

Wapello County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (WCEMSAC)

Meeting Minutes from December 9th, 2025

Meeting called to order by Tim Richmond at 17:01CST.

- 1.) Roll call: David Cronin (OFD), Loren McIntosh (WCRFD), Amanda Hull (OFD/ORMICS), Cindy Hewitt (Agency), Peter Reiter (Physician/Retired), Jean Dell (Community member), T.J. Millikin (Dispatch), Tim Richmond (EMA); Mike DeWild (Blakesburg)

Absent: Athena Sears (Eldon), Mark Frymoyer (ORMICS), Lori Reeves (IHCC), Bryan Ziegler (County Supervisor), Bill Hoffman Jr (City Council), Dr. Lyssy (Medical Director)
- 2.) Committee Updates:
 - a.) Mark and Mike have been talking on the phone about responses to “rural” areas; working on getting a date set up to meet in person.
 - b.) Community Education- Tim reported that the Google App is back up and running; Racquel and Peter have been talking about how they can utilize this App to provide education to the community
 - c.) Homecare options- no update
 - d.) Community paramedicine- no update
 - e.) High Volume areas- no update
 - f.) Lift Assists- high light is this is a case management area and it is not strong; dispatch priorities (MABAS) could be used for this; OFD is going to begin charging for multiple lift assists (more to come on this) In 2024 there was around 436 calls for lift assistance and in 2025 so far there has been 301; these numbers came from dispatch and 50% of these were just for lift assistance with no transporting.
 - g.) Public Transport- Cindy and Bill are trying to get a meeting set up with 10-15 Transit (Jay); There is a Taxi service in the area called Quick Rides and this is the only option at night however sometimes they are unable to take patients back home or to the ER due to patients’ conditions.
- 3.) Discuss progress on committee work, next steps:
 - a. Everyone was asked to continue working on their committees and be ready to report back at the next meeting with any updates or issues that have come up.
- 4.) Review EMS Provider Survey Results
 - a. Hoping to get more responses and have extended the deadline
 - b. Will wait before putting out the data received
- 5.) Discuss a possible EMS Forum:
 - a. This would be within “our” people (responders)
 - b. Can we use this for community education like Tim did a few months ago?
 - c. Can we bring in other services from other counties to see how they run things?
 - d. Jean does have a group of people who put this type of thing together
 - e. Could this be a community focus group?
 - f. Forum to define Emergency Services with clear goals
 - i. Fire-Dispatch-EMS-EMA-Police
 - g. Brief history and current situation of each of the above services
 - h. Identify issues with possible solutions

6.) Other discussion:

- a. We are needing to fill the vacant community member spot
- b. Tim had only one Application submitted and is going to repost this position

7.) Adjourn:

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 1815

NEXT MEETING: January 13th, 2026 at 5:00pm held at the Wapello County EMA office