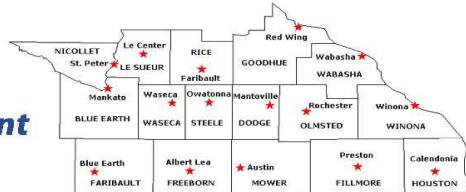**Southeast Minnesota Region 1**
Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Joint Powers Board

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

Location: City of Rochester EOC
November 7, 2025

Official meeting called to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Ben Klinger at 9:57 am.

Special presentation by LeoSight at https://www.leosight.com/
- The company has been around since 2010. This provides a live operational system that allows integration of all systems. In 2025, they built a Unified Command platform and mapping solution
- Cloud-based command tool
- Real-time technology for situation awareness and information sharing
- If one department purchases from a jurisdiction, then all entities have access as part of the purchase
- The system can tie equipment to the system
- The system can disseminate electronic forms, documents, photos, and maps securely to different agencies through the system. Storage up to 10TB.
- The system can ingest live data links when woken up, such as storm tracks, topography, plume modeling, VMS camera providers (schools), Arc GIS, drone, cameras, photos, airplanes, watercraft, flood gauges, and CAD information
- The system can log electronically all layers used for the entire event once activated, and resources are added, the app can be loaded by volunteers to track their locations
- Lowest cost starting for 1-25 agencies is $25,000

Approve Agenda:
Ben Klinger requested approval of the agenda:
- Motion to approve by Olmsted County.
- Second by Le Sueur County.
- Motion passed.

Approve prior Meeting Minutes:
Ben Klinger requested approval of minutes from the October meetings:
- Motion to approve by Wabasha County.
- Second by Faribault County.
- Motion passed.

Financials and Grants:

Fiscal Agent Report: no report.

SHSP Grant Update: Received the grant contract for signature, will get it returned. Will be submitting the reimbursements for the school summit expenses.

Bills: no pending bills or other expenses.

MCIT Insurance: Ben Klinger provided the MCIT estimate for Property totaling $3,836 at the $1,000 deductible amount.
- Motion to approve by Houston County.
- Second by Rice County.
- Motion passed.

Ben Klinger provided the MCIT estimate for Workers' Comp coverage. The group decided not to add workers' comp to the MCIT policy.
- Motion to approve NO Workers' Comp coverage by Olmsted County.
- Second by Dodge County.
- Motion passed.

Fiscal Agent Update: No updates, hopefully it will be worked out soon.

Old Business:

2025 School Safety Summit Committee:
- Sent out survey, only received 6 responses
- Shorter breakout sessions
- Thought the speaker was good and happy with the presentation

New Business:

Camera Trailer Purchase with SHSP Funds: Ben Klinger provided the camera trailer quotes for review from MobilePro, totaling $71,672, approved under the SHSP grant.
- Motion to approve the purchase by Olmsted County.
- Second by Faribault County.
- Motion passed.

Camera Trailer Yearly Maintenance: Ben Klinger requests up to $1,000 for annual maintenance of the camera trailers.
- Motion to approve by Blue Earth County.
- Second by Le Sueur County.
- Motion passed.

Updates:

SEMNDHC - Sailer/Flanaghan: Held a regional meeting on Tuesday November 4 which included topics of cybersecurity incident preparedness for an extended network outage workshop session, BP2 grant deliverables and SEEMS MCI Trailer walkthrough. The next Advisory Committee meeting is Nov 18.

SC MN Healthcare Coalition – Weller: Regional project proposals are due in December. Holding a regional coalition meeting next Friday, Nov 14. It could be the last year of funding.

HSEM Update - Peterson:
- HSEM can't accept the federal funding yet due to the government shutdown.

- HSEM is requesting information about any local impacts and tracking them. Please send any updates to HSEM.
- Mike will send out the List of items for the next regional meeting for the grants workshop.
- More training will be coming out with the WebEOC Nexus integrations and app information.
- Next month quarterly meeting will be speaking on cybersecurity, IPPW with the training department, Public Assistance team for closeout.
- HSEM Gov Conf information is expected to be coming out soon.

