



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

Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2026 Olmsted County EOC

Official meeting called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Matt Maas at 11:42am.

Roll Call/Introductions:

Sign-In Sheet was available for those attending to sign.

Introductions were not needed.

Approved Agenda:

Matt Maas requested approval of the agenda:

- Additions to the agenda were Indoor Mapping and Surveillance Camera Trailer
- Motion to approve by Waseca County
- Second by Winona County
- Motion passed

Approve prior Meeting Minutes:

Matt Maas requested approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2026, meeting:

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

Special Guests:

There were no special guests at the JPB meeting.

Financials and Grants:

- 2026 SHSP Application Review – Matt Maas reviewed the SHSP grant with the Region 1 JPB members. Requesting \$55,000 (\$25,000 School Safety Conference, \$10,000 HERT and \$20,000 Rail Incident training). SHSP application is due on June 8, 2026. Matt will submit the application right after the meeting today.

- MCIT – an invoice was received for 1 year of coverage for the amount of \$2,594.00. Matt Maas requested approval to pay the invoice to MCIT.
 - Motion to approve by Fillmore County
 - Second by City of Rochester
 - Motion passed

Old Business:

Fiscal Agent Transition – no update as Matt Maas, Ben Klinger and Jonathan Jacobson have not had a chance to meet.

School Safety Summit

- Committee is: Denise Wright, Kristen Sailer, Megan Ringhofer, Matt Maas, Mike Peterson and Tammy Stewig
- October 27th and 29th at the Double Tree in Owatonna
 - Matt Maas signed the contract
 - Payment of \$2,075 is due, Ben Klinger has mailed the payment
 - Double Tree has a block of rooms if anyone is needing to book a room
- General Sessions
 - Cybersecurity – MNIT
 - Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management –
MN School Safety Center (MN SSC)
 - Stewartville School shooting Reunification –
Olmstead County Emergency Management
- Breakout Sessions
 - Basic EOP – MN SSC
 - School Safety Training that Sticks – MN SSC
 - What's Your Struggle? – HSEM/Region 1 Emergency Management
 - Crisis Support for Schools: The Role of the School Crisis Response Team
– Regional Crisis Response Teams
- Room Monitors with each session
- Save the Date
 - Megan Ringhofer created a save-the-date flyer
 - Emailed to Region 1 Emergency Managers to share with schools, city emergency managers, SRO's, etc
 - If you did not receive the flyer email Tammy Stewig and she will re-send it
- Interpreters
 - MN State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind are willing to contract with Region 1 for ASL interpreters.
- Evaluation
 - Kristen Sailer will create a QR code for participants to fill out an evaluation at the end of the day
- Other
 - City of Owatonna will have a marked squad at the entrance both mornings
 - Emergency Managers who are law enforcement will also be asked to help with security inside the building

UP Rail Exercise

- 1st Arriving Office Training June 23, 2026, Freeborn County
- 1st Arriving Officer Training October 2026 Rice County
- Full Scale Exercise 2030 Freeborn County

New Business:

Indoor Mapping Project

- discussed ECB re: maps and sharing of maps for schools crossing county lines
- CRG maps should be able to be seen by everyone
- Trainings for public safety and schools
 - CRG wants to do the training as one group
 - Being requested to do public safety separate from schools
- June 15, 2026 meetings and trainings start
 - Have the right people invited to the meetings/trainings
- Grant has been extended to February 2027
- Macro maps may not happen

Updates:

SE MN Disaster Healthcare Coalition – Knapp/Eckhoff

- Virtual ICS training completed
- ICS training on Monday, June 8th

SC MN Disaster Healthcare Coalition – Weller

- H5N1 exercise complete

HSEM Update - Peterson:

At the HSEM Region 1 Quarterly meeting event reporting was discussed. Mike revisited the topic at the Region 1 JPB meeting, it was decided that one email per month to EM Directors.

