



Chairperson: Matt Maas, Dodge County
Vice Chairperson: Joe Johnson, Rice County
Recorder: Tammy Stewig, Le Sueur County
Fiscal Agent: Interim Ben Klinger, Winona County

Location: Olmsted County EOC
Date: January 9, 2026

Official meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Matt Maas at 10am

Approve Agenda:

Steele County asked to have Red Cross Trailer added to new business.

Matt Maas requested approval of the agenda:

- Motion to approve by Olmsted County
- Second by Wabasha County
- Motion passed

Approve prior Meeting Minutes:

Matt Maas requested approval of the minutes from the December meeting:

- Motion to approve by Fillmore County
- Second by Steele County
- Motion passed

Financials and Grants:

No bills to approve.

AT&T bill will be paid, this is an on-going invoice, no action needed.

SHSP Grant – the camera trailer has been ordered.

Old Business:

Elections took place in December.

2026 meeting schedule was emailed out to everyone and is on the Region 1 JPB website.

New Business:

April Meeting

It has been noted that April 3, 2026 meeting falls on a holiday, and not all counties are open for business. It was suggested to move the April meeting to the 10th.

- Motion by Houston County to change the April meeting to April 10th in Steele County.
- Second by Blue Earth County
- Motion passed

Fiscal Agent Update

Olmsted County announced that Judy Indrelie has announced her retirement. The new job description will include Fiscal Agent for SE MN Region 1 HSEM JPB. Olmsted County and Dodge County will work together as fiscal agent until the position is filled.

Red Cross Trailer

Red Cross is reducing the number of Shelter Trailers they have, and Steele County has received the title for the trailer they house. Discuss of whether the Region JPB or Steele County should title and own the trailer. Steele County put new tires and brakes on the trailer in 2025. If Steele County owns the trailer Region 1 EMs can request to use the trailer. Olmsted County suggested Region 1 JPB helps pay for preventative maintenance of the trailer and each county that uses the trailer pays for used supplies and any damage while in their possession. Red Cross may help maintain shelter supplies

- Motion by Blue Earth County to have Steele County accept the trailer as their own and the Region JPB help pay for preventative maintenance.
- Second by Nicollet County
- Motion passed

Updates:

SE MN Disaster Healthcare Coalition

- has approved one mini-series
- Under One Roof Conference in Duluth on March 20, 2026, 15 spots will be approved for EM
- Practicum Plus 2026 conference in Brooklyn Center on February 23, 2026, 5 spots will be approved for EM. SE counties **must** submit requests to Rachel Chiglo at chiglo.rachel@mayo.edu **no later** than January 19, 2026.

SC MN Disaster Healthcare Coalition County Emergency Managers have been asked to be part the Exercise Development Workgroups.

HSEM Update - Mike Peterson was unable to attend the meeting.

AMEM has approved their Annual Budget. The AMC Lobbyist contract was not renewed.

AMEM Professional Development Committee has had AMEM board approval for the committee to change how exercises are done. They are currently working with the Metro Region on planning an FAC exercise/training. Region 1 is slated for 2027, if you have an idea for a training/exercise let Kristen Sailer know. Dodge County suggested a large scale incident involving Rail.

HERT Training will be in Northfield, Rice County on Saturday, January 10, 2026. Region 5 will have some Emergency Managers attending the training as observers. Houston County suggested having a meeting scheduled for the HERT Instructors to discuss roles and maybe some restructuring.

Surveillance Camera Trailers have been scheduled for yearly maintenance. The new camera has been ordered. Camera usage for 2026 will be in WebEOC, Matt will work with Mike Peterson.

County/City/Tribe Updates:

Olmsted County

- discussed the Stewartville school shooting and reunification of students and coaches on December 12, 2025
- TEEEX and EMI contacted Jonathan to host classes, he is working with the State

Discussion of the school shooting be valuable at the School Safety Summit as a general session or break-out session.

Dodge County

- Finished EOP and has been approved

Le Sueur County

- EOP peer review completed
- City EM meeting January 14, 2026
- Attended the City of Rochester Exercise

City Rochester

- Hosting five basic Emergency Management classes in May, an email will be sent with the dates
- COOP workshop for city
- Full scale exercise with Olmsted County
- Working on implementing I LUV U GUYS for city buildings

Steele County

- Sheltering of 40 people with weather event
- COOP workshop in February
- Planning exercises with the City of Owatonna

Faribault County

- HMP approved by Commissioners

City of Albert Lea

- ICS 300 completed
- ICS 400 will be completed soon

Freeborn County

- Sheltered 35 people with weather event
- Issue with activating Armory, need a declaration to do so

Fillmore County

- Code Red to Everbridge went smooth

Wabasha County

- CRG notified to do mapping
- Working with cities to stop sounding sirens for fire calls

Waseca County

- HMP approved by the State
- EOP peer review completed
- Code Red to Regroup
- 2026 trainings set-up for County employees, if you have a bomb threat exercise for employees please let Denise know
- CERT class in April

Blue Earth County

- Code Red to Regroup
- Acquisitions still being worked on
- County Rd 9 bridge open house
- ICS 300 class in July and ICS 400 class in August
- Attended the City of Rochester exercise

Nicollet County

- HMP approved by the State

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:19am.

- Motion to approve by Houston County
- Second by Fillmore
- Motion passed

Meeting Attendees

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Eric Weller	Blue Earth County	Jonathan Jacobson	Olmsted County
Matt Maas	Dodge County	Nick Jacobson	Olmsted County
Sue Jahnke	Faribault County	Kristen Sailer	Steele County
Jason Harmening	Fillmore County	Megan Ringhofer	Steele County
Adam Hamberg	Freeborn County	Brenda Tomlinson	Wabasha County
Mark Olson	Houston County	Denise Wright	Waseca County
Tammy Stewig	Le Sueur County	Grant Eckhoff	City of Rochester
Rich Droog	Le Sueur County	Jeff Laskowske	City of Albert Lea
Justin Block	Nicollet County	Kim Flanagan	Prairie Island Indian Community

Next Meeting Date and Location:

Date	Host	Address
March	Olmsted County EOC	1550 50 th Street SE, Rochester

Olmsted County will provide treats 😊