

Black Hawk County Emergency Management Commission

Minutes

October 17, 2019

Roll Call: BHC Sheriff, BHC Supervisors, Elk Run Heights, Evansdale, Gilbertville, Hudson, La Porte City

Agenda

1. Motion to approve the agenda by Board of Supervisors, seconded by Gilbertville, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2019, (date of minutes in headline corrected), (clarification of EMA Location update to reflect that all Board of Supervisors members were consulted with one member in disagreement concerning proposed move) by Board of Supervisors, seconded by Evansdale, motion carried.

Coordinator Report- Coord. Glover Reported that emergency training (emergency planning, contact info for Waterloo Fire-extinguisher use and safety actions, also for Waterloo Police-active shooter training) was provided to Fusion Dance Center on Sept. 29th. The NWS was here on Oct. 3rd to discuss how the NWS can assist responders (sending someone to the EOC) and showed interest in the county drone team. They asked several questions about drone team use concerning gathering damage assessment from weather events and any constraints on use. Sheriff Thompson mentioned the NWS has reached out to law enforcement for a 'meet and greet' in order to foster better relationships with their partners. Hawkeye Community College wants to do a full-scale exercise on Dec. 20th concerning an accidental mixing of chemicals in their chemical lab. They will be asking for student volunteers to act as evacuees for the event. Coord. Glover will be on vacation on Friday Oct. 18 and Monday Oct. 21. The November meeting (on the 21st) the building will be busy in all the classrooms for training.

Old Business-

1. CERRA update- Coord. Glover sent the Standard Operating Procedures to the contact, now we need to enter the first responders we have in the Salamander system. Coord. Glover also discussed trying to work with Waterloo Police concerning ID badging to no avail in reference to their participation in the CERRA program.

2. Drone (UAS) Program- J. Dolf was not able to be present. Sheriff Thompson reported using the team recently for a SWAT call-out in Evansdale. Last week was used in support of Waterloo Fire Dept. looking for a man who entered the Cedar River.
3. EMA Location/Realtor update- Coordinator Glover discussed the current and anticipated future needs of the Emergency Management department in our county. The current facility may impede future emergency operations in terms of a complete “Hot, Ready to stand up” EOC. Coor. Glover discovered that there is no agreement with the city of Waterloo and also discussed entering an intention to build an EM/CCC (Dispatch) center into our county Hazard Mitigation plan. Sheriff Thompson reiterated that during the last flood, the dispatch center was within inches of losing the center due to water. Coor. Glover will continue to search for a more suitable space for the EM office.

Motion to adjourn by La Porte City, seconded by Gilbertville, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm

Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting #2 - INRCOG