

Minutes

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, June 27, 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: Shawna Robbins

Agenda topics

- Call to Order
- Introductions
- Minutes of the May 30 Meeting
- RAGBRAI/BIX Update
- Homeland Security/EMA Report
- Communications/Consolidated Dispatch Report
- Hospital Planning Report
- Public Health Planning Report
- SCEMSA/QM Report
- Scott County Fire Chief's Report
- Education Report
- Law Enforcement Report
- Other Partner Agency Reports
- "TAC Me Out to the Ballgame" July 17
- Other Items of Interest
- Next Meeting August 29, 2008 - Adjourn

BIX Planning Group to meet after TAC – approx. 9:30

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Attendees: Paul Andorf, Andrea Bladel, Jim Bradley, Mary Briones, Amy Cannady, Kara Carruthers, Dennis Conard, Denny Coon, Dave Donovan, Linda Frederiksen, Mark Frese, Chuck Gipson, Kevin Greenley, Kathy Hall, Dave Helfrich, Brian Hitchcock, Bart Howard, Jane Imming, Brian Jacobsen, Dave Kelly, Steve Knorrek, Jeff Means, Lee Meyers, Travis Noyd, Decker Ploehn, Phil Redington, Shawna Robbins, Dawn Rude, Mark Slagle, Adam Sowell, Tricia Steines, Jamie Temple, Richard Vermeer, Gerry Voelliger and Steve Wearth

Agenda topics

Call to Order

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the May 30 Meeting

Discussion:

Motion to approve the May 30 meeting minutes was seconded and approved unanimously.

RAGBRAI/BIX Update

RAGBRAI Update:

Denny Coon explained that concerns had been brought up about RAGBRAI coming through Scott County the same day as BIX, and how it would affect emergency service providers. Fire Departments, especially the LeClaire Fire Department, and MEDIC have been in discussions on how these events would affect their agencies in particular.

Kevin Greenley from MEDIC explained that their role would be from the transport side, and that Trinity Medical Center will be the supplier and staffer of the medical tent (cooling tent, trauma doctor, 15 nurses), which will be at the end of Wisconsin, right at the water front. Vicki Felger from LeClaire and Sherri DeVries from Trinity Hospital have gotten several volunteers together for the event. Jeff Means and his group have agreed to provide MEDIC with two ambulances and two staff to help out in LeClaire that day. In total, MEDIC will have three ambulances, one of their own and two from Trinity. MEDIC will then float ambulances out to LeClaire once BIX has ended.

Pam from the City of LeClaire explained that in preparation, they have been seeking addresses from all properties owners along the route, to send out a mailing at the end of the month warning residents that RAGBRAI will be coming through their towns. Two weeks prior to RAGBRAI, signs will go up every ¼ of a mile along the entire route that will say that the route will be impacted by the race. Maps of the route were distributed, and Pam pointed out several areas along the route that were areas of concern and what precautions are being taken. Riders will be coming into town on July 26 and legal time for them to be on the route is between 6:00am-6:00pm. All riders should be through Eldridge by 12:30pm, and LeClaire will have see the majority of riders between 10:00am-2:00pm. Since LeClaire is the dip site, most riders will be out of town by 4:00pm-5:00pm and the race will be done. The closing ceremonies are scheduled for 1:00pm on July 26, and a presidential campaign has been invited to speak. The Major General from the Arsenal will also be speaking at the ceremonies, and will be bringing his own security detail.

Police Chief Jim Pfeiffer from the City of LeClaire explained that US-67 will be shut down from Eagle Ridge to Territorial. The detour will be West bound on I-80 to US-61 N, and to US-30 East. Vendors will set-up on US-67, 220 motor coaches will be parked here, and RAGBRAI is expecting a large crowd to spill over onto this thoroughfare. Questions were fielded as to how ambulances and emergency vehicles would get out of town and to the hospital, and those routes have already been discussed and designated throughout the RAGBRAI route.

BIX Update:

Linda Frederiksen from MEDIC explained that all partners will be meeting after TAC today to discuss

BIX plans. Efforts have been secured from Buffalo and Durant Ambulances to assist MEDIC, and 13 ambulances will be on the BIX course throughout the day of the race. The medical tent will be staffed by Genesis, and this has helped to cut down on transports to the hospital in the past from around 120 to about 40 during BIX weekend.

Homeland Security/EMA Report

Discussion: Ross Bergen

Decker Ploehn stated that Ross and several other individuals from Bettendorf, Davenport and Scott County are not in attendance today due to a six-county meeting that FEMA is holding in Clinton today.

Denny Coon explained that FEMA business cards have been provided by Ross if anyone wants them at the meeting.

Linda Frederiksen asked if the Region 6 drill is going to be rescheduled. Denny Coon answered that the idea is going to be shelved until later this fall with the flood ongoing. Amy Cannady explained that the flood will be written up as a real-life exercise for grant purposes.

Communications/Consolidated Dispatch Report

Discussion: Brian Hitchcock

Brian explained that an architect has been chosen to help with the pre-design of the new Communications EOC Emergency Management Center, as well as a consultant for computer-aided dispatch and a records management system. They will seek approval from the SECC Board on July 10, 2008 to hire these individuals. In addition, Brian is working with Scott County Human Resources to complete descriptions for the Deputy Director and the Information Technology Coordinator positions. He will also be seeking approval for these positions on July 10.

Brian and the Scott County Sheriff's Office have worked on a \$93,000 grant that is being submitted today for communications recording equipment and digital loop recorders for dispatch. Brian is also working with Ross on a grant for building an emergency communications center where the county can receive up to \$1M. Decker asked Brian to keep representatives Grassley, Harkin and Braley in the loop in case there is anything they can do at their level due to everything that's going on in the state with flooding.

