

Minutes

Quad City Emergency Planning Committee

Friday, February 27, 2015

8:30 AM

Scott Emergency Communications Center

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

1100 E 46th Street

Davenport

Meeting called by:

Decker Ploehn, Chairman

Type of meeting:

Regular Monthly Meeting

Agenda topics

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SECC Report

QCERC Conference Update

Healthcare Coalition Update-SNS Training

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Next Meeting February 27, 2015 at 8:30 AM

Adjourn

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Friday, January 30, 2015

8:30 AM

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Davenport

Meeting called by:

Decker Ploehn

Attendees:

Leslie Arquilla, Mike Becker, Shawn Belk, Ross Bergen, Laura Berkley, Terry Conklin, Dennis Coon, Joe Dagama, Tilford Flowers, Chuck Gipson, Dennis Frisch, Billie Huffman, Steve Knorrek, Kevin Lange, Dave Layton, Glenn Leach, Brian Leonard, Al Loeffelholz, Nita Ludwig, Amber MacGrath, Todd Malone, Adam Meuser, Kate Meyer, Trent Mull, David Osborne, Pam Paulsen, Denise Pavlik, Amanda Pearson, Decker Ploehn, Phil Redington, Tracy Sanders, Jordan Schneider, Jerry Shirk, Jamie Temple, Richard Vermeer, Chris Webster, Todd Whitchelo, Jeffrey Yerkey.

Agenda topics

Call to Order-Introductions

Discussion:

Mr. Ploehn welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions around the room. Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the January 30 Meeting

Discussion:

Chuck Gipson moved to approve the minutes as written from the January 30, 2015 meeting. Motion was seconded by Ross Bergen. The motion carried unanimously.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT Report

Discussion:

Ross encouraged the group to look at the Quad Cities Disaster Conference brochure that had been printed and placed at each seat. He shared that others would provide a conference update. Ross added that a meeting for Volunteer Reception Center Training hosted by RSVP at the SECC was well attended. Jerry shared that a Weather Spotter Training Class was being held on March 9, 2015 at Augustana College. Contact Jerry if you are interested. He reported that last week they held a Subarea Maritime Security Committee meeting attended by the Coastguard from St. Louis. The Committee will be used as an umbrella group to be utilized in the case of an event on the Mississippi that will require resource identification and mobilization. An executive committee has been chosen for this group and quarterly meetings are being planned. Lastly, Joe recognized Ross and Jerry for getting people around the table for the Maritime Training, especially for getting private industry involved.

RAGBRAI/BIX 2015 Planning

Discussion:

Pam shared that she attended the first planning meeting at Davenport Police Department, with Dave Struckman, chair of the public safety part of RAGBRAI. Pam will plan to give regular updates at the QCEPC meeting if other RAGBRAI planning committee members are not in attendance.

SECC Report

Discussion:

Denise introduced Tracey Sanders, the new Technology Systems Coordinator. She also introduced Todd Malone, the SECC's newest supervisor. SECC has been asked to participate and be the host site for this year's IDPH Statewide Communications Exercise to be held May 5th thru the 7th. They have their first planning meeting on March 10, 2015. Denise will share with others at this meeting as they learn more. Denny asked if Ross or Denise would like to talk about the Alert Iowa presentations being planned for March 26, 2015 one at 3:00PM (elected and appointed officials) and one at 6:00PM (fire, EMS, and others). The meetings are intended to make people aware of what Alert Iowa is, and what they need to know about it. Dave Wilson from Johnson County will be doing a quick presentation from their County's perspective on the roll out. An announcement is forthcoming.

Quad Cities Disaster Readiness Conference

The second annual Quad Cities Disaster Readiness Conference will be held at the Waterfront Convention Center on April 7. The keynote speaker will be Frank Patterson, who will address lessons learned from the West Texas fertilizer plant explosion. There will be two more sessions in the morning, Mike Ball, Nancy Beers, and Steffan Nass will be featured at these sessions. In the afternoon, two workshops will be held, one to be given by Tilford regarding private sector hazards and risks and another by Jerry and Nita addressing volunteerism. Register through Eastern Iowa Community College. CEUS will be available.

Healthcare Coalition Update-SNS Training

Discussion:

Trent reported the Healthcare Coalition met recently and are in the process of trying to fine tune request processes for support from the coalition. Also trying to get caught up with several deliverables for this year's grant. They are watching for the release of the FY16 grant.

Al reminded everyone of the SNS training coming up on March 18 to be presented by Steve Mercer from the Iowa Department of Public Health. Al shared that if you are from Illinois you would still benefit from the training as it discusses the national stockpile and the presentation will not necessarily be state specific. Please RSVP for the training.

Denny shared that we received a notification of carryover funds coming to the Health Care Coalition. There is also supposed to be Ebola funds filtering down. Some to public health, some to hospitals, and some to State Ebola response teams. He is not sure how much, or when these funds will come through. Denny and Amy Thoreson from SCHD attended a meeting on February 13, along with Linda and Jeremy from MEDIC to learn about Iowa's Ebola response plan and how it would roll out. At the meeting the State did a tabletop exercise in the afternoon. A lot of questions were brought up by the group, including on the process of notifications. The State will be working on it and finalizing it soon.

