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Polar Plunge Event
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AFTER ACTION REPORT

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Executive Summary - On Saturday, February 26 2022 the Camden County EMA/CERT operated from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, acting as traffic and crowd control for the days' events. These included the 5k run (traffic control), chili cookoff, silent auction, pee wee plunge, parade of costumes, and adult polar plunge (crowd control for the rest).

Project Overview

Project Name:	Polar Plunge 2022
Date:	February 26, 2022
Duration:	~1 operational time period
Location:	Public Beach #2 Osage Beach, MO
Planning Team:	Camden County EMA, OBPD, Camden County CERT
Number of Participants:	2 EMA and 9 CERT members
Oversight:	Camden County EMA

Assessment

Objective 1: Traffic control for the 5k run.

Activities: CERT members assisted with setting out traffic cones prior to the event. They then provided traffic control during the event. They assisted with removing/collecting traffic cones after the event. The Deputy EMD provided oversight for all of those activities.

Assessment: With the exception of a few individuals who ran the cones, operations proceeded as expected. The route and stationing of CERT members was great.

There was no Incident Action Plan (IAP) provided by the first responder agency that was running the event. CERT needs more multi-point traffic control training. There was no parking designation. The EMA radio cache needs to be reprogrammed. There were not enough restroom facilities.

Objective 2: Crowd control for the day's events.

Activities: One of the event coordinators requested CERT operations for crowd control. The Deputy EMD provided oversight for all of those activities.

Assessment: The EMA Director was able to leave and the Deputy EMD was more than capable of managing the scene, events, and volunteers. It was noted by OBPD Officer Travis Morley that radio communications was exceptional. CERT leadership was dynamic and knowledgeable. Cooperation with a partnering EMA (Cole County) was greatly appreciated (we borrowed their light tower, as ours is on order). Cooperation with other first responder agencies and private/public sector entities was phenomenal.

CERT does not have the right to make calls about potential emergencies once they have alerted authorities/first responders.

Conclusion - Overall, with the sparse information the EMA and CERT were provided, the team responded well and did a great job. We found some issues and training concerns on which to work.

Recommendations -

The recommendations for correction are as follows:

1. Additional multi-point traffic control training needed for CERT. Coordinate with OBPD for that.
2. Clearly mark parking areas (VIP, volunteer, handicap, etc).
3. EMA radio cache needs to be reprogrammed.
4. Pursue efforts to participate in the planning phase of events.