

Black Hawk County Emergency Management Commission
1925 Newell St. Waterloo, Ia. 50707
July 16, 2020
Zoom Mtg.

Roll Call-Present: via zoom - Black Hawk Co. Sheriff, Board of Supervisors, Cedar Falls, Evansdale, Gilbertville, Hudson, La Porte City, Raymond, and Waterloo.

Meeting began at 4:04pm

1. Motion to approve the agenda by Raymond, seconded by Gilbertville, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the Commission Minutes of June 18, 2020 Evansdale seconded by Waterloo with noted change Evansdale was in attendance, minutes changed to correct error, motion carried.

Coordinator Report

Glover stated we are still disbursing PPE to LTC facilities depending on the Phase they are in and their ability to obtain PPE on their own. EMA still supports the Test Iowa Clinics. Limited PPE is available. Glover stated many thanks to Waterloo Schools and MercyOne for assisting in obtaining 14 pallets of PPE from Cedar Rapids. This stockpile is for use in the fall for RSV and Influenza season in addition to COVID-19. Glover updated the commission on the outage of the ShoreTel server. Calls outbound were good but no incoming calls. Bergan KDV rolled office phones to Coordinators cell phone. New server is ordered and will be shipped overnight. Bergan KDV will also install the new conference phone. Test Iowa site is doing well, and appointments are booked up. Lt from National Guard asked for ice and coordinator arraigned for two bags of ice in morning and same in afternoon. Kwik Star is donating the ice through August 7. Results from Test Iowa take 48 hours.

Old Business

- A. Civil unrest update- Sheriff indicated things are calmer and dialogs continue. The Iowa State Police Chiefs Association and NAACP established Visions of Change task force. Danny Banks and Sheriff Thompson are on the task force. First meeting was last week in Ames. The task force is a policy recommending and procedure enacting task force across Iowa. Sheriff would like to have a chief's lunch to stay connected and continue dialog. Once Cedar Falls picks their new chief, they will begin the lunches. Considerable work being done with training Chief Fitzgerald and the Sheriff have conducted cultural university for training in race relations with Dell and John Marion. They are heavily invested in the Cedar Valley. BoS stated that the Health Department meeting with law enforcement was very good. The Health Department sees race relations as a health issue as well and both law enforcement as well as civilians need more training. Sheriff talked briefly about beginning a citizen's academy.
- B. Drone Update- Jason stated that were involved in the missing person search and a couple of small call outs. They are also having training this month. Night flights and other training.

New Business

- A. COVID-19 Response- Numbers continue to go up. 44 additional cases from yesterday in Black Hawk County. Some suggestions have been made to begin the virtual planning meetings again. The Sheriff asked the commission for thoughts and conveyed that the EOC and EMA is a

resource for the elected. Sheriff will speak with Nafissa as IC her thoughts. Cedar Falls would like more metrics that reflect more closely what is happening in Black Hawk County. This would assist policy maker to make good decisions that make sense. Metrics seem to be all over the place and want to see the data that provides good information to make decisions and also to help policy makers in all cities to agree so that Waterloo is not doing something different from Cedar Falls and Evansdale. Glover stated she participated in a conference call which was a listening session for groups. This session was two hours long. Another session takes place next week. Discussions continued regarding EOC planning meeting. The commission would like to see the Mayor's huddle conference calls were helpful and they want those to begin. The coordinator will send out the invite once a day and time is selected. Raymond would like to see community numbers. Cedar Falls stated that the health department does have access to zip code data. The sheriff will talk to them to see about getting the data. Schools are another issue and both the Sheriff, and the Health Department are cautious that this may be the beginning of the surge. LaPorte City suggested starting with the Mayors Huddle and be prepared to move forward with virtual planning meeting when we need to. The Sheriff will talk to the health department about sending data, daily, to EMA so the info can be sent directly to policy makers.

- B. Missing Person Update – Mike Jensen went missing from Ravenwood Care Initiatives on Sunday Night. Monday, we sent out Alert Iowa message. Waterloo PD made the request for support for ice and water. The coordinator bought three coolers and worked with the Food Bank for water and Kwik Star donated 6 bags for ice. Search began around Columbus High School/Ravenwood area and then moved north to Cedar Falls and Janesville. EMA worked closely with Bremer EMA for Incident Command post for searchers. A utility crewman found Mike in a culvert near San Marnan and Hammond Avenues alive on Friday. He has been upgraded and out of ICU but still hospitalized. Miracles do happen. All around great cooperation between all entities working on the search. Task Force One out of Cedar Rapids also assisted to help coordinate the volunteers searching.

Closed Session – Personnel matters.

Next meeting: August 20, 20

Motion to adjourn by La Porte City, seconded by Gilbertville motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm