

## Steele County CAER Minutes

July 18, 2012

7:00 PM

### **Location:**

Steele County EOC

### **Introductions:**

### **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order by Tom Karnauskas

### **Attendees:**

Aron Leavstrom, Bea Oberg, Chris Gannon, Karen Fountaine, Iris Johnson, Mary Fink, Roger Wencil, Tom Karnauskas, Sandee Hardy-Hagen, Autumn Gangelhoff, Barb Ruhter

### **Approvals:**

Routine business review included:

1. Minutes of June 20, 2012 General Meeting were approved.
2. The Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance of \$1,800.77.

### **Old Business:**

Chris Gannon gave an update on the SCEM Portal. The new URL is <http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/>

Sandee Hardee Hagen said that she might know of someone who could assist CAER with questions regarding tax exemption issues.

The next Formidable Footprint Exercise is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>. Due to the scheduling of the local CAER exercise in October, members thought that it would be best not to participate in the Formidable Exercise.

There were no new developments to report concerning the Business Recovery Program.

Chris reported on the 800 MHz radio training. He said that he will be contacting groups that still need to be trained on the radio operation.

Chris reported that grant money has been received for outdoor warning sirens. The request for bids will go out sometime this fall.

Sandee gave an update on the fall CAER Drill. She requested that any CAER group that wants to participate should send her information on what their group needs to have tested during the drill.

### **New Business:**

Chris reported on the siren incident that occurred on June 20. He said that Mike and he had met with the alerting agencies to coordinate ongoing communication system issues.

Chris said that he would discuss payment for CERT Training Expenses (Anoka Drill) with Mike Johnson.

Tom reminded CAER members to share any program ideas with him.

### **Citizen Corp Reports**

CERT: Sandee reported on the Anoka Drill that several CERT volunteers had attended. She also gave an update on the October CAER Drill.

Medical Reserve Corp/Public Health: Karen reported that Steele County Public Health had applied for and was approved for a GETS card.

Hospital: Bea reported that the hospital held a drill on July 11 with the Owatonna Police Department, Gold Cross, and the Owatonna Fire Department.

Ellendale Emergency Manager: No Report

Salvation Army: Roger reported that they are in the process of orientating new members.

Emergency Medical Services: No Report

Civil Air Patrol: Aron reported that the Duluth SAR Mission scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. MNWG Air Force Evaluation is scheduled for August 3-5 in Bemidji.

MN VOAD: No Report

RACES/ARES: Tom reported that RACES/ARES have completed FD activities.

Red Cross: Iris reported that the Red Cross has two new DAT volunteers in training. The volunteers will start by doing ride alongs.

Skywarn: Autumn reported that there was an 800 MHz training held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a good turnout for the training. The training was combined with the training for CERT volunteers. There have not been any call outs since the last CAER meeting. Barb Ruhter graciously donated an animotor that she won at the SKYWARN workshop to Steele County SKYWARN.

Law Enforcement: No Report

Chamber of Commerce: No Report

Steele County Clothesline: No new developments.

City Council Representative: No Report

Steele County Emergency Manager Report: Chris reported that Steele and Rice County are transitioning to the Everbridge

Notification System. The Code Red system will be completely changed over to Everbridge by August 17<sup>th</sup>. The public will need to go into the Everbridge site and enter their notification information because the new system does not automatically transfer information that was entered into Code Red. A public information campaign will be conducted to educate the public about the changeover.

**Program:** Karen Fontaine gave a presentation on the Steele County Public Health Medical Countermeasure Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on **September 19**.