

Steele County CAER Minutes

Nov 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, Jerry Ibberson, Barb Ruhter, Alec Newbowers, Mike Johnson, Jon King, Bonnie Johnson, Karen Whittaker, Sandee Hardy-Hagen, Karen Fountaine, Roger Wencil, Gina Shepherd, Dee Kirchner

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of Sept 21, 2016 were approved.
- Treasurer's Report - no change & was approved.

Old Business:

1. Credential Update:
 - a. First batch of badges are done. Tom Karnauskas is handing them out at group meetings. The second batch is in process.
2. CAER shirts for members. Tom ordered one shirt to see how it looks. Court Sports donated the setup fee for the logo.

New Business:

Training:

CERT – The next new member class is scheduled to start on Feb 2, 2017. CERT is considering setting up some short training sessions of one hour each.

Amateur Radio Class Feb 21st – March 16th 2017.

Skywarn Class – March 21, 2017.

Blood Borne Pathogen –Everyone can take on line or in a group class. Do in Jan 2017.

For on line:

The Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP) training program I have is the same as the federal collateral duty training for federal employees. This training is within the "Industrial Hygiene" module. See menu at <http://www.labtrain.noaa.gov/osha600/menu/menu14.htm>

A person does not need to take all the courses. The can just take the BBP course. The quiz questions that come up during the course can be skipped but the student might find these are helpful when the ten question test is

given at the end. This is when and where the student enters their name and organization. A record of completion is created when the student scores 100%. You can take the test over again-and again, and you'll find the test changes (so you can't memorize the test).

INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to <http://www.labtrain.noaa.gov/osha600/mod25/2501----.htm> and begin the course

At the end of the course, enter your name and organization and start the test

Grade the test

Print or save your certificate

Regional Shelter Drill in Albert Lea on Dec 12, 2016.

MRC – Active Shooter Presentation by Lon Thiele on Nov 28th at 6:30 pm at the Steele county Public Health Office.

Annual Elections

VP/Sec Iris Johnson offered to stay on, no other nominations – approved.

Exec Committee – Lon Thiele offered to stay on, no other nominations – approved.

Pearl Street CAD System

Karen Whittaker, Operations Manager, shared that the new CAD System will go live on Dec 6th at 6:00 am. This system provides better interfacing between various groups.

Allina Hospital HVA, high risk and vulnerability assessment was shared and approved.

Iris Johnson to send out member contact list for all members to verify their information and inform her of any changes.

Member Reports

American Red Cross

Disaster Assessment for one day in Waseca, held a MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center) in Waseca for two days and a one day MARC in Albert Lea. Deployed twice once in Waseca and once in Owatonna to provide client assistance. Provided a meal to sand baggers in Medford. Unloaded clean up kits at the fire hall then loaded the left-over kits back onto an ERV to take to Albert Lea. Provided feeding in Ellendale after the train derailment.

CERT

We elected new board members in CERT. Jerry Ibberson and Bonnie Johnson did a t.v. interview regarding setting up an emergency shelter with Owatonna Today. CERT did Disaster Assessment during the flood.

RACES/ARES

1. Utilized the October OSCAR meeting as a mini Field Day, gathering at the Crane Creek Park site.
2. The 2017 Technician License Class is scheduled. See oscarmn.org for more details.

SKYWARN

Skywarn had several people doing flood gauge readings during the Sept Flood event. No other activity. Skywarn is holding a Fund raiser. [A Pancake/French toast breakfast at the VFW Sunday Dec 11th 8AM to noon.](#)

Tickets are available from Skywarn members.

RSC 911

New CAD system going live on Dec 6th.

Salvation Army

Provided assistance during the flood with lodging, furniture and cleanup kits. The kettle campaign is starting and help is needed.

SCPH/MRC

Karen Fontaine urged all to get their Flu Shots. Pertussis, whooping cough, is in the area and impacting school age children. Be careful when traveling to areas with the Zika virus.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting in Medford on 01/18/17 at 6:30 pm.