Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee

Minutes October 13, 2020

Members present on the call:

Chair PDG Joe Miller Debbie Miller Jay Cupp PDG Jeff Thornton Mark Bearth Aur Beck September McAdoo

Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7676757417?pwd=T3d5Q2FpajR1emlLM0FlRmFTcnJKZz09>

 Meeting ID: 767 675 7417

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Chair Joe Miller reported

PPE deliveries are still occurring from the RI Disaster Grant received:

14 counties have received deliveries and the following have been in the last month: Pope, Saline, Wabash, Gallatin, Randolph and Jefferson Counties. We are ½ way through deliveries. Thank you to PDG Joe Miller for all of the work to deliver to our communities and to have press coverage. Mark requested a schedule be released so we can support area locations. Next will be Perry and Franklin counties.

The trailer is currently in Mt Vernon

The Jackson County EMA has requested Joe attend a meeting regarding an upcoming Exercise and what our objective would be. We really need a VRC practice exercise. The target date will be in 2021.

Jefferson County is still interested in us participating in the exercise that was delayed due to COVID and expect it to be in 2021.

Ed Hoke presented to SPARC (Shawnee Preparedness and Response Coalition) meeting that we are prepared to do a VRC in the event of a disaster, so name recognition is happening. A tabletop exercise occurred with a simulated train accident with Chlorine release near a school. The Virtual exercise seemed to be limited in their pediatric supplies needed for this exercise. Joe felt there were unanswered security question regarding minors.

Joe met with September to plan for an AED for the trailer. The cost is estimated to be $1000. Mark Bearth will see if he has a resource that can offer one at a discounted cost. We have quite a few medical supplies in the trailer.

Jay Cupp has a truck available if needed to pull the trailer.

Mark Bearth wondered about our compliance with the weight requirements for our trailer and the manufacturer’s specs. to ensure our volunteers are protected from liability in case we are overloaded. He shared even if not at fault if we have an overweight trailer we could have an issue.

Aur reported Jackson County has a photo on their web site of our team with PPE delivery. It can be viewed at <https://www.jacksoncounty-il.gov/home>

Jill mentioned Mt Vernon is chartering a Satellite club focused on Pets and we should invite them to be part of our committee to support the much needed assistance for our furry friends in the event of a disaster.

Joe also mentioned the consideration in the District of a Cause Based Club focused on Disasters and said there is a DAC set up already that could support it.

Aur is now involved in the Rotary Action Group for Disasters.

Next Zoom meeting November 10 at 7:30 p m.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski