



Story County EMS Advisory Meeting November 28th, 2011 at 7 PM Story County EMA/EOC

Meeting opened at 1900 hrs. Those in attendance:

Dean Tope - Nevada	Maile Timm - Story County Hospital
Nancy Pritchard - Maxwell	Angie Geisinger - Colo
Dee Gamble - Maxwell	Rod Geisinger - Colo
Doris Hackett - Cambridge	Keith Anderson - McCallsburg
Betty Robb - Slater	John Berg - Gilbert
Jon Van Wyk - Story Co Sheriff Office (SCSO)	Susan Leatherman - MGMC
Keith Morgan - Story Co EMA	

Approval of minutes and agenda:

Robb made a motion and R Geisinger seconded to accept the minutes from the Aug meeting and the agenda for the Nov meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

EMS Grant Update

There was some difficulties getting the grant uploaded through Sharepoint, but with the help of Steven Pool the documentation was uploaded. Robb asked how the funds will be distributed this year and R Geisinger indicated that it will be equally distributed amongst those that have applied by the cutoff date. Timm commented that these funds need to be a focused on volunteer EMTs and that last year some that were eligible did not submit the required paperwork in time to receive grant funds. Last year the paperwork needed to be submitted by 15 Jun to meet the deadline.

Bylaws

Changes to the bylaws discussed at the last meeting, but were not incorporated into a new draft of the bylaws for review by advisory committee prior to the meeting. Hackett indicated that she would make the changes and send them out via e-mail so they can be voted on at the next meeting. Anyone who has any recommended changes for the bylaws is encourage to send them to Hackett for inclusion in the latest draft of the bylaws. Morgan reminded the group of the need to ensure at least 2/3 of the voting members attend the next meeting to provide the quorum needed to approve new bylaws.

Training

A training schedule was handed out. Training will be primarily focused on classes that can be used for transition and there will be two classes for new EMTs with the first starting in Jan. MGMC will also be offering two classes for new EMTs. MGMC will be hosting a workshop in the near future with lessons learned from Joplin and Special Needs Care as two possible topics. They welcome suggestions on other topics for the workshop.

Lessons Learned From Joplin

Leatherman provided information she had learned at a presentation by medical personnel involved in the response to the Joplin tornado. Their first observation was that in an event of this scale the plan may not be very useful, but the drilling of plans prior to an event is an extremely important part of building the teamwork necessary for disaster response. The response to the Joplin tornado required the medical community to work with other agencies such as coordinating with public works to get

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responders through the debris and to the locations of survivors. Communications were a challenge and alternate methods of communications such as runners, texting, Twitter, and Facebook were used. Calm leadership and ensuring information provided for decision making was based on facts, not emotion, were critical to the command and control network. The need to conduct sustained surge medical operations over multiple operational periods was also found to be very difficult. Finally, each ambulance needs to have a 'go' bag for each crewmember to help them conduct triage and physicians need to be involved in mass casualty drills to enhance their ability to contribute effectively in these situations.

Round Table

MGMC - Looking at funding a system to get EKG strips directly into patient records. They are also working with EE to investigate cause of dropped calls within the location system. Timm asked how the Toughbooks were working out for MGMC--Leatherman stated that they were receiving mixed-reviews due to the issue of having to deal with multiple systems during treatment.

EMA - Currently working on ESF 2/Communications and ESF 8/Mass Casualty. These annex will take significant effort to re-write and there is substantial interlinking between them. A recent mass casualty table top was conducted to study communications requirements during mass casualty events and the results of this exercise will lead to the development of communications protocols for medical officers within ICS.

Maxwell - Nothing

Story County Sheriff's Office: Dispatcher will be starting training on the new Records Management System (RMS).

Colo - Will start using cones for traffic management at accident scenes.

Gilbert - Things have been calm, membership remain steady with the loss of a few personnel and the gain of a few others.

Nevada: 90 Fire/EMS calls in Oct and 80 in Nov so far. Developing a form to help with inputting EMS data into state fire reports. Gained 3 new EMS responders and may gain 2 more after the city council meeting.

Slater - 2 recruits are testing for EMR. One is going directly into taking the EMT class.

McCallsburg - Asked if there could be automatic mutual aid for a 2nd call, Van Wyk said dispatch could do what they wanted, but these procedures need to be formally developed and provided to Story County Dispatch for implementation.

Cambridge - Discussed the natural gas leak near Huxley and some of the problems noted with the activation of Code Red. Morgan stated that an after action report/lessons learned had been done and provided to the main participants in the incident. Lessons learned from this event helped improve performance when an evacuation had to be executed in Roland due to another natural gas leak.

Story County Hospital - Handled over 122 calls last month and there were up to 100 already this month. Asked SCSO why they were second calls for ambulances that were already dispatched. SCSO said that upgrades to the CAD will help prevent this situation from happening and then asked

when the Colo ambulance can be used. Timm stated that the ambulance was to be used for transport services.

Robb motioned for adjournment and Tope seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

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