

Minutes

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, February 29, 2008
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: Cindy O'Connell

Agenda topics

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Other Items of Interest – Tour MCI Vehicle
Next Meeting March 28, 2008
Adjourn

Following TAC we will reconvene in the east bay of the MEDIC garage to tour the new MCI RV.

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Attendees: Larry Barker, Ross Bergen, Mary Briones, Amy Cannady, Denny Coon, Jeremiah Cowgill, Dan Darland, Linda Frederiksen, Mark Frese, Bob Graff, Mark Guthrie, Kathy Hall, Dave Helfrich, Jane Imming, Brian Jacobsen, Dave Kelly, Stephanie Latham, Dave Layton, Linda Nielsen, Travis Noyd, Cindy O'Connell, Decker Ploehn, Phil Redington, Scott Roenfeldt, Jerry Shirk, Adam Sowell, Jamie Temple, Richard Vermeer, Gerry Voelliger, Steve Wearth, Chris Webster and Ray Wierson

Agenda topics

Call to Order / Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Amy Cannady – Has a deliverable for Region VI Public Health which requires a separate sign-in sheet for this meeting. Only specific names are on this list so if your name is on there please sign and make sure your phone number is correct. Sheets were passed around for both January and February meetings.

Minutes of the January 25 Meeting

Discussion: Decker Ploehn

The motion to approve the January 25 meeting minutes was unanimous, with one exception; Mark Frese wanted it noted that the agreement was signed by the Mayor of Davenport, not him personally.

Homeland Security/EMA Report

Discussion: Ross Bergen

Ross Bergen – Sent out letters to all school districts requesting updated letters of agreement and requesting floor and emergency plans; floor and emergency plans were also requested from Palmer, Kaplan and St. Ambrose.

A recommendation was made so we're working on putting a VPN (Virtual Private Network) in the Mobile Command laptop computer so county agencies can access their intranet from that location, if necessary. VPN will also be installed on the Emergency Operations Center designated computers.

The potential for a spring flood could be similar to the flooding that occurred in 2001. Expected to have an active spring and the probability of seeing flooding of some sort. Research showed \$1.8 million dollars of assistance was required in the month of April 2001 due to flooding. Information, pictures and maps (showing damage & where assistance was required) were hand distributed.

The Easy Notify Program, Region VI LEIN (Law Enforcement Intelligence Network), is setting up a tiered level program so information will be available to law enforcement and specific agencies within emergency management. Ross has been actively seeking updated phone, email and cell phone information to get it updated into this system.

Ross is currently gathering information for the 2008 update to the Emergency Operation Plan, and preparing for the Spring Severe Weather classes put on by the National Weather Service

The evacuation plan progress is moving along quite well. It was suggested by the commission members that we take a look at expanding the plan possibly into the metro area. This was addressed with Bi-State.

Next week, the Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting a 2-day Flood Mitigation Conference.

Exercise Planning Committee & Calendar

Discussion: Denny Coon / Dan Darland

Denny Coon – The Regional Planning Committee has not met since the last TAC meeting. Currently working on pre-exercise checklist for submittal; will be meeting with Larry Barker this afternoon to get that done.

Dan Darland – The design team, the people who are actually putting the scenario together, has been working and will meet again next week.

Communications/Consolidated Dispatch Report

Discussion: Ray Wierson

Ray Wierson – Next week the recruitment team will be interviewing six candidates; all day Wednesday. Hopeful to have a consensus on a candidate after the interviews so we can begin the background checks, reference check, etc. If there is a consensus candidate, two of the five SECC (Scott Emergency Communication Center) Board Members are part of the recruitment team so the SECC Board will need to meet and approve the hiring of the director. There are plans to have a “Meet & Greet” once the director is hired.

There have been several meetings that reference the new SECC building but no new news has come out of those meetings to date. On Wednesday, Dave Donovan will be taking each director candidate to the prospective site of the new communication center.

Public Health Planning Report

Discussion: Denny Coon / Dan Darland / Amy Cannady

Denny Coon – Passed out new Federal Highway Regulations that are going to take place at the end of this year in regards to safety, workers, visibility requirement. This is being adapted all across Iowa. This was brought up in the CARS (Community Awareness of Roadway Safety) meeting last month which came up from the IDOT (Iowa Department of Transportation). A \$10,000 BiState grant through the CARS group has enabled us to be proactive and purchase safety vests, cones, etc to meet these requirements. Anybody who is going to be responding, working, road clean-up crews are going to be required to wear the new protective gear. The orange reflective gear will no longer be acceptable; it has to be yellow with the high reflective taping on it (per ANSI 2 or 3 Guidelines).

The Health Department is starting to review the Environmental Health Flood Plan. We will be getting the county department heads involved.

Currently working on deliverables for this grant year. The Strategic National Stockpile Node Site Educational Training will be held on Monday, April 28 (EMA, Sheriff’s Office, SCHD are required to attend). The midyear grant report is due within 10 days. We are also working on a policy and procedure to operationalize a JIC (Joint Information Center). The JIC is a local group

Amy Cannady – HSEEP training (Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Planning) will be directly following our May 1st exercise.

