

Multi-Disciplinary Emergency Planning Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2013 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Jon Davis, PC Emergency Management

Nate Esser, The Iowa Clinic

A.J. Mumm, PC Emergency Management

Kevin Schneider, PC Sheriff

Betty Devine, PC Community, Family, Youth Svcs

Jim Wilkie, Link Associates

Tammy Keiter, PC Health Department

Nicci Dean, PC Medical Society

Lynn Farrell, PC Health Services

Jeff Johnson, National Weather Service

Tom Patava, DM Fire

Matt Porter, DM Fire

| Agenda Items | Summary |
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| National Weather Service-Decision Support Service (DSS) | Jeff Johnson from the NWS presented on the DSS that provides specific/tailored support to Emergency Managers/Core partners. The services provide support to decision-makers for high impact events, emergencies, or disasters where weather is a factor in the decision-making. The service and support could be performed on site or remotely via phone or internet. NWS conducts partner webinars prior to major events, web briefings prior to high-end events, special event support, and post-event services. Other weather products include NWS Chat, private and secured for quick review and sharing information. Mobile website applications for radar, warnings, and current conditions, and forecast (mobile.weather.gov, RadarScope, or PYKL3) may also be valuable |
| Multi-Disciplinary Website & Mission Statement | Jon Davis displayed the Emergency Management website that now includes information on the Multi-Disciplinary Group. http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/emergency-management/committees/ . You will find the Mission Statement with Goals/Objectives, Regular Attendees, and Agenda, & Minutes of the meetings. |
| Statewide IDPH Dispensing Exercise | Tammy Keiter informed group of the upcoming February 2014 statewide full-scale medical countermeasure dispensing exercise to test the distribution of the Strategic National Stockpile to local jurisdictions to include emergency management, public health, and hospitals. This exercise will meet the deliverables for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Cities-Readiness Initiative on Capabilities #3-Emergency Operations Coordination, Capability #6-Information Sharing, Capability #8-Medical Countermeasures Dispensing, and Capability #10-Medical Surge. |
| Topics for future meetings | Jon Davis asked the group if they could identify any topics that would like to hear and bring in external presenters. No suggestions from the group at this time. Please email Jon if something comes up for future presentations. |
| Roundtable Discussion | Tom Patava posed a question on if there were any training going on for school shootings. Polk EMA has hosted several ALICE train-the-trainer sessions. Polk County Sheriff's Office has been sending ALICE trainers to some school districts. Polk EMA has been including law enforcement and fire officials in their reviews of school safety plans and school walk through. Polk EMA also participating in the Iowa School Safety Coalition. Their bulletins and related information can be found at http://www.iowaschoolsafety.org/ . Jon Davis thanked Jim Wilkie of LINK Associates for providing buses to transport volunteers to Highland Park for the Des Moines Smoke Alarm Project. 475 volunteers stopped at 2,997 single family dwellings in Highland Park. 1,389 smoke alarms were tested, 342 batteries were replaced and 2,183 dual-sensor smoke alarms were installed on October 12 th . Jon Davis suggested inviting Des Moines Public Schools to join the Multi-Disciplinary Group Meetings. |
| Next meeting: January 16, 2014 1:00 p.m. | Upcoming topics include: ESF #2 & ESF #8 review, familiarization with EOC Operations, plan reviews, and tabletop exercises. |