

Coordinator Report

Dec 2024/Jan 2025

Training

Meetings

IEMA- Awards/Certification Committee Chair meeting. Step-C

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,

Local- INRCOG Transpiration Advisory Committee

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

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

Misc.

Organization –

- EMA Phone system down-landline now routed to Coordinator Benson's cell phone.
- Policy Work
 - Personnel Policy
 - Telework Policy
 - Personnel Policy

Response/Weather-

- Winter Weather briefings from NWS
- 2025 Integrated Warning Team Workshop – held here at BHCO EMA office 2/2025

Planning-

- Preplanning with Countywide Drone Team for Multiagency Full-Scale Exercise summer/fall 2025
- Work on ESF 7-Logistics
- Work on ESF 10-Hazardous Materials-New layout that has been approved by HSEM. Starting in 2026 all BHCo EMA ESF's will also start to follow this format, which includes formal ESF and a one page overview to hand out to agencies.

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

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-HSEM Jack Stinogel stated *"FEMA says they expect to award our planning grants any day now. I wish I could say what that actually translates to in days, but that's all I know right now. I had been hoping they'd be done before the holidays, but when the award is made, you'll be the first to know"*.

Other-

- EMPG 24 quarterly report & reimbursement request (100% complete)
- Application submitted for EMPG 2025 (Personnel costs)
- IEMA Mentor Heather Tripp (Linn County), Karen Kawala (Linn County), Lynn Royer (Dallas County)

- Finalization of Budget FY26