

Wapello County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

April 14, 2026, 5:30 pm

Emergency Management Office, 2417 Emma St.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm by Tim Richmond

1. **Roll call-** TJ, Quincy, Mike D, Tim, Cindy, Loren, Dr. Reiter, Mark, Jean, David, Bryan, Dr. Lyssy
 - a. Absent- Lori, Athena, Billy Jr.

2. **Approve minutes of previous meeting:** Motion by Mark; 2nd by Loren; all in favor

3. **Committee Reports**

Staffing-

1. **Community Response Teams**

- a. Can we do some type of trial run of this prior to actually launching it
- b. Are we able to target a group in a certain township to do a trial run
- c. Van Buren County is using United First Aid where the volunteers that are part of the team get their own response kits with AED's, Trauma supplies and a first aid kit
- d. All volunteers will have to be vetted prior to getting approval to be on the team
- e. Mark is going to call William at Van Buren County on 4/15/26 to see how they are doing the teams
- f. Anyone interested in being on a team would have to be CPR/First Aid certified vs having to be EMT/EMR or even the fire side of things
- g. We would like to use United First Aide teams in townships to utilize their response to EMS calls vs having to have firefighters respond to EMS calls
- h. The idea about meeting with Ottumwa Housing Authority about getting a possible response team in the towers as we do consider this a high response area

2. **Industrial Response Teams**

- a. We do know that John Deere and JBS have response teams in place; we have also learned that Plastic Pak and Dr. Pepper do not have teams in place
- b. Talked about sending letters out to the bigger companies to find out what they have in place for an emergency and what they would need to set up a team

3. **EMS BLS Teams- Countywide abilities**

- a. We did not have a direct discussion about this

Communications

1. EMD program

- a. No direct discussion was done on this

2. Response Team Activation

a. Talked about how we can restructure our own response teams. Currently as we run, we run with all the EMS systems being tied into a Fire Station. The possibility of the entire county coming together as 1 EMS department to be separated from the fire stations was asked about. There would have to be a small investment to be able to run a non-transport service.

b. We need to build off what we currently have to have back up plans.

c. Need to find out what each entity wants and how do we get to what they want to see in their futures.

d. We must have a solid plan before going in front of any of the governing bodies

e. Stable funding with co-inhering with all entities.

3. Community Education Products

a. Public Access AEDs was a topic that got brought up.

b. Are we able to get better identifiers for where the public AEDs are located; such as marked on google maps; or better signage for the current ones?

c. Tim did note that getting new AEDs in "Rural" areas are getting harder to get cover by Grants as the state is getting picky on locations

d. The AED's that we do currently have throughout the communities are mainly set up for use on adults only.

e. Would like to see an AED put near the Miller Chapple Church area

Training- No direct discussion about this

1. Initial Training Options

2. Continuing Education Options

3. Repeatable, predictable plan

Response & Transportation

1. Home Care Options

a. Tim will be sending out information about Happy at Home Service as he is meeting with Sydney Marshman with Happy at Home Consulting. This group is currently partnering with Milestones Area Agency on Aging.

b. They are offering a fall prevention program for older adults living in SE Iowa.

2. Community Paramedicine

a. There is no funding available through government on Rural Health Response. Would need a grant to start and figure out how to keep a program like this running.

3. High Volume Locations

4. Public Transit

4. 2026 EMS System Standard Deliverable: One set of county-wide protocols & electronic CQI process

a. One-Dose- Mark and Tim are looking at the Free version of One-Dose to be able to have access to a county wide protocol. The paid version runs around \$4,000 and would be more benefit for actual transporting a patient vs on-scene care of patients. Monroe County currently does use this system.

5. Ideal EMS System Vision Document

a. Lets build and break it up: bring your dreams of “your” system to the next meeting.

b. What do we want to ask our citizens?

6. Other discussion- non

7. Set next meeting date and time, **May 12th, 2026 at 5:30pm**

8. Adjourn meeting ended at 7:30pm Motion to end by Loren 2nd by Amanda all in favor