

Manitowoc County EMS Association Meeting Minutes

3/27/2019

Host: Valders Fire/Rescue

The March 27, 2019 meeting of the Manitowoc County EMS Association was called to order at 1900. There was no educational presentation.

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

The secretary's reports for the last two meetings were presented and a motion to accept both as written was made by St. Nazianz and seconded by Two Creeks with no discussion and everyone in favor.

The treasurer's report was given and ending balances were given as follows:

Checking: \$3557.21

Savings: \$5066.71

The 2019 statements coming out tonight. Francis Creek still owes for 2018. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Two Creeks and seconded by Valders. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. **Contact numbers:** Passed for updates and has been updated on-line.
2. **Committee reports:**
 - a. **Radio:** Conversations should always be brief and very limited on county fire main and then switch to working channel or appropriate color channel for further conversation. Reminder for disasters or MABAS events, FIRE = red channel and EMS= GOLD. There was a dish and system that needed fixing on the VHF frequency. It did get fixed and not a lot of functionality was lost.
 - b. **Medical Directors:** Dr. Martens reported the EMR curriculum will likely have some changes coming. Reminder that national registry renewals are due 3/31/19. There has been a significant increase in opiate overdoses, and she encouraged us to consider the relationship between an adult overdosing and a potential pediatric overdose. She also spoke about flexible staffing for ambulances which is looking to be very complicated and has many issues. More to come on that.
 - c. **Protocols:** The state protocols are not out yet and they are estimating another year now. There is discussion on the national criteria changing again also.
 - d. **Finance:** Nothing to report currently.
 - e. **Disaster:** Ongoing: We are looking for someone to host the 2019 county wide disaster. Some suggestions included a "sim city" drill with communication as the focus. Todd Blaser will contact LTC about some options.
 - f. **Education and training:** There is a training at the Brown County Resch Center 4/10/19 for anyone who is interested in active shooter scenarios. Todd Blaser will bring back information on this and make a recommendation on Manitowoc County's task force/EMS participation.
 - g. **LTC:** None
 - h. **Dispatch:** Down again in staff due to resignation. Supervisors have moved out of their offices and will do some console time which should help all functions. Dispatch will now send EMS to accidents before someone confirms injury or not. This will be for calls with a significant MOI. It is the hope to get EMS to injured people quicker. The emergency button on your portable radios will become active (this is a feature on the radios) in 1-2 weeks. If you use this option, dispatch would be able to check on you. More to come.
 - i. **Website:** Mark Knier will continue to be our webmaster. Disaster trailer DVD to be sent to him.
 - j. **Emergency Management:** Travis reports that they opened the EOC with an activation for the first time in 18 years for the recent flooding. They set up a unified command to help with the flooding and evacuations. He reports it went well. There is also a "nuclear exercise" coming up for the county on 5/20/19 and 5/21/19 --- practice and the live drill will be 6/10 and 6/11/19. Tornado drill sounding sirens is scheduled for 4/11/19. There is also a severe weather storm spotters' class 4/18/19 at 1800 at the UW Center. Travis also reminded people that the county doesn't control emergencies the local towns/villages/cities do.

Evacuation: Discussion on whether evacuation is mandatory and a legal thing or if people can refuse and they always have the choice. For the flooding, if an address refused evacuation, that address is called out and tagged for future reference.

- k. **JDC Steering Committee:** see notes in radio and dispatch
- l. **MABAS:** There is a meeting 4/24/19 at Francis Creek at 1900 to go over updates. Remember I fern is the channel for MABAS events.
- m. **EMS Day 2018:** Decision made to not do the event at Copps and try the booth at the county fair in August. Kyle Newberg and Andrew Schwerma are our representatives and they report the application for a booth at county fair has been made.
- n. **Scholarship:** Very limited discussion on this but county fire is interested in doing something with us about this. More to come.
- o. **MTSO:** Todd Cummings from the Sheriff's department is here and is our representative at the meeting from the County Sheriff's department. He reports they are busy, and jail is very busy. He also spoke a little but about the drug enforcement agency getting a grant and spoke a little bit about Vivitrol.
- p. **RTAC:** No updates
- q. **HERC:** No update.
- r.

New Business

1. **Next meeting:** May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Maribel and we are back on normal rotation.
2. **Telecommunicators Week:** Discussion on getting the dispatchers some baskets again. A motion by Branch was made to get the traditional 3 baskets for dispatch. A second by Two Creeks. Baskets will be delivered 4/16/19 at noon.
3. **Memorial Request:** Discussion about donating toward the lighting for the new fire/ems memorial. A motion was made by Branch to donate \$500 to this project. A second by St. Nazianz and the motion was carried.
4. **Unanswered calls:** More discussion about EMS calls where no one acknowledges. Dispatch will do two pages and then advise the responding ambulance there has been no acknowledgment by the EMR agency.
5. **Police Presence at Calls:** Discussion on getting an officer on county calls. Obviously, we can always request on and they will do their best to be there as they are able but if we need them, we can ask early for assistance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kellnersville seconded by Two Creeks. Motion carried.....2035

Attendance: Valders, Mishicot, Manitowoc, Branch, Kellnersville, Reedsville, Newton, Two Creeks, St. Nazianz, JDC, MTSO, Emergency Government

Submitted: D. Holschbach, secretary

Attendance:

Deb Holschbach	Newton	Lori Krueger	St. Nazianz
Tom Krajnik	Mishicot	Mary Zipperer	St. Nazianz
Alyssa Johaneck	Two Creeks	Chris Dallas	Valders
Mark Johaneck	Two Creeks	Todd Blaser	Manitowoc
Theresa Becker	Mishicot	Travis Nate	Kellnersville
Kyle Newberg	Branch	Julie Dehne	Valders
Brandon Maertz	Reedsville/Valders	Suzanne Martens	Valders
Andrew Edwards	Valders	Kent Brendemuehl	Two Creeks