AMEM – Bramwell/Sailer/Weller:

- Have meetings on June 8th and 9th
- Three leadership positions are open
- Registration for conference will be sent out after June 9th meeting

AMEM Professional Development Committee - Sailer:

- AMEM tabletop exercise will be on Sunday
- HSEM staff on medical leave, Regional exercise will be 2028

Legislative Update/AMED Legislative - Klinger:

- Nothing made it to the floor
- Hiring a lobbyist was discussed, not hiring

HERT Training Klinger/Merchlewitz:

- Meeting with Region 5 to help them start a HERT team

Surveillance Camera Trailer Updates Maas/Klinger:

3rd Trailer

- delayed because they missed our order
- will honor original quote
- Modifications for the trailer
 - PTZ camera – different manufacture than the other 2 trailers
 - Cradlepoint – different manufacture than the other 2 trailers
 - 8TB HD reduced to 4TB
 - Increased USB to 4TB
- Matt Maas approved to get the trailer done
- Dave Pike will contact First Net to add epoint for the 3rd trailer

Other Trailer

Olmsted County used one of the other trailers that just had maintenance done on. One of the cables snapped when putting the “mast” down. Be sure the cable is on the pully. Company will be fixing the trailer at no cost.

When using the switch for the mast, stop as soon as it is up or down, don’t hold it longer than needed.

County/City/Tibe Updates:

Blue Earth County

- Continuing with FEMA

Dodge County

- Indoor mapping

Freeborn County

- Tabletop exercise with nursing home
- Operation plans with nursing home
- 2 tornados

Goodhue County

- REP Drill
- REP Exercise in July
- Train Derailment Exercise in 2 weeks - CPKC

Le Sueur County

- FEMA Audit
- Bullhead Days in Waterville this weekend

Mower County

- County Fair and summer events
- HMP final steps, waiting for 1 agreement
- Rail training
- PEER review has been rescheduled

Olmsted County

- Working on full-scale exercise

Rice County

- Working on an exercise with St. Olaf and Northfield
- Tanker truck rollover
 - 7,000 gallons of gas spilled into ditch and road
 - Went towards Cannon River
 - St. Paul Hazmat Team responded
 - Closed roads – no one in, but could leave

Steele County

- Monthly tabletop exercises
- COOP updated for County
- Safety Month

Waseca County

- Active Shooter training for employees – Matt Maas presented
- Exercise in each building to hear a gun shot
- HMP has been approved for 5 years

Winona County

- Still recovering from Cyber incident
- Missing Person found safe
 - THANK YOU to everyone that offered to come help

City of Rochester

- DFL Convention

City of Red Wing

- CPCK came after planning was done
- REP drill and exercise
- ALICE training
- BRIC grant being applied for
- Treasure Island has Snoop Dog coming

National Guard

- Mobile Field force training

Walk-ins: None**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10pm

- Motion to approve by Winona County
- Second by Goodhue County
- Motion passed

Meeting Attendance

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Eric Weller	Blue Earth County	Sue Jahnke	Faribault County
Jason Harmening	Fillmore County	Adam Hamberg	Freeborn County
Earl Merchlewitz	Goodhue County	Mark Olson	Houston County
Tammy Stewig	Le Sueur County	Justin Block	Nicollet County
Jonathan Jacobson	Olmsted County	Nick Jacobson	Olmsted County
Joe Johnson	Rice County	Kristen Sailer	Steele County
Brenda Tomlinson	Wabasha County	Denise Wright	Waseca County
Ben Klinger	Winona County	Matt Maas	Dodge County
Grant Eckhoff	City of Rochester	Mike Peterson	RPC/State of MN HSEM
Amy Bramwell	Mower County	Tim Martin	MN National Guard
Dave Pike	Mower County	Megan Ringhofer	Steele County
Grady Nelson	City of Red Wing	Jose Palaez	City St. Charles

Next Meeting Date and Location:

Date	Host	Address
August 7, 2026	Steele County	630 Florence Ave, Owatonna MN

****Freeborn County scheduled for treats**