



Chairperson: Ben Klinger, Winona County
Vice Chairperson: Matt Maas, Dodge County
Recorder: Kristen Sailer, Steele County
Fiscal Agent: Interim Ben Klinger, Winona County

Location: Olmsted County
September 5, 2025

Official meeting called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Ben Klinger at 10am.

Approve Agenda:

Ben Klinger requested approval of the agenda:

- Motion to approve by Wabasha County.
- Second by Le Sueur County.
- Motion passed.

Approve prior Meeting Minutes:

Ben Klinger requested approval of minutes from both June and August meetings:

- Motion to approve by Houston County.
- Second by Goodhue County.
- Motion passed.

Financials and Grants:

Fiscal Agent Report: Account balance around \$100,000

SHSP Grant Update: Received a two-day notification to apply. Ben submitted funding for an additional camera trailer (\$75,000), school safety (\$35,000), and HERT (\$20,000) for next year.

Bills: no pending bills or other expenses.

Insurance Update: no updates

Fiscal Agent Update: No updates, still pending

Old Business:

Mutual Aid Agreement/ Joint Powers Board Agreement:

- Joint Powers Board Agreement- send signed agreements to Klinger – Few signatures still missing. Steele is going to board next week and Mower has no update.

2025 School Safety Summit Committee:

- October 7 & 8, 2025 - Tammy provided an update; registration is ready to go to send out. Breakout sessions for 45-minute tabletop information provided to decide who will facilitate the sessions.

New Business:

Sheltering plans: agreements are in place. Please share with Joe Johnson and Adam Hamberg any plans or agreements you have.

Updates:

SEMNDHC - Sailer/Flanagan: they have been canceling all their meetings for October due to limited funding.

SC MN Healthcare Coalition – Weller: working with MDH for contracts for funding. They are getting money, and a meeting is scheduled in September.

HSEM Update:

Mike provided State disaster updates: State Disaster 85 was just approved. State disaster 87 packet was submitted. Early July storm staff are still processing the packet, but will be submitting soon. The July 27 storm derecho packet will take longer to process because of the multiple counties on opposite sides of the state. The Aug 8 storm will be conducting PDA's this week.

State EOC tours are scheduled. Had one this week already, and then the region 1 tour is Sept 25, please accept the invite if you plan to attend.

If you want a meeting scheduled with Director Farole, notify Mike Peterson.

Sign up for HSEM training bulletins, and the training portal has a new look and better user experience.

School Safety Center reached out to RPC and would like to offer a threat assessment course and is looking for a location. Seat at least 40 people and dates in mind (Nov 12-13-14, Dec 1st, 2 weeks, and January 5-9, Feb 16-20)

AMEM - Bramwell: conference is a week from Sunday

AMEM Professional Development Committee - Sailer: Breakfast with EM's is continuing on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The next session, which is on Sept 10, link to register was emailed out

Jeff Lanenberg, Deputy Director of Anoka County Emergency Management will be presenting on EOC logistics. Breakfast with EM's will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9-10am moving forward.

After using the registration link below you will receive the calendar invitation.

<https://events.qcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/63dd0bad-ee95-4da1-a64a-13c97db75723@3a573c9f-610e-4237-9520-c8291dad5888>

AMEM Exercise is on Monday afternoon 1-2pm and 2:30-3:30pm on EOC Management

Legislative Committee - Klinger: Committee sent thank you's, the bills are still active through May 2026 on local EM funding. SF 2119 and HF 2099.

HERT Training Maas/Klinger:

- Received a request for a class in January. Region 5 wants to send some EM's to observe.

Surveillance Camera Trailer Updates Maas/Klinger:

- Camera trailers are in Dodge. Looking at new cables for one of the trailers.

County/City/Tribe Updates:

Faribault County – They are working with all the schools. Training in each school

St. Charles – They went through ALICE and reunification training and made some improvements.

Le Sueur County – tornado warning hit last night, nothing affected

Mower County – still dealing with the aftermath of a cyber attack

PIIC- No updates

Goodhue County - No updates

Rice County- following the tornado last night, and 2 shelter in-place in apartment buildings due to active threats.

Rochester – a swatting call occurred in one of the catholic schools. They were up to speed with I love you guys' protocols. Communications went well. Reunification went well.

Olmsted County – They shared additional information about the swatting calls.

Fillmore County – Working on Hazard Mitigation plan. Had a swatting call as well. Working through the state disaster process.

Houston County – Planning for the city of La Crescent is hosting a bike championship, with over 600 racers. They need more volunteers.

Steele County – Working on bringing EOP to the cities and county board for adoption.

Wabasha County – Dealing with siren protocol, trying to stop use other than for storms. Updating EOP.

Freeborn County – working with schools, PDA scheduled on Monday, working on active threat training with the SWAT team. They would like to request HERT equipment.

City of Albert Lea – ICS 300 training being offered Dec 8-12 has room for 40 people, send to Jeff if interested. Notifications with Fire services transitioning to new systems with CAD. The State Fire Marshals' Office is working on notifications.

National Guard- helped with the state fair, working on another

Olmsted County- ICS training scheduled, sign up for them. NTSB two-day workshop nearing 100 attendees. Lunch is on your own.

Winona County – requests for schools for training. The county is redoing the COOP plan working with BoldPlanning. August 27 HHH methyl ethyl ketone response. Called the Duty Officer for a Bomb squad request, called and picked up a day after.

Blue Earth County: no updates

Nicollet County: no updates

Walk-ins: none

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

- Motion to approve by Le Sueur County.
- Second by Rice County.
- Motion passed.

Meeting Attendees			
Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Eric Weller	Blue Earth County	Joe Johnson	Rice County
Sue Jahnke	Faribault County	John Bolster	Rice County
Jason Harmening	Fillmore County	Kristen Sailer	Steele County
Adam Hamberg	Freeborn County	Brenda Tomlinson	Wabasha County
Earl Merchlewitz	Goodhue County	Ben Klinger	Winona County
Mark Olson	Houston County	Jeff Laskowske	City of Albert Lea
Tammy Stewig	Le Sueur County	Dusty Dienst	City of Faribault
Rich Droog	Le Sueur County	Tim Martin	National Guard
Amy Bramwell	Mower County	Brett Knapp	City of Rochester
Justin Block	Nicollet County	Grant Eckoff	City of Rochester
Jonathon Jacobson	Olmsted County	Jose Palaez	City of St. Charles
Nick Jacobson	Olmsted County	Mike Peterson	HSEM
Kim Flanagan	PIIC		

Next Meeting Date and Location:

Date	Host	Address
October 3	Steele County	630 Florence Ave., Owatonna, MN