

Steele County CAER Minutes

April 20, 2011 7:00 PM

Location:

Steele County EOC

Introductions

Emergency Operations Plan Review:

Chris Gannon and Matt Durand reviewed ESF 5.14 Volunteers and Donations. Matt Durand, Steele County Volunteer and Donation Coordinator, will serve as the main contact for all volunteer and donation operations during a Steele County disaster.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Karen Fontaine.

Attendees:

Mary Fink, Chris Gannon, Karen Fontaine, Matt Durand, Iris Johnson, and Autumn Gangelhoff

Approvals:

Routine business review included:

Minutes of March 16, 2011 General Meeting were approved as published on the SCEM Portal.

The Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance of \$1,930.69. Shirley Woodfill and Mary Fink have reconciled a check for \$96.50 that had not cleared the CAER bank account. The check has been voided. The CAER account has been reconciled as of 4/15/2011

Old Business:

Chris reported that HSEM Region 1 is finalizing the regional badging system procedure. A report should be available at the May CAER meeting.

Chris reported on the flood response efforts. He said that the county used the MN state sandbag machine to fill between 7 and 8,000 sandbags. Volunteers from Workforce, CERT, Salvation Army, and Red Cross were all involved in some part of the sandbagging operation. Mary Kay Feltes coordinated the public information response. River gauge monitoring was conducted 3#/day during the flood response event.

The CAER Drill planning committee has not met yet to start the drill planning process.

New Business

Chris Gannon will try and obtain more information about the Steele County Safety Fair. He will contact Ray Truelson for additional information.

Citizen Corp Reports

CERT:

No Report

Medical Reserve Corp/Public Health:

Karen reported that there are 77 persons who have registered on the state MN Responds site. She is trying to conduct orientations but it is difficult to get volunteers to attend an orientation session. There is a SE MN regional MRC conference scheduled for May 21 in Rochester. Hopefully, some local volunteers will attend the conference. Karen asked if any ICS 400 classes will be scheduled for the Owatonna area.

Hospital:

No Report

Ellendale Emergency Manager:

No Report

Salvation Army:

No Report

Emergency Medical Services:

No Report

Civil Air Patrol:

No Report

MN VOAD:

Volunteer and Donation Management Support Annex is in draft form at this time. Forthcoming meeting with supporting agencies to discuss volunteer response. Pending VOAD/Volunteer newspaper article

RACES/ARES:

Tom Karnauskas reported ARES is being asked to help with the MS TRAM in July. It is a bike ride stopping overnight in Owatonna. ARES is being asked to help with the Waseca Triathlon in July. ARES was alerted for possible activation in the Red River areas. No large scale activation was made

Red Cross:

Brenda Ziebell has resigned her position with Red Cross. She has been accepted into the chaplaincy program at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital in LaCrosse. Her last day with Red Cross will be May 12th. Andy Tlougan is the new SE MN Regional Emergency Service Director. His e-mail address is andy@redcross-semn.org This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it His phone number is 507-287-2217. Iris also reported that there is a Red Cross supply shelter located in Ellendale.

SKYWARN:

Spring flood monitoring was performed from March 17 through March 27th by Chris, Autumn, Tom K, Jerry I, Randy S. and Bob O. Hotel weather information was provided to innkeepers at a meeting held on March 23. Hy-Vee radio event was held on April 8 in Faribault. 33 radios were sold during the event. A SKYWARN workshop was held on April 9th. 17-20 people attended the workshop. Chris and Dave spoke on lessons learned during the June 17th tornado event.

Law Enforcement:

No Report

Chamber of Commerce:

No Report

Steele County Clothesline:

No Report

Steele County Emergency Manager Report

see Old Business for Flood Response efforts

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on May 18.

Topic: ESF#5 - Information & Planning