AMEM - Bramwell: No updates.

AMEM Professional Development Committee - Sailer: Breakfast with EMs is continuing on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The next session is on November 12; the link to register was emailed out.

November 12: Please use the link below to register for our November Breakfast with EM's webinar. For the final EOC topic in our series Dan Johnson-Powers, Emergency Management Coordinator for Brooklyn Park, will be talking through the recent activation of their EOC in response to the assassinations of Melissa and Mark Hortman.
Breakfast with EM's | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams

December 10: Shawn DeVinny - Senior Service Hydrologist (NOAA/NWS - Twin Cities) Learn about new services to help emergency managers prepare for and respond to flooding. This presentation will focus on the National Weather Service's new flood inundation maps (Released September 2025 for Southern & Central Minnesota, expansion to northern MN coming 2026). The new tool compliments and supports the issuance of flood watches and warnings by providing near-real-time, high-resolution visualizations showing where, when, and how much flood waters are forecast.

Please register using this link!
https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/9cb391d7-5575-4d65-b54c-e58c9733da3b@3a573c9f-610e-4237-9520-c8291dad5888

Legislative Committee - Klinger: No updates, next meeting is scheduled for next month. The bills are still active through May 2026 on local EM funding SF 2119 and HF 2099.

HERT Training Maas/Klinger: January 10 class in Northfield, Rice County.

Surveillance Camera Trailer Updates Maas/Klinger:
- Using Google Calendar for tracking the schedule is located on WebEOC under the Region 1 EM Coordination Calendar tab

County/City/Tribe Updates:

Dodge County: no updates.

City of Rochester: Full-scale exercise being planned for August 2026. All are welcome to attend as observers or participants. Let Brett or Grant know if you want to be included.

Olmsted County: Planning full-scale exercise with the City of Rochester. EOP approval by the county board.

Freeborn County: no updates

Wabasha County: no updates

National Guard: no updates

Blue Earth County: HMP approved by County Board and at HSEM for review.

Nicollet County: no updates

Rice County: working on HMP updates

Goodhue County: no updates

PIIC: no updates

Waseca County: held their second HMP meeting

Le Sueur: no updates

Steele County: conducting Cyber TTX on Nov 13 and bringing EOP to the County Board for adoption on November 22.

Faribault County: no updates

Houston County: no updates

Fillmore County: has 5 light trailers for use if needed

Winona County: they held their second HMP meeting

Walk-ins: one item

Request for funding for the December 5, 2025, meeting food: Jon Jacobson from Olmsted County will order food for lunch.
- Motion to approve by Le Sueur County
- Second by Goodhue County.
- Motion passed.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn the meeting:
- Motion to approve by Dodge County.
- Second by Le Sueur County.
- Motion passed.

Meeting Attendees			
Name	**Agency**	**Name**	**Agency**
Eric Weller	Blue Earth County	Joe Johnson	Rice County
Matt Maas	Dodge County	Kristen Sailer	Steele County
Sue Jahnke	Faribault County	Megan Ringhofer	Steele County
Jason Harmening	Fillmore County	Brenda Tomlinson	Wabasha County
Adam Hamberg	Freeborn County	Denise Wright	Waseca County
Earl Merchlewitz	Goodhue County	Ben Klinger	Winona County
Mark Olson	Houston County	Brett Knapp	City of Rochester
Tammy Stewig	Le Sueur County	Grant Eckoff	City of Rochester
Rich Droog	Le Sueur County	Mike Peterson	HSEM
Justin Block	Nicollet County	Tim Martin	National Guard
Jon Jacobson	Olmsted County	Chief Jose Palaez	City of St. Charles
Kim Flanagan	PIIC		

Next Meeting Date and Location:

Date	Host	Address
December 5	Olmsted Co EOC	1550 50th ST SE, Rochester