

Central Iowa EMS Directors Association
July 15th, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Brian Helland	Clive Fire Department	Lamar Hudson	Mercy
Joel Westendorf	Delaware Township FD	Chris Perrin	Mary Greeley
Katy Hill	Unity Point Health	Adam Vanderleest	Polk City FD
AJ Mumm	Polk County EMA	Clint Robinson	Waukee Fire Department
Matt Klein	Windsor Heights/Mercy	Rob Light	Urbandale FD
John Carter	Polk County EMA		

Meeting was called to order at 18:30 in the Windsor Heights Community Center. A nice fire was prepared by AC Klein...

CIESMD business items:

May 2013 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: available bank account balances were provided by Brian. Savings = \$16,129.61. Checking = \$1,156.39. Paypal = 796.45. Peg Back has resigned as treasurer.

Matt Klein has stepped forward to take the interim role of Secretary/Treasurer. He will work with Lamar to arrange for an outside audit of the finances since one has not been conducted for several years. Note – Lamar has conducted an internal audit in the past few years, however we have not had an external audit. No issues are anticipated. Special thanks to Peg Back for organizing the files she inherited.

The September meeting will involve nominations for officer positions. The officers are President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Financial Officer. It was noted that a nominating committee is supposed to be named, however we historically have accepted nominations from the floor during the September meeting. Terms are two years with the elections occurring in November of the odd year; terms begin the following January. If interested in a position, it's time to start your campaign!

Training Committee - No report from the training committee – Chair Frank Prowant was unable to attend. There was some brief discussion about the refresher location – TJ Carroll is confident that the new location for DMACC at Southridge Mall will be open in time for the upcoming refresher in January. We have three registrations for the refresher already. Apparently they did not get the message that procrastination is a pre-requisite for EMS providers...

Operations Committee - Synergy should be released within the next week.

John Carter worked with the three metro PSAPs and the hospitals to conduct mass casualty tabletop type scenarios. He is preparing an after-action report that will make recommendations for changes to the MCI plan.

Membership Committee – Brian reported that an error in e-mail addresses on the website registration form prevented services from getting invoiced for membership dues. The error (yes, it was Brian’s error...) has been fixed and Katy is now sending out invoices to the departments who have registered online.

Polk County Fire Chief’s Association – nothing to report

Communications Centers – There was no representation from the communications centers, however there was much discussion about radio communications interoperability. The new Polk County system is up and running. Special knowledge is needed for Polk County agencies to communicate with Westcom agencies – nothing earth shattering, but knowledge of the interoperable channels is required. (Editor’s note – Chief Cross from Windsor Heights FD has been working closely with Polk County on this issue. Recent training between Clive FD and Windsor Heights FD demonstrated that the interoperable channels do work, however there are still some limitations.)

Counties outside Polk may not have the ability to communicate in the new radio systems – more training and testing is needed. Katy suggested a web blog for a question and answer forum regarding the upgraded communications systems. Brian will check with Rob Dehnert to see if one already exists – we can link to the CIEMSD website. We could also host such a blog, however it would require someone with intimate knowledge of the system to have access to the blog to answer questions.

Mercy is using the MICS linked channels for communications between different agencies. Midwest Ambulance is apparently not using any interoperable channels at this time.

IEMSA – Katy reports there are two north central board seats open, as well as at large board seats if anyone is interested.

Metro Trauma Committee Report – Newton HS is working on a mock crash scenario. Karen Jones is recruiting help.

New information is coming out regarding oxygen use in medical patients. AHA guidelines recommend the use of supplemental oxygen only if SpO₂ is less than 94% or the patient shows signs of respiratory distress. This research has not been replicated in trauma at this point- recommendation from the Metro Trauma Committee is to continue to use oxygen in trauma patients based on injuries rather than oxygen saturations.

Metro ED Committee Report – Clint Robinson will be attending this week.

Polk County Emergency Management – EMS supplies were purchased using MMRS funds. EMA now has 2000 triage tags, training modules and online training keys to distribute to member agencies. AJ asked for a plan to distribute, and it was noted that housing them at EMA is OK, however people tend not to use them when housed in this manner. The information will be forwarded to the training committee to make a recommendation for distribution. We anticipate that the training programs at Mercy and DMACC will be good choices for distribution in addition to the individual services.

Polk County Medical Examiner - no report

Hospital Reports

- a) Mercy/ Mercy Westlakes – nothing to report
- b) Unity Point (Methodist, Methodist West, Lutheran, Blank) The School of Nursing building is being torn down. The simulation lab will be moved to the area beneath the parking garage. Agencies interested in scheduling time for simulations will be on hold for the interim until the lab is moved.
- c) Broadlawns – no report
- d) Mary Greeley – A drill was recently completed using the new SMART triage tags in a scenario involving a crop dusting airplane who exposed a group of detasslers. Lots of lessons learned – even when people practice using the tags in a classroom setting, there is still a disconnect with how they get used in a simulated (and probably) real situation.
- e) VA – no report

Member County Reports

- a) Boone – no report
- b) Dallas – nothing to report
- c) Jasper – no report
- d) Madison- no report
- e) Marshall – no report
- f) Marion – no report
- g) Story – nothing to report
- h) Warren – no report
- i) Polk – nothing further to report

Announcements

Upcoming Training Opportunities
Hiring/Promotion/Recognition
Fund Raising Events

Next Meeting – Monday, September 16th, 2013

Location: Waukee Fire Department
1300 SE LA Grant Parkway, Waukee, IA

Respectfully submitted,

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CIEMSD President