

February 25, 2021 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Matthew Conley-3M	Jason Tuttle- Ames PD
Jason Ziph-Ames Fire	Russ O'Rourke-Barilla
Nikki Kyle- Central Iowa Air Service	Clayton Oliver ISU EMA
Amy Helgerson-ISU EMA	Michelle Farnham-ISU Research Park
Chris Perrin- MGMC	Gary Backous- SCSO
Kyle Thompson- SCSO	Rawlin Kinney-Syngenta
Keith Morgan- SCEMA	Melissa Spencer – SCEMA
Richard Geil-Public	

Originating from the Story County Emergency Operations Center. Public Access provided via Zoom video conferencing platform.

SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PUBLIC: Due to recommendations to limit gathering to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting will be provided via Zoom. Public who wish to access the meeting should contact the Story County Emergency Management agency at storycntyiaem@storycountyiowa.gov or 515-382-7315 and they will be supplied the access information.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM by Chair Morgan with a welcome and introductions

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Motion by Kinney, 2nd by Kyle to approve the February agenda and November minutes. MCU

Guest Speaker: Identifying Suspicious Activity Which May Impact Your Business-Kyle Thompson, Story County Sheriff's Office

Information on how business and industry and identify suspicious activities and threats beyond the general information about "See Something , Say Something" is hard to find. Morgan invited Kyle Thompson from the Story County Sheriff's Office to discuss what businesses can look for internally and externally to identify and protect themselves from an attack.

The Federal Department of Homeland Security has identified 15 threat indicators, 14 of which will be discussed today. A threat may be direct or implied and may be directed at a specific employee or because of the service provided.

It is critical for business and industry to develop policy and procedure for internal and external threat to the agency. Personnel should also be trained on what suspicious activity looks like and how it can be reported. Businesses should also include processes for engaging with law enforcement agencies on activity that is questionable.

Presentation Brief can be viewed here:

<https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11965/21-02-25-Suspicious-Activity-Presentation->

The Story County Sheriff's Office has implemented a Bomb Making Awareness Program (BMAP) to conduct public outreach and training to increase the awareness of the threat of improvised explosive devices; identify precursor chemicals, materials and components used in the construction of homemade explosives; recognize suspicious purchasing behaviors that could indicate potential bomb-making activities; and report suspicious behaviors to the appropriate authorities.

Old Business:

COVID Update

SCEMA continues to work with Story County Public Health (SCPH) on vaccine distribution. Story County is currently in Tier 1B with SCPH, hospitals, and local medical clinics vaccinating first responders, school staff and individuals 65 and over. Local clinics are reaching out to their clients that meet the age 65 and over age requirements and are making progress. SCPH is following the guidance provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health and the CDC for vaccination priority groups. Story County has vaccinated approximately 7-8% of the county population. The key limiting factor is the supply of vaccine.

New Business:

Annual ESF 10 Review: Per Federal requirements, the LEPC is required to review and approve Emergency Support Function (ESF) 10 annually. Watch your email this next week for the opportunity to review and make comment on the plan. It will then be approved at the next LEPC meeting.

Training

The SCSO acquired a UAV and will be hosting training Part 107 training for UAV operations March 31-April 2nd. If you have an interest in attending, contact Sgt. Backous or Deputy Jason Grubbs.

Exercises

Still on hold with covid response. SCEMA is starting to plan for a joint exercise between the City of Ames and the SCEMA.

IDNR reported spills:

11/15- I-35 northbound at the 107 mile marker-Two semi's made contact resulting in the puncture of a saddle tank and leak of diesel fuel. Spill was contained and cleaned up at the side of the road.

1/7/21- Hwy 30 & I-35 Semi truck rolled over on the clover leaf off ramp to Hwy 30. Several large totes of liquid fertilizer were damaged. The fertilizer was not considered a hazardous material. The semi was removed with clean up by the company.

Other:

ISU EMA Coordinator, Clayton Oliver introduced himself and Deputy Coordinator Amy Helgerson.

Next meeting: May 27, 2021- May still be virtual

Motion to adjourn by Navratil, 2nd by Melendez, MCU at 2:48 pm.