

Steele County CAER Minutes

March 16, 2016

6:30 PM

Location:

Owatonna Fire 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, Karen Fountaine, Tim VanEngelenhoven, Jon King, Rick Hager, Lori Heslep

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of Jan 20, 2016 were approved.
- Treasurer's Report was not approved due to no report from Treasurer. Tom stated that there were no expenses.

Old Business:

1. Credential Update:
 - a. Changes to templates being made. A license to use the software was purchased. Tom to send forms out electronically to each group. Kristi Blum at County Bldg is the contact for getting badges made.
2. CAER shirts for members. Tom shared that there is a \$60 setup fee and Mike stated that he would get that covered. The group voted to pay for shirt themselves at Court Sports. Cost is \$15 for S-XL and \$2 more for each X added. We agreed on royal blue polo shirts and they have men's and lady's sizes available.
3. Blood borne Pathogen Training – Mike is setting up an online course and he can teach a classroom version. If you take it through work or another organization just show the certificate to Mike. All volunteers that are exposed to bodily fluids need this training.
4. This year's objectives are centered on sheltering and EOC roles for CAER members.

New Business:

CERT Annual Meeting/Shelter Training – Being held at the Community Center at the fairgrounds. Starts at 6:00 pm with training at 6:30 pm. RSVP Bonnie at the fire hall 507-444-2454. Members from all volunteer groups are invited to join the training.

Skywarn Spotter Training on 4/11 at 7:00 pm

ARMER Radio Training on 4/21 at 6:30 pm

Safe Summer on 4/30

Member Reports

Allina Hospital

On April 28th & 29th there's a state wide drill testing communication and capacity. Public Health is also participating.

Working on violence prevention training.

American Red Cross

There were two callouts for fires. The first one was on 2/3 at a townhouse for a family of three. The second one was on 4/13 at an apartment building with only one unit affected. The one resident was transported to the hospital then airlifted. We did not speak with her. Social services at the hospital she went to will contact local Red Cross for assistance.

Kris Irke and Iris met with Allana Kern from ACTS to discuss how we can mutual benefit each other. Afterwards we met with our disaster team to share changes in Red Cross.

Iris attended a MRC Conference in Rochester on 4/12 that covered cultural sensitivity, people with behavioral challenges in an emergency and Scott Reiten's sheltering presentation. He shared that each county is getting a shelter manager's kit that includes a radio, He's working on getting each county 2 tablets to use during emergencies and shelter communication teams are being formed to come help whenever a shelter is opened.

CERT

Annual Meeting is on April 7th at 6:30 pm includes shelter training.

Working on setting up organization and supplies for sheltering.

Chamber of Commerce

Young Professionals Social Mixer scheduled for Friday, March 18th @ 5:30 pm – SpareTime Entertainment – Cash Bar with some appetizers provided

Business Expo – Thursday, May 5th & Friday May 6th – Contact the chamber if you are interested, member, non-profit, food and non-member booth pricing. Call OACCT for more details

Running for Office – Wednesday, April 13th – 5:30 – 7:00 – 3rd Flood Fire Hall

Taking Flower Basket donations now – help support the beautiful flower baskets displayed from May to September!

Clothesline

Civil Air Patrol

I just completed the evaluation for a new ICUT.

Planning for the ES Training Weekend in May is going well. It looks like the Coast Guard Auxiliary and ?Worthington Squadron? are planning on attending also. With Tom's help, I should have the antennas ready.

I have not been able to research drones any further yet.

EMS

Food Shelf

MN/VOAD

RACES/ARES

Amateur Radio completed the Technician license class. Three successful candidates passed the exam. This was our 12th year resulting in over 70 new licenses being acquired.

SKYWARN

Biggest thing for us is our upcoming SKYWARN Training. Monday, April 11th at the Steele County History Center. Everyone interested in Severe Weather is invited to attend. Flyer is attached. PLEASE NOTE the new venue. This is to coincide with the MN Disasters display which will be on exhibit at that time.

Also coming up is the annual Minnesota Severe Storms Conference, Saturday, April 9th at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. Keynote speaker is Mr. Bob Dixon, Mayor of Greensburg, KS which was devastated by the first EF-5 tornado on May 4th, 2007. The conference is always a great event. Registration closes in roughly two weeks. More information is available at www.mnskywarnworkshop.org.

RSC 911

Salvation Army

No new updates.

SCPH/MRC

SE MN MRC Conference was held on March 12 in Rochester.
MN Statewide Full-Scale Exercise planned for March 28-29

Steele County Emergency Manager

Mike is attending Emergency Management Institute training in Sept for develop recovery planning.

The Radios are having channels reprogrammed.

Mike is sending damage assessment forms out to the county and cities.

Mike shared the city, region & state hazard assessment ratings. A motion to accept them was approved.

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Next meeting is on May 18th at 6:30 pm in Ellendale.