

Steele County CAER Minutes

June 19, 2013

7:00 PM

Location:

Steele County EOC

Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Tom Karnauskas.

Attendees:

Tom Karnauskas, Mike Johnson, Iris Johnson, Chris Gannon, Dee Kirchner, Emily Heimerl, JoAnn Eichten, Tom Fitzhenry, Roger Wencl, Bea Oberg

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of May15, 2013 General Meeting were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was unchanged and had no expenses.

Old Business:

1. **Badges** – Badge making training will be setup for the new machine. Tom to pick a date and let Mike know. Trainees include Tom, CERT member, Mike & Iris so far.
2. **Training** – There were no training events.
3. **Chamber of Commerce Preparedness Conference** – No date for next year has been selected for the conference.
4. **Cots** – Mike plans on sending 45 of the special needs cots to Freeborn County. Iris agrees this is a good idea. Iris will continue to discuss with Andy at ARC Southern MN Chapter to get a grant for a rehab size trailer to store the remaining cots in.

Member Reports:

- 1) **CAP** – Tom Fitzhenry, a CAP Pilot reported on ways CAP can augment services for CAER. To activate CAP use the state duty officer and for low altitude power parachute searches call 612-861-4912(Tom Fitzhenry direct). In Minnesota CAP has 20 aircraft, 23 squadrons, ground assets (people), and 12 passenger vans. CAP can do ground searches for rescue, flood assessments, live video feed to EOC, sandbagging and flood cleanup. Ask as soon as you can. Must pay for gas for planes at \$100 per hour.
- 2) **Races** – Tom reported that the Field Day on June 18th will be held at the Fairgrounds at 18th and Oak.

- 3) **Allina Hospital** – In May conducted an internal disaster drill that simulated building damage due to a tornado and moved patients horizontally.
- 4) **Skywarn** – Held a training session with 20 new volunteers participating.
- 5) **Salvation Army** – Help with homeless through hospital notification.
- 6) **Emergency Manager** –
 - a) The Presidential Initiative Group working on developing best practices for an active shooter at schools selected Owatonna to help create a plan. They want a table top active shooter drill in the fall but Mike doesn't believe that is a doable timeframe. A Trauma Group in SE & SW MN is also involved.
 - b) The new sirens are installed and tested. Four of the sirens have voice PA and prerecorded message ability. They are located at the fairgrounds, Lake Kolmier, downtown and at the water park. Channel 5 News is going to be here July 3rd to do a story on the sirens.
 - c) The various volunteer organizations are going to help at the SCFF to signup people for Everbridge. A signup will be coming out soon to each group.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.
- Next Meeting is scheduled for July 17th at 7:00 PM.