

May 27, 2021 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jason Ziph-Ames Fire

Mary Navratil-Essential Water Solutions

Amy Helgerson-ISU EMA

Richard Geil-Red Cross

Keith Morgan- SCEMA

Doug Gordon-SCEMA

Dylan Gaudineer-BASF

Clayton Oliver- ISU EMA

Maria Melendez-Merck

Gary Backous- SCSO

Melissa Spencer – SCEMA

Originating from the Story County Public Meeting Room. 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@storycountyia.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 Ziph, 2nd by Navratil to approve the May agenda and February minutes. MCU

Guest Speaker: Rave Mass Notification System

Iowa Homeland Security provides the Story County Iowa Alerts mass notification system to Story County at no charge. Starting July 1, Story County Iowa Alerts (SCIA) will be transitioning to a new notification platform with Rave Public Safety. The new SCIA system from Rave will allow for the public and businesses to create and manage a profile and alerts themselves. The new system brings the opportunity to receive National Weather Service weather alerts and have emergency messages translated into 70 different languages. The system has a cell phone app that allows you to have your alerts available to you no matter your location and can also alert you to emergencies in other counties that are using the system.

Public registration data will be brought over from the WENS platform to ensure notifications however, this information will not be accessible to be modified like it can be in the Rave system. We are encouraging the public and businesses to re-register in the new system as there are many more tools to ensure you are receiving the alerts you need.

As we are still learning the capabilities of the Rave system, we are asking for businesses to volunteer with us to develop best practices for businesses. We would like businesses who have primary production floors where cell phone access is limited and another who has a more traditional office structure. Contact Keith or Melissa if you are interested.

Old Business:

COVID Update

The positivity rate for the last 7-14 days is 3-4% in Story County. There are less individuals seeking testing and the ones who are testing are generally symptomatic. Mary Greeley Medical Center has an average of 5 people per day with a chief diagnosis of COVID. Story County Public Health reports that 90,288 total doses have been given in Story County with 68% of people 16 and older being fully vaccinated. This is a great number but we still ask you recommend vaccination to your employees. There are plenty of appointments available through Story County Public Health and McFarland Clinic.

Mask guidance from the CDC for vaccinated individuals has been modified. If you are fully vaccinated and 14 days past your last shot, you can be without a mask in public and other open spaces. There is a federal requirement for masks on public transportation. Most medical facilities and care centers are also still requiring a mask for entry. Both Ames and Story County have rescinded mask requirements inside of their governmental buildings.

Standing meetings with jurisdictions and response partners are starting to demobilize. We will continue to monitor the environment for the need to reconvene.

SCEMA is starting the planning process to conduct an after-action review of the COVID-19 response. We encourage businesses to review their own business continuity plans and look for opportunities to improve future response plans.

New Business:

Emergency Support Function (ESF) 10- Hazardous Materials Approval

The LEPC is required to review and approve ESF 10-HazMat annually. There are no significant changes for this year. Motion by Navratil, 2nd by Ziph to approve the plan as presented.

Morgan discussed the requirements by the State of Iowa and EPCRA for the LEPC to approve the plan. Ames Fire department has a HazMat response team within Ames that may assist out in the county if available. Story County has a contract for hazardous materials response with the Des Moines Fire Department. Morgan discussed the definition of a hazardous situation and the requirements for notification to the Iowa DNR and the National Response Center.

Training

Planning, Training, Exercise Survey

Exercises: None

IDNR reported spills:

03/12/21 Vehicle Fire 113mm I-35, 10-15 gallons of gasoline. Contained on scene

04/23/21 Danfoss- Above ground storage tank damaged by construction. Lost and estimated 75 gallons of diesel fuel with 25 gallons flowing through a storm drain to a detention pond. Iowa DNR did cite Danfoss for not reporting the hazardous situation to them within 6 hours as dictated by Iowa Code 131.2.

05/14/21- West Peterson Pits- A truck slid into the pond with an estimated 4 gallons of gasoline in the tank being released. There was no sheen on the water but the beach was closed as a precaution for a few days. Sgt. Backous added that the dive team was able to use UAV technology to see the truck releasing the fuel from the tank as it happened. Sgt. Backous reported they have several certified UAV

pilots and will provide assistance for response situations where a scene may not be accessible or an aerial overview would be beneficial.

Other:

The group would still like the option to attend LEPC meetings virtually as well as in person. At times the virtual option will allow them to attend when schedules are tight.

There was a recommendation for a future presentation for hazardous waste reduction.

Next meeting: Aug 26th, 2021

Motion to adjourn by Ziph, 2nd by Navratil, MCU at 2:11 pm.

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