

Minutes

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, September 26, 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—MCI RV Protocols after TAC

Agenda topics

Call to Order

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Attendees:

Paul Andorf, Ross Bergen, Dennis Conard, Denny Coon, Jeremiah Cowgill, Linda Frederiksen, Mark Frese, Brian Hitchcock, Brian Jacobsen, Dave Kelly, Steve Knorrek, Nita Ludwig, Lee Meyers, Decker Ploehn, Orville Randolph, Scott Roenfeldt, Jerry Shirk and Kevin Greenley

Agenda topics

Call to Order

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the August 29 Meeting

Discussion:

Motion to approve the August 29 meeting minutes was seconded and approved unanimously.

Rock Island Arsenal Exercise Report 9-24-08

Jerry Shirk explained that the exercise was scaled down considerably from last year, and that there was significant improvement. There is a corporate culture on the Arsenal that needs to be overcome in regards to the ICS. There are still a lot of issues that need to be worked on, but all in all, the exercise went fairly well. Decker asked who all participated in the drill, and Jerry listed the following: the Boy Scouts, MEDIC Ambulance, Trinity Ambulance, Illini Ambulance, Rock Island Fire, Rock Island Ambulance Services, QC International Airport, Bomb Squad, FBI, and other partners on Arsenal Island. Linda asked how many mock patients they had for the exercise, and Jerry stated that there were twenty-five that participated. Kathy Hall from Trinity moulaged all of the patients and made them look very realistic. Jerry stated that he would like to concentrate on just a few realistic exercises, instead of several smaller drills in the future. Nita Ludwig explained that it is hard to achieve with everyone having different deadlines for grants, but that they do try to coordinate with other community partners as much as possible. One of the things that Jerry felt worked well this exercise was that the evaluators were also utilized as facilitators during the drill. This way, if triage was not moving along, an evaluator/facilitator could whisper in someone's ear to give them some hints on ways to improve the process. In turn, the emergency rooms and hospitals did not have to wait for hours to receive the patients for decon or triage. Jerry explained that a secondary device was also utilized during the drill in order to get the bomb squad involved. The secondary device was not supposed to be found until most or all of the mock patients were cleared from the field. The individual that the secondary device was planted on instead was found rather quickly, so the situation went a little differently than planned.

Homeland Security/EMA Report

Discussion: Ross Bergen

Ross Bergen explained that annual reports and the HSEEP after action report are due, and he has both of those done and turned into the state. He stated that lack of doing so would result in a lack of funding for next year. Ross stated that the exercise held on August 27, was evaluated, and the outbrief showed good coordination and communication in the EOC, no deficiencies were found, but a reminder was given about making time for training in all aspects of radiological planning. On August 2, Ross met with Scott County officials to discuss the county-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. Davenport's plan has been approved, but they want to make sure to include all other jurisdictions in the county that do not yet have approved plans. There will be a two-day conference/work session in Iowa City during the first week of October to begin the planning process for an all-encompassing county-wide plan. In regards to the power plant drill, Ross was given the opportunity on September 8 to speak to the Davenport Rotary Club, and they have taken on the exercise as one of their projects for the year. We will be supplying volunteers for future drills and for the Reception Center in Eldridge. On September 9, Ross attended a regional meeting in Dubuque, and Chief Mark Frese briefed the group on the state Interoperable Communications Committee on how that will be working in the next year. Notebooks have been put together for IC staff for the major positions of the IC in the EOC. Ross explained that he's currently awaiting feedback from

the Humane's Society or Iowa State Extension Office regarding the Animal Disaster Care Plan in order to receive approval from the state.

Mark Frese commented on the state Interoperability Communications study, explaining that the study was completed about one year ago with the CTA, which recommended a state-wide, 700 p25 system. Iowa received approximately \$11M of \$1 billion with 80% going back directly to the communities. Right now, a lot of discussion is taking place because individuals want to buy things that do not necessarily go along with the plan, but that assist with infrastructure and increased technology needs. Currently we are trying to get some clarification from the state Homeland Security office to provide guidance for future purchases. Up until now, the state was pretty aggressive, stating that we need to do this, but in light of the recent floods, they do not know if they will have the money to go forward with the recommendations. Currently, the state is looking at hiring a Director of the consolidation program for approximately two years. An agency has just been hired to develop a statewide implementation program that will be completed within one year, beginning with the larger urban areas and then moving outward.

SECC Report

Discussion: Brian Hitchcock

Brian explained that they were through with the hiring process for the Deputy Director, that there were approximately 22 applicants narrowed down to four, and that Gloria Isham was hired from the Sheriff's Department to fill the position. They will be moving forward with an IT position to help out with the CADS systems that will be put in place. Building design is moving along, and space requirements are nearly completed. Regarding phone systems, Brian has been in touch with the phone company that provides the 9-1-1 services and positron systems to the county to begin negotiations. Currently working with County GIS on mapping of the new CAD RMS system. The business needs assessment for the CAD RMS system has been completed, and a meeting will be held to form committees and subcommittees. Brian is working with Paul Linnea on the radio coverage issues that were pointed out by many different groups. Paul and Brian met with RACOM in Marshalltown on September 25, and they will be getting back to us on coverage issues. Major coverage issues have been seen on the western side of Davenport to the western part of the county, and in LeClaire. Decker asked if Moline and East Moline have been included in the conversations or negotiations, because there is a strong interest for improvements to benefit both sides of the river. Linda Frederiksen added that Illini Ambulance might also be interested, and Brian said that he would make a note of both suggestions moving forward. Linda stated that she would like RACOM to be reminded of taking a lead role in the coordination of user groups. Mark Frese suggested that there needs to be protocols in place for bi-state coverage and coordination. Jerry Shirk also stated that the Rock Island Arsenal would be a good group to bring to the table. Decker explained that he thinks the TAC group should be the driving force on getting the user groups established instead of relying on the vendor to do so. Linda confirmed that moving forward, radios will be handled through the RACOM consultant, Paul, and through the SECC. Lastly, Brian stated that in the next week or two, Gloria and himself will be contacting different agencies for inventories on radios and getting correct numbers on portables and vehicle radios. The Sheriff's office did advise Brian that they did receive a \$93K grant for radio recording equipment. On the other hand, Ross informed him that they did not receive the \$686K EOC grant, but there was only \$14M available throughout the entire country. Most awardees were state EOCs, receiving \$1M grants a piece.

