

May 17, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Glenn Goode- IMVE

Lauris Olson- Story Co BOS

Deanna Thomas- Monsanto

Melissa Spencer-SCEMA

Mary Navratil-Essential Water Services

Chris Perrin-MGMC

Keith Morgan- SCEMA

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:33PM. Welcome and Introductions.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Motion by Olson, 2nd by Goode to approve the February minutes and May agenda. MCU

Guest Speaker: None

Old Business

Story Co Emergency Management is conducting a Training, Exercise, and Planning Workshop (TEPW). The workshop's focus is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of these activities in Story County through enhanced collaboration between business, first responders, schools and communities. Organizations complete a survey ranking man-made and natural disasters by likelihood, magnitude and impact on the community based upon which incident would tax local resources most. Of the nineteen responses, weather related incidents such as severe storms and flooding are at the top of the list. Identified areas for improvement are development of jurisdictional emergency operations plans, basic incident command training for first responders, and business continuity training. SCEMA staff will assist communities and organizations to complete the identified planning and training needs.

New Business

Approval of ESF 10 Hazardous Materials

Morgan provided a review of the contract with Des Moines HazMat and the SCEMA Commission. Per the contract, the SCEMA Commission is responsible for paying the bill for Des Moines HazMat to respond to any jurisdiction in Story County. The Commission would seek payment of the bill from the jurisdiction and it is the responsibility of the jurisdiction to pursue reimbursement from the spiller. Per the contract, law enforcement, fire departments and PSAP's can request Des Moines HazMat to respond to the scene. There was discussion about response to multiple incidents occurring at the same time. Des Moines would be asked if they have the capability to respond to both incidents. If they are not be able, the SCEMA will contact Iowa Homeland Security for an additional response from another HazMat team. Motion by Goode, 2nd by Thomas to approve ESF 10as presented. MCU

Review of LEPC Activities

The federal legislation that created a community's right to know and the formation of the LEPC's started in the aftermath of a chemical release in Bhopal India that killed thousands of people. Morgan would like the LEPC to review guidance, current activities and identify areas for improvement for the Story County LEPC.

Federal guidance dictates the formation and membership of the LEPC, the development of a county wide emergency plan for hazmat response and processes for information requests from the public. Federal guidance also provides guidance for reporting spills to the LEPC Chair.

Iowa Code further defines the powers of the LEPC, minimum guidance for the membership on the LEPC, and additional review and actions based upon Tier II reports. One area the LEPC is not compliant with the section 103.3(9) that says the LEPC shall annually publish notice that emergency response plans, safety data sheets and inventory forms have been submitted and how the public can access the material for review.

At the local level, the LEPC bylaws further define the authorities and requirements of the LEPC. There is a need to update Section 3 that addresses the leadership and secretary of the LEPC. Once a new Ames Fire Chief is hired, the Chair will revisit the bylaws for updates.

Those present believe the LEPC is meeting all federal state and local requirements other than the public notification of the plan. The LEPC chair will address this with the approval of ESF 10. Morgan asked what additional activities should the LEPC be doing and how can additional agencies be encouraged to attend and participate. Perrin suggested an annual half-day mini-conference to discuss emerging trends, new training and response tools, and opportunities for businesses and first responders to become acquainted. Another suggestion for engagement of new members is having the ability to conduct web-based meetings. The SCEMA will be receiving a Zoom conferencing license so web based meetings are a future possibility.

Training

Monsanto will be providing a demonstration of their decon trailer at next Fire Chief's meeting on July 11th. Their resource was valuable during the last crop duster overspray incident by another company.

Mary Greeley Medical Center has five hazmat first receiver trainers for hospitals.

The Chair conducted a review of spills reported to the Iowa DNR during the last quarter. This information is available for public view though the Hazardous Substance Incident Tracking Database at <https://programs.lowadnr.gov/hazardousspills/Introductory.aspx>. During the last quarter there were four incidents reported; two power pole transformers leaking, a gasoline leak from a vehicle on ISU property and a leak of diesel fuel from Boone County into Story County. SCEMA staff responded with Boone County to the diesel fuel leak that crossed county lines. The other incidents were reported directly to the Iowa DNR by contractors and the University. There were no questions or concerns about the reported incidents.

Exercises

Monsanto is planning to conduct a full-scale exercise in 2019 with the scenario of an overspray or other chemical exposure of employees in the field. As part of this exercise they hope to train and exercise with other local industry partners like Syngenta as they face similar risks for field employees.

The USDA and the Iowa Guard 71st Civil Support Team are conducting an exercise in July to test internal and external linkages for a hazardous event on the campus.

2017/2018 HMEP Planning Grants Update

Commodity Flow Study Update

The contractor is currently conducting the road survey to identify the types of trucks and placards traveling through Story County. This information will be used to evaluate and identify critical facilities and high-risk areas across Story County. The last study was completed in 2001.

Other

Sgt. Glenn Good with IDOT Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE) was asked to give an overview of the duties of the MVE Officers. The mission of the Officers is to ensure safe operations of commercial vehicles, especially those transporting hazmat, across Iowa. MVE Officers will patrol roads, conduct inspections and operate highway scales. They have jurisdiction on any and all publicly designated highways and roads in Iowa. They are not hazmat technicians but are willing to provide expertise about commercial transportation of hazardous materials.

Mary Navratil with Essential Water Services introduced company. The company is located in Boone County but fire response comes from Story City Fire Department. They look forward to becoming part of and participating in the LEPC in Story County.

Mary Greeley Medical Center has developed a local healthcare coalition called the HELPERS in Central Iowa to assist the hospitals and care facilities meet federal Centers for Medicare (CMS) requirements for emergency planning, training and exercise. Story County has a high risk with the highway and rail traffic for a hazardous materials incident to affect a hospital and other medical care facilities. There may be a future opportunity to train and exercise with a scenario focused on hazmat release but the group is not to that point yet. Morgan added that MGMC taking on this effort has taken a significant workload from the SCEMA requirement to assist medical agencies with meeting the requirements.

Motion to adjourn by Goode, 2nd by Perrin, MCU at 2:56 pm.