

Montgomery County Board EMA/Ambulance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 27th, 2013

Time: 8:30 AM – EMA Office

Members Present: Chairman Glenn Savage, Joe Gasparich, Chuck Graden, Sharon Kuchar, Mike Webb and County Board Chairman Roy Hertel

Others Present: Director Diana Holmes and Litchfield Fire Chief Dave Sumpter

Ambulance Call Reports: 285 calls in August.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

1. **Update/Approval Collections:** \$106,311.65
2. **Update/Approval 5 Area Ambulance Budgets:** Director Holmes reported that all five area ambulance budgets have been submitted to County Clerk Leitheiser. The full board will need to approve the budgets.

EMA:

1. **Update/Approval Update on Regional Meeting August 15th, 2013:** 1) Holmes stated that there are two more on line classes that she and Cathy will need to complete for 2014. 2) The Yearly Risk Assessment should be complete. 3) They need 48 hours of continuing education to qualify for the accreditation on the EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant). 4) Update from ILEAS and MABAS (Illinois law Enforcement Alarm System, Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) for StarCom21 Radios. They will need to be re-banded in the future, 5) NIMSCAST still waiting on FEMA to get on line reporting complete.
2. **Update/Approval Mitigation Meeting:** Director Holmes reported that letters are ready to be mailed to 40 participants that served on the Hazardous Mitigation Planning Committee. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Health Department. The EMA Committee will be invited to the meeting. Some of the Mitigation Planning board members were replaced after the last election. The current Hazardous Mitigation Plan will be put on the County Web Site and a reference will be made in the invitation letter to County Officials so they can review it before the meeting.
3. **Update/Approval IEMA Conference:** Conference is scheduled for September 3rd – 6th, 2013. Holmes will report on IEMA Conference at the October committee meeting.
4. **Update/Approval Emergency Operation Plan Books:** Holmes reported that she is still working on getting EOP books printed and the plan has been downloaded on CD's to distribute.
5. **Update/Approval Emergency Notification System:** Chairman Roy Hertel stated that Crime Stoppers has agreed to pay for the Code Red system for the first year. Municipalities will be told they can use the system for the first year to try it out.

6. **Update/Approval Knox Box for Animal Control:** Holmes reported that the Knox box for Animal Control has arrived. Lloyd Meyer will need to contact the Hillsboro Fire Department so they can get it installed.
7. **Update/Approval EMA/Ambulance Committee Priority List:** Chairman Hertel stated that he is asking every committee to work on a priority list of things that need to be done. They can even add “wish” list items. All the committee priority lists will be shared with the County Board.
8. **Update/Approval Other Business:** The committee discussed the Public Hearing regarding the Coal Mine Impoundment. Holmes stated that everything that happens on Coal mine property is their responsibility. The emergency plan is already in place and Director Holmes has a copy of it. IDNR will not approve and sign off on the plan until the damn is complete. Holmes stated that copies of the plan were requested but cannot be duplicated due to the possibility of vandalism. If there was a breach, once the flood water reaches the coal mine property line, the Coal mine has to notify the Sheriff and the EMA office so that the affected people can be notified. Holmes has reviewed the plan and feels that it is appropriate. There is a plan to notify people if there was a problem with the damn. Committee Chairman Savage stated that he wanted to talk about this issue in a public meeting so help ease public sentiment. Step #1 – Contact the mine to have them show the committee maps and explain the damn. Step #2. Make sure there is a fail-safe alarm system in place to notify if there is a problem with the damn. The Committee has asked Director Holmes to contact Dean Lee from the Coal mine to come and talk about the systems in place to notify emergency services and people. Holmes stated that the Coal mine has their own fire, EMS, and Hazmat teams. Committee asked if the coal mine could install warning sirens. Webb stated that the Coal mine is regulated by IDNR to have the impoundment facility inspected.

Motion by Mike Webb, second by Sharon Kuchar to pay the bills. All in favor motion carried.
Motion by Sharon Kuchar, second by Mike Webb to adjourn the meeting. All in favor motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 am. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Chris Daniels, as Deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.