Rotary District 6510 Disaster Response Committee

Minutes November 10, 2020

Members present on the call:

Chair PDG Joe Miller Debbie Miller Jay Cupp PDG Jeff Thornton

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

 Meeting ID: 767 675 7417

Passcode: 235227

Phone: 312-626-6799

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. We have gone to Perry, Franklin, Hamilton and White Counties and next Monday is Monroe and St. Clair Counties with PPE deliveries

We also have an additional supply of masks received from a Grant.

We are now recognized by 5 counties as being written into their Disaster plan as they are being updated per state requirements. Joe felt this is a great sign of progress.

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 for table top exercise will be in April 2021 with a Railroad Hazardous spill situation at 1100 near SIUC then the actual event will be in April 2022

Jefferson County is still interested in us participating in the exercise that was delayed due to COVID and expect it to be in Feb or March 2021 to be held in Mt. Vernon. Their High School has a firefighter training program and they will augment our volunteers. We will need to have an O’Fallon practice prior to that event.

Mark Bearth has a resource that can offer an AED at a discounted cost as a refurbished unit. This has been authorized for purchase. We have quite a few medical supplies in the trailer.

Our Current Disaster fund resources are in the Rotary District 6510 Charities fund as a restricted account and our balance is currently $4000

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.

Next Zoom meeting December 8 at 7:30 p m.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Jill Pietrusinski