Hospital Planning Report

Discussion: Dave Kelly/Lee Meyers

Dave Kelly explained that Genesis has received guidance from the state on the Exelon Radiation Decontamination drill being held on October 9, 2008. A FEMA evaluator will be on-site throughout the drill to provide direct feedback to the hospital.

Lee Meyers stated that they have one more Illinois POD hospital and tabletop drill coming up, but that the date is still unknown. The drill will play out for 96 hours. There is a decontamination class scheduled for October 17 at 8:00am at Trinity if anyone is interested.

Public Health Planning Report

Discussion: Denny Coon /Nita Ludwig

Denny asked if the Arsenal is required to be HSEEP compliant on their drills. Jeremiah Cowgill explained that as far as the region that they fall under the command, they say yes. As far as any regulations, it is not specified. The last drill was not HSEEP compliant because their HSEEP training was just completed a couple of weeks prior to the exercise. Denny explained that for the Health Department to get our full compliancy or accreditation for our drills, we have to be HSEEP compatible now, as well as do the hospitals for our grant deliverables to be counted. Nita Ludwig also stated that the Rock Island County Health Department has to be HSEEP compliant for any of their functional or full-scale drills. Jeremiah went on to explain that in regards to the Arsenal's full-scale exercises, they are required to be held on the Island for them to be complaint and to count towards their deliverables.

Denny stated that he and Amy Cannady are working on updating some of the county plans, updating notification lists, updating MOUs, and working on falls prevention and unintentional injuries. In addition, he and Amy are involved in "Walk This Way" that will be held in October and sponsored by Safe Kids.

SCEMSA/QM/PAB Report

Discussion: Brian Jacobsen

Brian explained that the last meeting was held on August 21 at the Urban Center. Further discussions took place on new protocols and procedures. New recommendations will be presented at the next Physician's Advisory Board when they meet next week. The group talked about revisiting their subcommittees (education/equipment) to set some longer term goals for the organization, so that when they go back to the river boats for grants, that they are not just worrying about today's needs but needs in the future. This planning will provide the right direction for where the group wants to go in the near future. Linda Frederiksen stated that she thinks it would also be a good idea to look back historically on the things that were achieved or equipment purchased through the river boat grants, and the impact that these dollars and purchases have had on Scott County. She stated that maybe even some strategic planning could be done to better spend these grant dollars. Brian explained that they are also working on a spending plan for the Spring Riverboat Grant, and about bundling group purchases through vendors in an effort to save money and meet everyone's needs involved. He stated that the IEMSA conference coming up in November, as well as the IEMSA cruise scheduled for March. Lastly, public input on the proposed Bureau rules changes will be open on Monday, and housed on the Bureau's website so that you can see what the proposed rule changes are. Brian asked that people comment on the rule changes in order to provide the Bureau with feedback.

Scott County Fire Chief's Report

Discussion: Scott Roenfeldt

Scott Roenfeldt stated that their last meeting was held in New Liberty, and the group talked about the river boat grant. They received about \$80K worth of requests for the grant, and the group plans to get together again the first part of next week to discuss these requests. The new grant will be submitted by October 1, 2008. Scott said the college also attended and talked about the Training Center and some of the new changes that are currently taking place. The water slides will be coming down, and United Way came out to help with some clean-up of the Center. There was some discussion about the GIS mapping system, the discrepancies in boundaries from the 9-1-1 map and County Auditor's map, as well as the map in the Dispatch room. No legal descriptions of the boundaries were ever recorded, so that will have to be addressed. The boundaries that come up in the CAD system will be the ones that the group will adopt. The next meeting will be a joint EMS and fire chief meeting held on November 20 in Princeton.

Education Report

Discussion: Denny Coon

Denny explained that the next Instructor class will be held on October 7, and Iowa National Evaluator Workshop will be held on October 14. Anyone needing further information should contact Jamie directly at 563-336-3448.

Law Enforcement Report

Discussion: Dennis Conard

Sheriff Conard explained that after Hurricane Ike, the state of Louisiana put out a request for 500 Deputy Sheriff's to respond. He spoke with his local and state EMA Directors who knew nothing about the request. Sheriff Conard explained that the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association needs to have some type of response to coordinate efforts, and that Scott County has volunteered to coordinate the next response. Sheriff Conard stated he had brought up the bi-state Intergovernmental Agreement about two years ago that basically died. In the meantime, the SWAT Team brought it back to life and had been meeting on a new draft of the agreement that was sent out to all bi-state partners. Bettendorf, Davenport, Scott County, Eldridge, LeClaire, and Silvis all signed off on the new draft, but the Moline Chief answered back with a different draft with one item that they cannot agree on. Therefore, this agreement is still being worked on.

Partner Agency Reports

Discussion: N/A

Other Items of Interest

Decker said to come in costume for next meeting on Halloween.

Next Meeting October 31, 2008