

**Gratiot County SSA Meeting**  
**March 9, 2021**  
**Minutes**

- I. Call to Order: 9:01 am via zoom
- II. Attendance: Richelle Davis (Child Advocacy), Traci Gavenda (Ashley Schools), Jennifer McKittrick (St. Louis Schools), Dan Morden (911/Central Dispatch), Steven Netzley (Ithaca Schools), Dave Nelson (Fire Chiefs Association), Danielle Payne (GIRESD), Richard Ramereiz (St. Louis PD), Kelli Sigafoose (GIRESD), Wade Slavik (Breckenridge Schools), Michael Soltis (Gratiot County EM), Jeff Yonker (MSP-Homeland Security), Steve Schutter (MSP), Andy Fias (MSP), Christopher Charkowske (GIHN), Leann Barton (GIRESD), Donalynn Ingersoll (Alma Schools), Alexa Morton (Child Advocacy)
- III. Special Presentation, Dan Morden-911 Central Dispatch
  - a. <https://youtu.be/AHWtmmyYh-M>
  - b. Encourage everyone to create a Smart911 profile for quicker response if 911 were to be called. This service is utilized all over the United States. User can also sign up for alerts and notifications. Smart911.com
  - c. Organizations can create a corporate profile in Smart 911 and input building maps, emergency contacts, etc. to help emergency responders provide quicker service.  
<https://www.smart911.com/corporateprofile/portal/login>
- IV. Gratiot-Isabella RESD
  - a. GIRESD has a page on their website specific for school safety. This will be updated to include meeting agendas/minutes, resources, etc. <https://www.giresd.net/domain/28>
  - b. Homeland Security Conference is scheduled for August 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Registration should be available in May.
  - c. There have been 26 referrals from Handle with Care to local districts
- V. Emergency Management-
  - a. Submit drill documentation to [msoltis@gratiotmi.com](mailto:msoltis@gratiotmi.com)
  - b. Severe Weather Week is March 21-27. There will be a statewide tornado drill on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Schools are encouraged to use this time to complete drills or have discussions with students/staff on what to do during a tornado.
- VI. Sherriff's Department/City Department
  - a. Sherriff's Department- First Amendment Audit has been out filming public locations. Hopeful that they will not disrupt schools. The Youth Police Academy will be the last full week in June. The Golf Outing to support this event will be June 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Sherriff Morris.
  - b. MSP-Homeland Security-There is a media toolkit that can be used to promote severe weather week and tornado safety. [2021 media toolkit](#)

- c. MSP-New officers have been hired and are busy with training. With additional staff, we are hopeful to get more officers into Gratiot County. There will be a youth police academy in Montcalm County in July.

VII. Local Districts

- a. Ithaca-working on drills. Will be talking through tornado drills to maintain safety.
- b. Breckenridge-finishing up 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period and trying to get as many students back face to face. Masks remain an issue for why students are virtual.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Radio Checks- Central dispatch is continuing to do radio checks on First Thursday of each month. If your radio is on the SSA network, please make sure to have someone available that can check the radios and respond to central dispatch.

IX. Roundtable

- a. GIHN-Justin, who previously worked in the schools, has taken another job. GIHN is currently looking to hire his replacement. They will be hiring staff through 31N funding to support Breckenridge and St. Louis. They are hoping to have someone hired to start this year, if not then in the fall.
- b. Child Advocacy- April is child abuse prevention month. Blue Mondays will still happen, although a lot of events have had to be cancelled due to Covid. Wear blue and share your photos with Child Advocacy.

X. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 am

XI. Next Meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am via zoom