

Coordinator Report

Feb, March, April, May 2025

Training-

L102-Science of Disaster, University of Okoboji Conference

Meetings

IEMA- Awards/Certification Committee Chair Meeting. X-Comm, Step-C, Awards Committee (Chair), Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop

BHCO- Department Head Meeting, Board of Supervisors Meetings, BHCO 911 Board,

State of Iowa ISICSB- Board (Governor's EMA appointee), FirstNet Broadband Committee (Chair)

HSEMD-Statewide EMA call, Disaster Case Advocacy Redesign Team,

Local- INRCOG Transpiration Advisory Committee, NIRG LEPC, NIRG, Waterloo Schools Safety Chair, Cedar Falls School Safety Chair

IDHRC-Board, Full Council, Executive Committee, COAD/LTR Committee, Finance & Grants Management, CERT Committee, COAD/LTR Committee Tabletop Exercise Group, BHCo Healthcare Coalition, BHCo Conservation

NWS- Coordination call with Chad Hahn ref Integrated Warning Team Workshop in February x2.

Organization –

- KWWL Interview for Severe Weather Awareness Week
- Policy Work
 - Personnel Policy

Response/Weather-

- Severe Weather briefings from NWS
- 2025 Integrated Warning Team Workshop, held at our office 2/25/25

Planning-

- Preplanning with Countywide Drone Team for Multiagency Full-Scale Exercise summer/fall 2025
- Work on ESF 10-Hazardous Materials-New layout that has been approved by HSEM
- Started work on 2025 Cedar Falls Ragbrai plan, (unsure if EMA will play a part in planning?)
- Union Schools, planning for their request for active shooter (ALICE style) training for each of their buildings) in August 2025.
- Ragbrai Planning Meeting in Cedar Falls
 - Development of Ragbrai Emergency Operations Plan
 - Working with Cellular Companies for additional cellular coverage
 - Working with Cedar Falls on their additional needs-communications, road closures

Exercise(s)-

- IDHRC tabletop planning for COAD Network virtual tabletop that will take place in February 2025
- Preplanning for IDHRC COAD TTX February 13, 2025
- Preplanning with MercyOne EMA Nate Mork regarding upcoming exercises at their facility
- RSVP Volunteer exercise-Buchanan County
- Statewide Tornado Drill 2/26/25
- BHCO LEPC Tabletop Exercise 5/13/25

Mitigation-

- DNR debris management testbed. (Hudson) awaiting FEMA approval; Working with Brian Johnson HSEM to see where FEMA is on the approval process since it has been over 2 years since submission.
- BRIC Grant-4-4-25 BRIC Grant funding has been cut by President Trump, Coordinator Benson made HSEM aware funding has been cut on 4-7-25, they will “attempt” to move our application to HMGP per Jack Stinogel.

Other-

- Application submitted for EMPG 2025 (Personnel costs)
- IEMA Mentor Heather Tripp (Linn County), Karen Kawala (Linn County), Lynn Royer (Dallas County), Nate Mork (Mercy One), Peter Brisbane (Linn County)
- Finalization of Budget FY26, awaiting Courier to send proof of publication, have emailed their legal department twice, per their team they are unable to print any legal items due to being hacked but are “working” on it.
- Stop the Bleed Training the Trainer for Cedar Falls Public Safety 2-2025
- Raymond City Council Meeting to speak about Alert Iowa
- Justin Pritts (Cherokee Co EM) regarding IEMA Treasurer duties. I was nominated & Elected as Treasurer of IEMA)
- AT&T FirstNet AST Webinar (AT&T FirstNet communications Satellite)
- EMA Presentation to Brian Hahn’s Class at Waterloo Career Center
- Met with Waterloo Streets Department regarding Meridian Barrier Trailer (HSEM Asset)