Denny asked the group if they would provide if they haven't already, their estimated hourly rate, so that the Health Care Coalition can use the time spent at QCEPC and other planning efforts as match for the Iowa Public Health Preparedness Grant. If your agency is paying for your time through another grant, you will not be able to use it as match. Please get Leslie this information.

Other Hospital, Healthcare, PH Reports

Discussion:

Al reported they will be involved in the planning for Bix and RAGBRAI. They will be having hospital meetings starting in March related to the medical tent for these events.

Trent shared UnityPoint is in the process of preparing their new emergency department to be open in Rock Island. They are planning on opening on April 19. They are currently doing tours of the facility; please let Trent know if you would like to schedule a tour. Trent will communicate community training events as they are scheduled.

Nita introduced Kate Meyer who is the new preparedness person for the RICHD. Kate will be in several trainings the next few months. One of Kate's first deadlines will be March 15; she will need to complete all fifteen public health capability assessments for Rock Island County. Nita shared that in April, they will be hosting CPR training for their Medical Reserve Corp. Nita shared that they also received news about additional Ebola funding. In Illinois they can expect to receive reimbursement for some of the costs incurred for disease monitoring.

EMS Reports

Discussion:

Kevin shared they had their Scott County Meeting and Quality Meeting on the evening of February 26. At that meeting, EMS week was discussed (May 17-23). At the end of this week, they are hoping to put together a skills day, where they will do a variety of ALS airway type skills. Kevin also shared that \$12,609 will be coming in for training reimbursement funds. He also shared that the group spoke about the Image Trend Training. Iowa will begin requiring EMS data to be collected through this platform. It will be a change for transporting agencies to transfer data, but otherwise it should be a simple transition for most agencies. Kevin also reported they spoke about the rollout of new state protocols at the Quality Meeting. The only significant change is the immobilization protocol. Looking to implement these changes County wide starting May 1, 2015. Lastly, they had discussions on school bus accidents and the need for a new bus crash protocol. They spoke with the superintendent of North Scott Schools. They will continue to have meetings to discuss, to avoid transporting people to hospitals that do not need to be transported. Chuck added comment concerning the new immobilization protocols and provided the explanation of the research behind the new protocol. The goal of the protocol is to minimize additional injury. Jamie added that the skills event that is being planned to end EMS week is to be type of competitive skills event that other EMS agencies, particularly in Florida, are doing with a good deal of success. Competitive events are set up for EMTs, Paramedics EMRs, and initiate skills that are rarely practiced on the street. The event will provide documentation to fulfill CQI lists. More information about the event will be forthcoming.

Fire Service Reports

Discussion:

Steve reported that the Quad City Fire Chiefs Association and Quad City Fire Marshalls Association did not meet this month but will meet in March. They are planning right now for the Miracle Burn Camp for kids who have had severe burn injuries. It will be the 15th anniversary of this event in July.

Jeff shared that they are on track to have their building done by the end of March.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Discussion:

Joe reported that they received the stand down from the Dubuque derail. The response lasted 3-4 weeks. Joe also supported a diesel fuel spill due to a derail at the UP yard in Clinton. With all this said, Joe encouraged additional rail training to bring to the area (May 13). Jerry mentioned that the Arsenal may be planning some rail training in the near future and perhaps one with CP rail in June as reported by Ross. Joe also shared that he is looking to partner with private industry to establish a resource base for response efforts.

Education Report

Discussion:

Jamie reported:

- EMT Refresher – Bettendorf High School - March 7th, 8th. Will have a large space at Bettendorf High School. This course will be skills based for CQI documentation.
- Advanced Paramedic Practical – June 13th

Public/Private Sector/Community /VOAD Reports

Discussion:

Glen reported that the VOAD approached nearly 200 churches to get them interested in one of three levels of commitment 1) Continuity of Operation in their places of worship 2) Reaching out to families be prepared and 3) Identify a role they can play in the community in case of a disaster (feeding, shelter etc.). Glenn also shared with the group information about HCB-150, a study bill to establish a disaster case management fund if the governor declares a disaster. He encouraged the group to review the bill and to reach out to their legislators to educate them on the importance of it.

Dave reported on the Volunteer Registration Center (VRC) Training that was held earlier in the month. The training explained to potential team members their role in the VRC. Also, had a presentation from Alana Svenson from the NCCC (National Community Civilian Corp) of Vinton Iowa how and when her group including FEMA Corp could be engaged. The next step is to get together with partners and planning an exercise. Dave thanked Ross, Dave and Glen for providing some good input.

Other items of Interest

Denise reported on a justice bill that can affect 911 funding in Iowa. This justice bill will push funding from 911 centers to put into the State infrastructure with Firstnet. This will impact 911 budgets and will be a negative thing for taxpayers. Denise encouraged the group to educate their legislatures about the negative aspects of this bill. In Illinois the wireless surcharge funding is about to sunset on April 23, 2015. If this is allowed to sunset, none of the PCEPS will receive wireless funding until another solution or another bill is introduced. They stand to lose millions of dollars. The majority of 911 calls are wireless, so this will greatly impact operations. If you are in Illinois, Denise encourages educating your legislatures on the negative impact of this bill if it is allowed to sunset.

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