

August 22, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Doug Allen-Ames FD	Glenn Goode- Iowa DOT MVE
Stephen Simpson- ISU EH&S	Clayton Oliver- ISU EH&S
Ray Reynolds-Nevada Police	Mike Jensen- Story City
Lauris Olson- Story Co BOS	Chief Tom Patava-DSM Fire
Captain Bob Suarez-DSM Fire	Lt. Brian Davis- DSM Fire
Lt. Devon Sadler-DSM Fire	Melissa Spencer – SCEMA

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:35 PM by Secretary Spencer with a welcome and introductions

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Motion by Olson, 2nd by Allen to approve the April minutes and the August agenda. MCU

Guest Speaker: Des Moines Fire Department-Coordination with Des Moines FD HazMat

Des Moines Fire Department Hazardous Material Team (DSM hazmat) provided an overview of their structure, response capabilities and integration at the local level with first responders and businesses. The department has two trucks, 45 firefighters trained as hazmat technicians of which 15 are on duty per day and the capability to handle two hazmat responses simultaneously. Local firefighters that are not technician trained should be trained to the operations level. When the team is requested, they will respond with the hazmat trucks, a medic squad dedicated to their team, a District Chief, HazMat Duty Officer, and support vehicle.

The capabilities Des Moines brings to a response are: source and area monitoring, plume modeling, product classification and field analysis, decontamination and on scene assistance, operations training, product transfer, technical information, spill containment, technical PPE, and communications. Des Moines HazMat uses risk-based response methods. When requested to respond, they would like as much information as possible on the hazards associated with the spilled chemical. Understanding the science and hazards of the chemical provides them the ability to better defend themselves from life safety issues surrounding the chemical.

During an event, the team recommends that businesses first execute their response plan, gather as much information as possible to be able to paint clear picture of the situation to the dispatch agency, and be prepared to tell first responders if you have accounted for employees and visitors. DSM Hazmat stressed that local fire departments should never hesitate to call if they have concerns about hazmat, they will turn around if not needed. On scene, they will integrate into the local response and they will work for the Incident Commander (IC). ICs should provide local weather conditions to DSM hazmat, it is important as it assists with DSM hazmat determining what direction they should use to approach the incident scene.

When arriving on scene they would like a liaison from the business, SDS sheets, facility maps and local experts. From the fire departments, they would like to know avenue of approach, any

information gathered from the business, control zones, monitoring devices that may have been deployed, decontamination taking place and any defensive measures that have been taken.

As a reminder, per the contract, the team can be requested by fire and law enforcement agencies and the department of natural resources. The SCEMA is happy to assist local fire and law enforcement agencies make the initial contact on their behalf to get the team coming. Des Moines also provides free operational refresher training for local fire departments as a courtesy because of the contract. These are scheduled as time allows and identified needs from local departments.

There was discussion about how they will communicate with the new radio system coming to Story County. It was explained that using the MICS channels while enroute and on scene would keep them interoperable with the fire departments. There was a question asked if they have any regulatory authority in Story County to help local facilities. They do not have any authority to tell local facilities how they should plan or respond to hazardous incidents. They will tour local facilities if there is a response concern as time allows.

Old Business:

Business Preparedness Committee

The program is moving forward and is starting with a lunch and learn on 08/27/19. There is still room available. Contact Keith in you are interested in attending.

New Business:

None

Training

- Business Continuity Lunch & Learn 08/27/19, Noon-1PM, ISU Economic Core Facility, Contact Keith to register.
- Hazardous Materials Symposium, 10/30/19, Register through Fire Service Training Bureau. There will be a roll out of the new DNR's new TierII reporting software at this event.
- Iowa Homeland Security Conference 10/30 & 11/01- Register through Iowa HSEMD website. Will be held at DMACC in the FFA Building

Exercises

None

IDNR reported spills

- 05/16/19 Hwy 210 @ Cambridge- Tractor sprayed diesel fuel from a ruptured fuel line along 400-500 feet of road. Cambridge fire responded and remediated with oil dry.
- 05/17/19 I35 SB Rest Area- A soft shoulder caused a semi-tractor trailer carrying 32% liquid fertilizer to roll onto its side. Ten gallons of fertilizer ran off into the ditch. No risk

of entering any drainage tile or waterways. The truck was righted with no issues. Story City Fire, Sheriff's Office and State Patrol responded.

- 07/01/19 505 Market, Story City- Dry tanks at public works leaked, ran into a shop drain, and entered the storm water system. Some fuel ended up in the waste water plant as a result of a cross over in the system somewhere. The City is still responding to and mitigating this event. Mayor Jensen added that the response & mitigation so far has cost the city over a million dollars and they are not done. Spencer reported that once they are able they would provide a presentation on their response and recovery from this event.

Other

Next meeting: November 21, 2019 1:30PM Location to be determined.

Motion to adjourn by Jensen, 2nd by Olson, MCU at 3:15pm.

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