

**Black Hawk County Emergency Management Commission**  
**Thursday 4:00pm Minutes- March 28, 2019**

**Roll Call:** (Present)- BHC Sheriff, BHC Supervisor, Dunkerton, Elk Run Heights, Evansdale, La Porte City, Raymond, and Guest Heather Dolf

**Agenda**

1. Motion to approve the agenda by La Porte City, seconded by Raymond, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting by Board of Supervisor, seconded by Gilbertville, motion carried.

**Coordinator Report-** Coor. Glover spoke of the Flash Reports created for the flooding (March 19') event. Each entity/agency was asked to submit daily update reports (by noon) to the Emergency Management office. Most of the entities were very good about getting their information submitted on time and it was very appreciated. The Flash reports went to 83 recipients. Suggested changes were to use the mapping software from the county on the road closures and to split the road closures into quadrants for easier location. Assist. Coor. Mehmen kept Glover up-to-date as the flooding effort continued with all Flash Reports submitted to the State HSEMD through reporting portal (WEB EOC). Black Hawk County did not receive the Public Assistance Declaration since the reported damages came to \$170,375.00 with the county threshold set at \$495,520.20. The State of Iowa Individual Assistance program has been activated for Black Hawk County, applicants apply though Operation Threshold.

Wednesday March 27, 2019 BHC EM and the Des Moines office of the NWS held the annual Storm Spotter Seminar. 91 people attended with firefighters from Raymond and La Porte City in attendance.

Sheriff Thompson and Coor. Glover will be presenting speakers at the Iowa Emergency Management Conference in May concerning the search for La Porte City teenager Jake Wilson. They will be first on the agenda Wednesday morning.

Coordinator Glover will return from medical leave on Monday April 8, 2019.

**New Business-**

1. Review and approval of ESF's 2 (Communications), 5 (Emergency Management), and 15 (External Affairs) and the Base Plan. All Iowa Counties are doing their review/updating process on the same ESF schedule now along with Base Plans. ESF 10 (Hazardous Materials) will be on next months agenda for approval as it must be submitted to the LEPC for approval and then to the Commission. Once approved they will be up loaded to Sharepoint for review and approval by Iowa Homeland Security.  
Motion to approve by Hudson, seconded by Evansdale, motion carried.
2. Salamander Credentialing- Sheriff Thompson clarified what information is needed for city officials vs. first responders concerning medical information. Dunkerton asked if Social Security numbers were anywhere in the Salamander system; no Social Security information exists in the system.
3. Flood Updates-The Commission members present, that experienced flooding spoke of the quick rise and fall of Wolf Creek in La Porte, Hudson spoke about the river coming up but no inundation in town, Dunkerton praised the Iowa Flood Inundation System (IFIS) for their installation of the river monitors they have installed in several areas without NWS gauges. They have greatly helped the smaller communities to keep a much more accurate measure on water levels near them. IFIS has been very generous asking for very little money (\$8.00) per month per gauge. Their site for tracking is very comprehensive and very useful for situational awareness. IFIS is currently not funded by the State of Iowa.
4. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)- Assist. Coor. Mehmen reported that after 5 years of attempting to resurrect and grow the Black Hawk County team, the time and effort expended, the many

different attempts; scheduling trainings (CERT, Rubicon Saw Team, Disaster Mental Health, Shelter Operations, etc.), refreshers, luncheon, team meetings, team lead meetings, and numerous other things, the program is not taking off, let alone growing. Motion to cease/disband the Black Hawk County CERT by La Porte City, seconded by Dunkerton, motion carried.

#### **Old Business-**

1. Radio Communications Update- Sheriff Thompson spoke of coming to the end of the new Radio System implementation/roll out. Used shelters for component housing are being replaced with new ones. We currently have 15 counties on the SARA network. Basically, the counties to the east of I 35 is SARA-Harris and the west of I 35 is ISICS-Motorola. Sheriff Thompson has been working with other counties to get them on board with SARA. He has also run up against some resistance from the state. Although Motorola covers more geographic area, the SARA network covers more population. Sheriff Thompson will continue his work to implement great radio service to other county entities through SARA. Wide interoperability is a must. This project has been ongoing since 2012 and we are looking toward the end of April for completion.
2. Drone Report- Drone Team Program Director/Pilot Jason Dolf talked about some of the issues with trying to get flood imaging, mostly wind. In the month of March, the team provided aerial support for Cedar Falls PD and 17 flights for potential and impacted area flooding. Director Dolf continues work on the Flight Operations manual. There was much discussion concerning where to store video evidence. Since the EMA office does not have sufficient infrastructure/security to accomplish this, it is the consensus of the commission that storage should happen within the Sheriff's office. This will provide the appropriate security and access to that drone information.

Next Meeting Date – April 18, 2019

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.