



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 – September 4, 2026 Olmsted County EOC

Official meeting called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Matt Maas at 11:10am.

Roll Call/Introductions:

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

Approved Agenda:

Matt Maas requested approval of the agenda:

- Additions - none
- Motion to approve by Winona County
- Second by Houston County
- Motion passed

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:

Matt Maas requested approval of the minutes of the August 7, 2026, meeting:

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

Financials and Grants:

Invoices to be paid for the School Safety Summit. No action needed as this is part of the SHSP grant.

Old Business:

Fiscal Agent Transition Ben Klinger will be meeting with Krista Weigel, new Fiscal Agent.

School Safety Summit

- Registration – an updated email to send to the schools. Tammy Stewig will sent it out the week of September 7th to EM's.
- Door Prizes – 2 Reunification Kits per day and 6 gift cards per day.

- Sessions – 4 breakout sessions each ½ hour, room monitors/time keepers will be assigned.
- Shirt orders will be available. Watch for an email. \$100 per entity, anything over that you will need to pay.

Indoor Mapping

- Schools can still opt-in until the end of November.
- Rapid SOS – maps for incidents
- Upcoming webinars are a repeat

New Business: none

Updates:

SE MN Disaster Healthcare Coalition – Knapp/Eckhoff - no report

SC MN Disaster Healthcare Coalition – Weller - no report

HSEM Update - Peterson:

- No meeting for Region 1 at AMEM.
- Region 5 has a livestock trailer.

AMEM – Bramwell/Sailer/Weller: Banquet is strong advised to attend.

AMEM Professional Development Committee - Sailer: Exercise will be Monday afternoon, 2 sessions.

Legislative Update/AMED Legislative - Klinger:

- Proposal to hire someone to lobby
- More funding
- EM become an essential function

HERT Training - Klinger/Merchlewitz – no report

Surveillance Camera Trailer Updates Maas/Klinger:

- Being used A LOT
- Insurance and Riders are not needed, covered through Region 1 JPB
- Repairs will be done in December/January when the yearly overhaul is done
 - Trailer 703 (housed in Winona County) shock sensors
 - Trailer 693 (house in Mower County) 3 motion sensors

County/City/Tibe Updates:

Faribault County

- Trailer for animals
 - Mitch's Towing is able to do hazmat and animal trailers
- Major fire in August, went well
 - Rehab trailer process has been established since

Freeborn County

- Shelter training in October or November.

Goodhue County

- Deputy Director position is open and posted.
- CISA exercise on September 29th.

Le Sueur County

- Cybersecurity Risk Awareness for Officials and Senior Management course with TEEEX on November 18th.

Mower County

- Has a livestock containment trailer
- All Hazard Mitigation Plan finished
- SBA, IA

Olmsted County

- April tornados
 - Department of Commerce hosting a open house with insurance reps in September
- Airport exercise with the City of Rochester
- Operation BBQ is a good source, contact Nick Jacobson for more information

Wabasha County

- Reception Center drill September 30th

Winona County

- Requested disaster assistance for each cyber attack
 - \$200,000+ 1st attack
 - \$300,000+ 2nd attack

City of Rochester

- Finished full-scale exercise and AAR done
- Airport exercise in 2027

City of Owatonna

- Working with Steele County
- Final interview for chief

City of St. Charles

- Meeting with school district to plan reunification training
- 2 electrical fires at 2 different locations nursing home/assisted living
 - Evacuation plans

City of Albert Lea

- Mobile home parks need evacuation policy if no shelter

National Guard

- Wildfires
- Appleton prison reopening

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1127am.

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

Meeting Attendance

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Matt Maas	Dodge 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	Amy Bramwell	Mower County
Dave Pike	Mower County	Jonathan Jacobson	Olmsted County
Nick Jacobson	Olmsted County	Krista Weigel Region 1 EM Fiscal Agent)	Olmsted County
Kristen Sailer	Steele County	Megan Ringhofer	Steele County
Brenda Tomlinson	Wabasha County	Denise Wright	Waseca County
Ben Klinger	Winona County	Grant Eckhoff	City of Rochester
Mike Peterson	HSEM/Region 1 RPC	Jeff Laskowske	City of Albert Lea
Jake Dashiell	City of Owatonna	Jose Palaez	City of St. Charles
Tim Martin	MN National Guard		

Meeting Dates and Locations:

Date	Host	Address	Treats
October 2 nd	Steele County	630 Florence Ave Owatonna MN	Waseca County
November 6 th	City of Rochester EOC	2185 Wheelock Dr NE Rochester MN	Steele County
* December 4 th	Olmsted County EOC	1550 50 th Street SE Rochester MN	City of Rochester

* quarterly HSEM meeting