

Manitowoc County EMS Association Meeting Minutes

1/28/2026

Host: Branch First Responders

The 1/28/2026 meeting of the Manitowoc County EMS Association was called to order at 1900 by the president. The meeting is held in person and virtually. The meeting began at 1900. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was presented as printed. A correction was requested to the minutes to have Adam listed with Branch. With that correction, a motion was made by Francis Creek and seconded by Branch to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balances: Checking: \$2160.17. Savings: \$4563.57. A motion was made to accept the report as presented by Francis Creek and seconded by Valders. Motion was carried. The treasurer also reports that the 2026 dues statements are here for agencies. Some discussion on possibly getting some interest on our monies with looking at CD's. She states that some places have 2%-3.75%. Some discussion and this will come back up for more discussion at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. **Contact List:** Updates were asked for. Items may be sent to the webmaster for other updates. This includes email addresses, phone number, & contact information.
2. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Emergency Government/Dispatch/Radio:**
 - Discussion on the new dispatch protocol. There was discussion brought up to possibly change the order of the pre-alerts from what is Requesting that dispatch change the order of the pre-alert for EMS.
Now it is as follows: Pre-alert: Tones- attention agency(s) – address; Dispatch: tones- details of call

Proposed a change to be: Pre-alert – Attention agency(s); Tones – address; Dispatch: tones – details of call

The only change is stating the **agency first** before pre-alert tones.

Example script: Attention St Nazianz First Responders and Kiel Ambulance; Tones – stand by for EMS calls at 123 Main Street

Then: Tones – St Nazianz First Responders and Kiel Ambulance respond Delta to 123 Main St for a conscious and breathing male with chest pain. Done.

The discussion was long and difficult with the Webex participants and hearing well and eventually the discussion was called and the issue will be brought back up with further discussion at the next meeting.
 - Intersections: The president spoke again about cleaning up intersections in your territories with your colleagues and the responding ambulance services giving the examples that Valders and Kiel worked out. Once you do this, get signatures from the people/agencies involved, then these changes can be submitted to JDC for mapping updates.
 - Emergency Management Melissa also spoke on the ICS Interface training coming up in March 3/18/26. She is recommending the class.
 - ID Updates: Melissa is also the contact to get your Manitowoc County Disaster ID tags
 - b. **Manitowoc County Sheriff Department:** Nothing new for tonight.
 - c. **Protocols:** We are working to get all protocols.

- d. **Disaster/Training:** New classes via emergency government and the HERC. Seminars coming from RTAC. There is also a class coming for K9 medical care at emergencies. Mishicot is looking to see if there is interest. This would be a 4 hour class and they would like 15-30 people to attend.
- e. **RTF:** no updates
- f. **Education/Training:** Follow the website, HERC, & RTAC emails for educational opportunities. Many seminars via HERC are coming up, Theda Clark, and Froedtert. Also Mishicot is looking to host a K9 medical emergency class if there is interest. More to follow.
- g. **Medical Directors:** Protocol updates ongoing. No one has been hired for EM Track at the state.
- h. **MABAS:** Reminder to do any enhancements on your life safety cards.
- i. **NEW RTAC/HERC:** Encouraged to go to websites and look at training, education, and funding.
- j. **Lakeshore College:** Rob gave an update that there is an EMR hybrid class in Cleveland that has been added, a Kohler EMR class and Branch is going on now. Refreshers are coming up in Spring.

New Business:

1. **What Three Words:** Connie from JDC brought up this program. Many factors hindered good conversation on this program as many were not familiar with it, we had no brochures or information to read on it for education and with the discussion not being in person, details were not clearly understood. We requested more information on the program and its potential uses for the next meeting.
2. **Vendors:** Discussion on vendors at the meetings. While no definitive motion was made, many were not in favor of formal presentations from vendors at the meetings but some were not opposed to them being there and discussion prior or after the meeting proper.
3. **Meeting Timeline Changes:** The president made an executive decision to try this meeting in a new format with the meeting first and education after the meeting to help the people attending online. Some discussion that they struggle to see/hear the education. Further discussion about the lunch at meetings was also held with maybe having the food available earlier and eating through the meeting. A motion was made by Branch to eat first at 1845, meeting begins at 1900. Seconded by Mishicot. We will try this format for 1 year and re-evaluate.
4. **Orange Cross:** The issue of Orange Cross being an official member was again put on the agenda. This was discussed at prior meetings and they are very welcome to attend meetings and the by-law group will look at official membership when they convene. Discussion on them as a valued mutual aid partner was also had as Orange Cross is on many of our MABAS cards. Jeremy asked for clarification about having Manitowoc Radio frequencies and that was thought to be very appropriate. Jeremy noted that they have a "station" with an ambulance at it now at Froedtert Holy Family and they are looking to staff it full time but right now coverage is 0700-1900. He states they are doing inter-facility transport and will be available for intercepts from Brillion as needed.
5. **Radio Traffic:** Discussion of minimizing radio traffic after dispatches was also had. The discussion was long and no motions were made. The protocol we are looking for is to acknowledge the calls with clear, short responses and then to get off the main frequency to allow other radio traffic continue. Discussion on using the repeated channels for other issues like who is enroute was also had. We will clarify which channels are repeated as there was some confusion on this issue.
6. **Food Reimbursement:** This issue was brought up again and will remain an ongoing option for hosting departments to receive \$50 towards the meal. They do not have to take the monies.
7. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at Cleveland at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Branch and seconded by Valdars. The meeting was adjourned at 2023.

Education was then presented by Dr. Sarah DiMezza on Pediatric trauma for another 30 minutes. 0.5 hr. of education.

Submitted:

D. Holschbach,

Secretary

Agency Attendance: Branch, Cleveland, Collins, Newton, Francis Creek, Kellnersville, Manitowoc, Kiel, Valders, Mishicot, Reedsville, Silver Creek, St. Nazianz, Orange Cross, Emergency Government and JDC, LTC, MTSO.

Mark Knier	Newton	Deb Holschbach	Newton
Adam Zimmerman	Branch	Coralee Wenzel	Collins
Lori Krueger	St. Nazianz	Scott Kohlmann	Branch
Curt Biely	Kellnersville	Amy Kohlmann	Branch
Carla Halvorson	Mishicot	Jeremy Langnese	Orange Cross
John Biely	Francis Creek	Dr. Suzanne Martens	Valders, Reedsville, St. Nazianz
Todd Olig	Kiel	Nicole Stotzheim	Reedsville
Kyle Storzheim	Reedsville/MTSO	Kristy Schmidt	Silver Creek
Paige Kueker	Valders	Mike Chizek	Newton
Lydia Slotke	Cleveland	Mel Neilson	Emergency Government
Rob Schmidt	Lakeshore College	Andy Resch	Branch