning stages.

SCEMSA Report—Competency Update

Discussion: Paul Andorf/Brian Jacobsen

Paul Andorf—The last meeting was held on October 18, 2007. During this time, the group talked about the new protocol roll out for this year, and the new system development plan for Iowa. They are looking to set up four pilot projects in the state: one large functioning system, one hospital-based transport agency, one fire-based transport agency, and one small rural agency. There should be funds available to support this, and it will be a two-year pilot roll-out with the first six months being used as an evaluation period. The remaining eighteen months of the pilot will be used to make corrections to meet the set standards. The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2007, and will be a joint meeting with the Scott County Fire Association in Eldridge.

Denny Coon—Denny touched base with Brian Jacobsen to follow-up on competencies for patient field refusals. Brian has been doing a lot of research on refusals, and has found a number of different documents and perspectives based on state codes. He is now at a point where it is time to set up a meeting with the County Attorney for some interpretation. At the Southeast Iowa EMS Association meeting, the protocol roll-out is not deemed official to any service until they have their medical director sign the new sheet and submit it to Evelyn Wolfe. She will be out next Spring to begin on-site inspections for Scott County services. As of May 31, 2008 all services in Scott County will expire. The renewal process will begin, and will be offered on-line on the system registry. If your system registry is not up-to-date, you will not be able to recertify your service.

Scott County Fire Chief's Report

Discussion: Scott Roenfeldt

Scott Roenfeldt—There was no meeting this month, but next month's meeting will be held on November 15 at 7:00pm in Eldridge. It will be a combined EMS and Fire Chief's meeting. Upcoming events include, the Annual Maysville Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 5:00am-11:00am.

Denny Coon—Denny announced that the traditional Bluegrass Dance will be held October 27, 2007 in the evening, and this year it is going to be a sock hop.

Education and Training Report

Discussion: Mary Briones/Jamie Temple/Steve Wearth

Mary Briones—Mary stated that there is an ACLS PALS Instructor renewal class being held on November 28, 2007 from 5:30pm-9:30pm. Any interested parties can call Dawn Hamilton at the college.

Jamie Temple—Jamie explained that the National Paramedic refresher course is coming up on January 25-27, 2008 and then on February 29-March 2, 2008 at the Adler Center. The classes fill up quickly, and registration begins soon. Classes can hold around 200 people. The EMT Basic Refresher Training will be held on February 8-10, 2008 at the downtown Urban Center.

Steve Wearth—Steve announced that the Incident Command System classes 300 and 400 have been completed, and there was a good turn out from local police, fire sheriffs, and public works. The ICS 300 class will be reoffered at the end of this year for those who could not attend, and ICS 400 will be reoffered at the beginning of next year. The annual Fire School will be held on May 19-20, 2008 at the Rock Island Arsenal. Notifications for all classes will be sent out in the near future.

Law Enforcement Report

Discussion: Dennis Conard

Dennis Conard—On November 13, 2008 from 5:30pm-10:00pm, Scott County and United Way are holding a “Sneak Peek” preview of parts of the new jail facility. A \$25 donation will get you a pizza dinner and a commemorative t-shirt. On November 16, 2008 at 10:00am is the official ribbon cutting for the new entrance pavilion and jail facility, and then tours will be held afterwards. Lastly, on Saturday November 17, 2008 from 10:00am-2:00pm, there will be public tours of the new jail. During all of this time, members of the Sheriff’s Reserve will also be selling commemorative bed and breakfast t-shirts on behalf of the jail.

Congratulations MEDIC on Your 25th

Discussion: Linda Frederiksen

Linda Frederiksen—Linda thanked everyone for the community support. MEDIC’s charter was signed on May 24, 1982 as a 501C3 non-for-profit, and the first call was received on August 18, 1982. In the beginning, MEDIC received about 4,000 calls per year, and now they are up to 24,000 per year.

Other Items of Interest

Discussion: Jerry Shirk/ Denny Coon

Jerry Shirk—The Rock Island Arsenal has received a new hazmat trailer, very similar to Davenport’s, and the vehicle is close to being in service. The area now has three fully equipped hazmat vehicles. Jerry asked if there would be a way to put together a common calendar on-line for both the Iowa and Illinois sides to post drills or exercises, so that anyone can view these drills and participate or piggyback off each other’s ideas.

Denny Coon—There may be a possibility of putting together a think tank after the monthly TAC meetings to discuss planning drills or exercises with interested parties. Denny offered to invite the Region 6 Education and Training Coordinator, who will be writing our scenarios. She put together the June 2007 Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) exercise that many individuals in the room participated in. A meeting to discuss upcoming plans for drills and exercises will be held after the November 30 TAC meeting.

Jerry Shirk—The Office of Domestic Preparedness were in the Quad Cities conducting a class for the Special Response Team on the Illinois side. The Special Response Team is a group of police officers in seventeen counties that are trained in hazmat.

Paul Andorf—The EMS liaison from Iowa City has ordered the fluid for participation in the ROC study, and MEDIC will be going live with the ROC fluid in less than a month.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Decker suggested that Denny and Ross take the lead on establishing a common on-line calendar for all parties to post drills and training, but to work with Mark Hunt, Jerry Shirk and Ike Sederstrom to do so.	Ross Bergen and Denny Coon	

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