Dan Darland – We know next year’s Public Health Grant is going to take a significant hit, not sure exactly by how much, but the least any state will get will be \$5 million. This year Iowa received \$9.9 million so there would be huge impact if Iowa was only to receive \$5 million. There will be no Pandemic Flu funding for next year; that will all fall back into the CDC grant. The state is looking at all the positions (regional & state). Each county Public Health Director will receive a survey to fill out. Upon the return of the surveys, the state will prioritize what everyone feels the money should be spent on.

The next NIMS 300 & 400 training dates will be March 27 – 28, 2008.

Hospital Planning Report

Discussion: Kathy Hall

Kathy Hall – (Trinity) The 34th Midwest Spring Conference will be held at the iWireless Center on Fri., March 28. There will be several guest speakers; an electronic notice will be sent out.

NOTE: (Genesis) The next Trauma Conference will at the Genesis East Heart Center on Wed., March 5th at noon; topic will be Open Abdominal Injuries. Just a reminder that trauma conferences are always the first Wednesday of the month at noon at the Heart Institute.

SCEMSA Report

Discussion: Brian Jacobsen

Brian Jacobsen – Although there has been significant interest to pursue a System Development Grant, after meeting with the Health Department, it was found that there's just not enough monetary gain to move forward.

A record \$280,000 worth of grant requests for needs assessment have been received by the Riverboat. Managed to pair that number down, as a multi-agency group, to roughly \$91,000. The grant will be put together and submitted as a \$91,000 request; includes EMS MCIRV and defibrillation needs. Going to be taking a look at the assistance to the Firefighter's Grant. This grant opens March 3 @ 8:00a and closes on April 4th @ 5pm. 2% of the \$560 million that are available are open to non-EMS affiliated organizations. We, as an EMS association, can apply for funds in a couple of areas, such as Operations Safety Program and Vehicle Acquisition, but we may be able to meet some of our needs from that grant back through the Firefighter's Grant. Question: Is there a Memorandum of Understanding between EMS organizations within Scott County available? This document would be necessary in order to apply as a regional program. Not having such a document would be the only hold-up to applying to the Firefighter's grant. Denny Coon – Maybe the EMS Bi-Laws would suffice as the Memorandum of Understanding for the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant.

Denny Coon - (EMS Association Meeting) Approved the move forward of obtaining carryover money, approximately \$1900, from the state (HRSA dollars) to enhance the education of EMS providers in the areas of NIMS, Incident Command and two triage classes.

Scott County Fire Chief's Report

Discussion: Scott Roenfeldt / Mark Frese

Scott Roenfeldt – There is no meeting this month, but the next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27th in Long Grove at 7pm.

Mark Frese – Next week the Scott County Fire's Chief's will be hosting a National Arson Seminar March 4 – 6 from 8am – 5pm.

Education Report

Discussion: Mary Briones / Steve Wearth

Mary Briones – Today starts the second weekend of the Advanced EMS Refresher (held at Genesis); numbers have been consistently high having between 180 – 200 attendees.

A Basic Refresher course was held the weekend of February 8 – 10 at the Urban Center with about 80 participants. If there are any EMT Basic on any service in need of CEUs (continuing education units), please contact Jamie Temple at Scott Community College. They can come in and audit a Basic class, and these classes are held either Mon, Wed 8am – 12pm or Mon, Wed 6pm – 10pm.

CPR Saturday was held on Feb 16 with 156 individuals being trained.

An Iowa EMS Instructor Update will be held on Tuesday March 4 from 7 – 9pm at the Urban Center. More information on this course can be found on the EMS website at www.scottcountyems.org.

Thanks to all preceptors who are aiding the Paramedic students currently doing their clinicals in the area.

Steve Wearth – There is a Firefighter I class currently being held in Grand Mound with another scheduled to begin Wednesday, March 5. These are open classes available to any firefighter in the county. We are currently working on a Firefighter II program to be held in Montpelier, and these classes are also open.

The Annual Fire School will be held May 17 on the Rock Island Arsenal. This program will be put on by area fire training officers.

The NIMS 400 program will be held February 27 – 28 in Riverdale at the Alcoa Learning Center.

Law Enforcement Report

Discussion: Ross Bergen

Ross Bergen – The Law Enforcement Fusion Program initiative is being pushed by Region III.

Jane Imming - The new Davenport Chief is scheduled to start work on Monday, March 3rd.

Other Partner Agency Reports

Discussion: Dave Helfrich

Dave Helfrich – The American Red Cross and some partner agencies will be hosting Family Safety Day on Saturday, March 1st from 10am – 4pm at Northpark Mall. We are expected to have approximately 50 booths with a variety of different activities i.e., fitness, blood pressure and diabetes screenings, photo ids for kids, food tasting, family safety kits for the first 350 families, plan your escape routes, etc.

Other Items of Interest – Tour MCI RV

Discussion:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Next Meeting March 28, 2008