

# Steele County CAER Minutes

Jan 20, 2016

6:30 PM

## **Location:**

Medford City Hall

## **Call To Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Tom Karnauskas.

## **Attendees:**

Iris Johnson, Tom Karnauskas, Mike Johnson, Jerry Ibberson, Barb Ruhter, Alec Newbowers, Jill Bondhus, Mark Skrouch, Rick Hager, Karen Fountaine, Andy Welti, Emily Heimerl, Sandy Hardy-Hagen, Timothy Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Tim VanEngelenhoven, Jon King

## **Routine Approvals:**

- Minutes of Nov 18, 2015 were approved.
- Treasurer's Report was approved. Balance unchanged at \$1801.77.

## **Old Business:**

1. Credential Update:
  - a. Waiting on waiver form approval. Working on security system part for entering buildings.
2. CAER shirts for members. Tom will contact Court Sports for information on polo shirts with logo. About a dozen members are interested in purchasing the shirts.

## **New Business:**

1. Allina Hospital Vulnerability Study – Members reviewed the study and allowed to ask questions. Those that approved it signed the sheet noting their agreement.
2. Iris will send out the members contact list and have everyone update their information.

## **Member Reports**

### **Allina Hospital**

Jon King presented the hospitals Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment at this week's meeting He had everyone review and sign off if they approved.

### **American Red Cross**

The two trailers with sheltering supplies were moved to the Fairgrounds. No callouts.

## **CERT**

CERT is working on a drill. Bonnie J will send updated contact list to Jill at RSC. Jill does hold training on Everbridge.

## **Chamber of Commerce**

Crazy Days in January (Formerly Armory Sale) – January 21 – 23, community wide  
Business After Hours 1/26/16 – Kerry- North America, 220 NW 24th AVE @ 5:30 (Members only)  
Check [www.owatonna.org](http://www.owatonna.org) for other community events

## **Clothesline**

### **Civil Air Patrol**

Wants to use Steele County's emergency trailer for a drill.

- We will be holding ICUT (Introductory Communications User Training) for our squadron on 9 February 2016.
- We are still working on getting approved to have another fundraiser (LAN-Party) at the Airport in March.
- We are starting the cooperative planning process for the Group 4 Emergency Services Training Weekend in May (held mainly between Owatonna, Rochester and Red Wing in the Whitewater State Park.)

## **EMS**

### **Food Shelf**

### **Medford Fire Dept.**

New firefighters completing training and doing a burn in mid-March.

## **MN/VOAD**

### **RACES/ARES**

OSCAR will hold its next Technician License Class beginning 16-Feb.

## **SKYWARN**

Held a December Fundraiser. On April 1<sup>st</sup> will have a display of local and state disasters with the Historical Society.

## **RSC 911**

RSC has a new Operations Manager named Karen Whittaker.

## **Salvation Army**

+Sense we last met our main focus has been on our "Red Kettle Campaign"

+We raised \$102,000.00

+We helped with 2 households who had fires.

+50 Christmas food baskets went out to families in Steele County

+November and December we saw a large number of families at risk of eviction.

+ FYI: Community Connect is coming up on January 21st at St. Joseph from 11:00AM-2:00PM

## **SCPH/MRC**

### **Steele County Emergency Manager**

Mike received an Emergency Management funding grant.

MNDOT road closures – Sheltering was moved from the armory to the Community Center at the fairgrounds. A track vehicle is used to pick up stranded people on the highway. Get their contact information so that they can be returned quickly to their vehicles to clear the road.

Writing a 2016 mitigation grant for cities and county.

Drone Use – Mike discussed possibly using drones in emergencies and asked Alec for input from Cap. He wants their help with doing grid searches.

**The business meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm followed by a discussion on ESF6 Mass Care/Shelter.**

**Next meeting is on March 16th at 6:30 pm at the Owatonna Fire Hall.**