

CISM Minutes – 2/5/15

- Meeting was called to order and roll was taken.
- Discussed the need for more exposure of the ODEMSA CISM team to the region. Possible lecture series for hospital CE dinners in different planning districts as an option.
- Discussed possible use of Active911 as a primary alert system when there is a CISM activation. Benefits of using Active911 vs. mass text was questioned. Damien advised he would do more research and send out info on Active911.
- Discussed having a mandatory annual meeting at the end of the summer(which was met with unanimous agreement from the team members present), with early to mid-September being the proposed time period. The genesis of this discussion was in part due to persistent low turnout at the quarterly meetings, as well as a way of celebrating the fellowship within the CISM team itself. Having had discussions with Jim Nelms(CISM Instructor from Atlanta who has been doing the CISM certification courses recently thanks to Bon Secours), he advised that the Georgia CISM team has a required annual meeting much like the one being proposed. The meeting would be held on a weekend vs. a weeknight and would include also count as the quarterly meeting for that respective quarter. As it would be the only mandatory meeting for the year, continued membership on the ODEMSA CISM team would be contingent on a team member's presence at this meeting(barring unforeseen circumstances or previously made plans this year). This was also something the present members agreed upon. Further information will be sent out regarding this in the near future. Max Bornstein offered his home with a pool as a site for such a meeting..
- Members were advised that for mileage reimbursement to be obtained, a CISM Team Intervention Report must be submitted. This form has already been sent out to the ODEMSA CISM e-mail list. Please make sure to submit a completed form with your mileage reimbursement request.
- As part of the screening process for CISM team candidates, an interview process has been implemented. Any applicant wishing to join the ODEMSA regional CISM team will meet with the ODEMSA CISM coordinator as well as a senior team member(s) for an interview. If the applicant is endorsed by the interview panel, ODEMSA will pay for the candidate to get a background check. Barring any flags on the background check, the applicant will join as a probationary team member.

- Upcoming educational opportunities were discussed as well. Shannon Daniel advised she would possibly be putting together an ASSIST(suicide prevention) class in April/May. Mary Houston advised she was willing to have Bon Secours host another CISM training course, but would like to see a larger class with which to build the ODEMSA regional CISM team's membership. Max advised he was working on a "Caretaker taking care of the caretaker" course aimed at providing education about the stress caretakers typically suffer from, as well as different avenues of support that can be provided.
- Shannon Daniel also questioned whether it might be possible for us to participate in a "Train the Trainer" class for CISM instructor. Further information was needed to see if this was a viable option.
- Meeting at 1830 was agreed on as a more convenient time for future CISM Team meetings.
- Meeting adjourned.