



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Emergency Medical Services Commission

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, July 17, 2024

5:30 PM Attend in person at 2982 Kapec Rd. Fitchburg; attend  
virtually via Zoom

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*Interpreters must be requested in advance; please see the bottom of the agenda  
for more information.*

*Los intérpretes deben solicitarse con anticipación; consulte el final de la agenda  
para obtener más información.*

*Yuav tsuam tau thov txog cov neeg txhais lus hau ntej; thov saib hauv qab kawg  
ntawm qhov txheej txheem rau cov ntaub ntawv ntxiv.*

The July 17th EMS Commission meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

The public can attend in person at 2982 Kapec Rd.

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In person registrations to provide public comment will be accepted throughout the meeting.

**VIRTUAL:** Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item **MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK ABOVE** (even if you plan to attend using your phone). Virtual registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

In order to testify (provide public comment) virtually, you must be in attendance at the meeting via Zoom or phone, you will then either be unmuted or promoted to a panelist and provided time to speak to the body.

If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: [Insert Email Address]

**A. Call To Order**

- Present** 5 - MICHELE DOOLAN, ADAM PLOTKIN, ADAM PLOTKIN, GARY ZIEGLER, and DON POSTLER
- Excused** 5 - ERIC BAUMAN, MEGAN GUSSICK, KACEY KRONENFELD, STEPHANIE LEHMANN, and STEPHANIE LEHMANN

*Members Present: Mike Lohmeier, Jeff VanBendegom*

*Guests: Lisa Becher, Eric Lang, Chris Backes, Robert Hughes, Holly Ellickson, Charles Tubbs*

*Staff: Carrie Meier, Eric Anderson, Kailey Peterson, Courtney Morency*

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

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**Attachments:** [February EMS Commission Minutes](#)

Postler abstained. Minutes approved.

**C. Discussion Items**

## Madison Fire CARES Team Update - Becher

*Lisa Becher is now overseeing the CARES team following Chief Stedman's retirement (congrats Chief!). 3 teams are now staffed Monday-Friday as of April 8. Staggered start times, 365 day a year (not 24 hours yet). Started working holidays in January. All three CARES teams will eventually be stationed out of the same location. They are looking to expand CARES into Dane County starting this fall. Slow process, starting with one municipality. No plans to bring on fourth team at this time. New data analyst started with main goal to get better data on CARES and call volume. As of today, 5,936 calls for service since it started a little less than 3 years ago. In the process of getting 4 new transit vans by the end of the year. Question about whether county can help reimburse Journey workers with more money in the next budget. Journey Mental Health workers on the CARES teams have to be hired through the Human Service contract with Journey Mental Health. Will keep this as a standing item on the agenda and invite Chief Becher to each meeting to discuss the expansion into Dane County.*

## Annual Survey

*It was asked whether the survey is getting too long – all chiefs on the call said they find the survey helpful and length is not an issue. Chief Lang asks how we could encourage a more thorough participation from agencies. Other suggestions made for additions or changes.*

## DCEMS Budget

*DCEM's first budget meeting tomorrow morning. Changes include: adding \$100,000 to support data support, including active data dashboard. Would remove cost burden off the EMS agencies. Five year budget outlook is to get an emotional support dog for mental health response to community crises. Also for debriefings for public safety following difficult calls. \$2,500 in budget. Sirens – increase in municipalities putting up sirens. Municipalities put up sirens, then DCEM is responsible for maintenance and managing software. Also seeing needed upkeep for aging sirens. With February tornado, DC Executive's office asked all sirens to be resounded if warnings are elongated, also siren testing every month of the year. With increased use, asked to double budget to about \$150,000. Adjust Sandbag line item to more of an Emergency Funds budget line with increased funds to support purchase of sand bags, renting a generator, contract for a shelter, etc.*

## D. Presentations

## E. Reports to Committee

*DCEM Update: Peterson has done a ton of work getting HOPE kits and OAK boxes into the community. Has done trainings for other county departments and public safety agencies. Anderson has covered job duties for the Response Equipment Specialist following a retirement. Medical Advisors – Dr. Nick has stepped in for Dr. Kronenfeld. The Advisors have been talking about protocols and medication shortages. PulsePoint had a Quik Trip add for two months in May and June. Steering committee will look at effectiveness of that campaign. R30 has been busy going out to agencies for bariatric needs and backup rigs for planned and unplanned maintenance. Dane County responded during and after Mount Horeb incident. Put together an AAR for superintendents and chiefs. Making changes to countywide coordination document for response to large incidents. Continues to participate in school safety group and trainings. Continues to teach Active Shooter Incident Response to public safety providers, both in and outside of Dane County. 3 severe weather incidents this year deemed eligible for WI disaster funds - helping local communities with this process.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

## G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

## I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Morency.*