Hospital Planning Report

Discussion: Travis Noyd/Tricia Steines

Travis explained that Trinity is finishing up their end of the year grant activities for HRSA.

Tricia stated that Genesis is finishing up grant year deliverables as well, and now preparing for RAGBRAI and BIX. Two weeks ago today, Genesis was able to test their surge plans by receiving some patients from Mercy in Cedar Rapids during the flood.

Public Health Planning Report

Discussion: Denny Coon

Denny explained that the Health Department is currently working on their Continuity of Operations Plan, and have been meeting with individuals from Facility and Support Services, IT and Secondary Roads to determine relocation possibilities for the Healthy Department. The Preparedness Grant encourages counties to designate relocation sites that are both 0-5 miles and 5-20 miles from their current operating site. This is a deliverable for the grant year, and it is due on July 10, 2008.

Denny stated that individuals from the county, area hospitals and himself attended a Safeguard Iowa Partnerships Conference earlier in the month. Collaborations between public and private agencies in regards to disasters and disaster planning and mitigation efforts were discussed. A spokesperson involved in the California Wildfires provided examples of how important these relationships and notification systems were during their disaster.

The Health Department is currently working on the management of the flood from a recovery aspect, and has been doing a lot of work with the homeowners that have been affected. Clean-up instructions and FEMA information have been distributed to the affected neighborhoods in Scott County by Environmental Health staff, and Amy Cannady is working on gathering all of the information on the Health Department's activities during the flood to complete and submit an after action report to the state for the county's last grant deliverable.

Lastly, Denny received a notice from the Iowa Pharmacists Association about forming a new partnership with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) in regards to public health preparedness. There is a need for the integration of pharmacists in the county's evacuation, mass casualty and mass vaccination plans, and the county will be meeting with Kara Carruthers from Main at Locust in the near future to discuss their role during an emergency.

SCEMSA/QM Report

Discussion: Brian Jacobsen

Brian explained that the last meeting was held on June 19 in Donahue. A spending plan for the Spring Riverboat Grant was discussed, and group purchases through vendors are being bundled in an effort to save money. In addition, system standards and scope of practice were also discussed. New adult and pediatric destination decision protocols should go on-line as soon as the state of Iowa protocols come out around July 1, 2008. A few other protocol adjustments have been made in regards to tasers. Scott County EMS is currently getting ready for the county's inspection by the Bureau of EMS in early July. Brian stated that the MCIRV will be operational in the near future, and will be tied into protocols, standards and procedures. The MCIRV just needs to be stocked with supplies, and procedures created on how it will be implemented. Brian also reported on EMS Week activities that were in the third week of May. Lastly, HRSA grant deliverables were discussed, as well as the "TAC Me Out to the Ballgame" in July.

Scott County Fire Chief's Report

Discussion: Denny Coon

Scott Roenfeldt was not in attendance, but Denny stated that the next fire chief's meeting would be held on July 24 in McCausland. Ray Weiser or Pete Kurylo from GIS will attend the meeting with updated mapping capabilities for the group. There are some discrepancies that need to be cleared up in regards to the layout of the fire district. One position is still open in one of the fire districts that is currently being worked on.

Education Report

Discussion: Jamie Temple/Steve Wearth

Jamie stated that this is their gear-up time for classes coming up in August. Paramedic classes are still ongoing, but basic classes are off for the summer. Individuals are still able to register for the pediatric jump-start class over the Internet, and it will be counted as a grant deliverable or 1 hour of CE required credit. If interested in attending, please contact Jamie at his office. Lastly, the CISM golf outing will be held on August 6 beginning at 9:00am, and there is still room for more players. A money hole or par 3 hole usually goes to a worthy cause outside of CISM, but this year it has been determined that all proceeds will go directly to the Juarez family.

Law Enforcement Report

Discussion: Dennis Conard

Sheriff Conard explained that during the first flood, they filled sand bags in Bettendorf and Davenport and in Buffalo during the second flood. The department also assisted with traffic control in Buffalo and Davenport. Sheriff Conard stated that they are anticipating having around 50 officers in uniform between New Liberty and LeClaire during RAGBRAI, while Sheriff Reserves cover the BIX route and then move to LeClaire once the race is finished.

Decker thanked the Sheriff for the efforts from the prisoners during the flood.

Partner Agency Reports

Discussion: Dave Helfrich

Dave Helfrich from the Red Cross expressed that they have been extremely busy with the flood, and that this has been deemed the biggest Red Cross operation since Katrina. Shelters that were open are mostly closed by now, but there are still some mass feeding sites operational.

“TAC Me Out to the Ballgame” July 17

Other Items of Interest

Discussion:

Mark Frese from Davenport Fire suggested that this would be an opportune time for Davenport One to welcome those flood victims from communities that had dykes break, and market ourselves for relocation purposes. A selling point might be that the Quad Cities and Scott County manage the water and floods so well.

Decker asked Mark Frese if there was an additional golf outing being put together to support Bob Juarez. Mark stated that Trissel, Graham & Toole is doing one, but that he had not received the information as of yet. Once received, Mark will e-mail the information out to the group. Decker asked for it to also be put it on the TAC website.

Denny announced that NIMS ICS-300 training will be held at the Scott County Administrative Center on August 11 and 12.

Chuck Gipson announced that the John Deere Classic will be held July 7-13. MEDIC is looking for Illinois licensed medical providers to staff the event.

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Next Meeting August 29, 2008