

Steele County CAER Minutes

Sept 16, 2015

6:30 PM

Location:

Blooming Prairie City 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, Roger Wencil, Jill Bondus, Barb Ruhter, Lori Heslep, Jacob Peterson, Lon Thieile

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of July 15, 2015 were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved. Balance of 1,801.77 unchanged from last meeting and no expenses reported.

Old Business:

1. Credential Update:
 - a. The new badge making machine is at the county building. Christy Bloom at the county office is in charge of making the badges. The city pays for the badges.
 - b. There are 17 county regions using this badge system and includes all of southern Minnesota. With the new badge people can rapid tag to sign in by scanning the badge. In order to be covered by the city insurance people must sign in and out. The badge expires in 3 years. Temporary volunteers can rapid tag using their driver's license. The completed application can be turned in to the fire hall or given to a leader. All leaders to all the groups a person belongs to has to sign the application. A separate badge for each organization will be issued to the person.
 - c. Mike will distribute the forms to organization leaders who will get them out to their members. He also will post the form on the Steele County Emergency Management website.
 - d. Lost badges need to be reported immediately so that they can be deactivated.
2. Smartboard – When doing training at the fire hall there is a tablet available for everyone's use. Just bring your material on a USB and plug it into the smartboard. This alleviates compatibility issues.

New Business:

1. Tom wants to do the after action report for the Drill at the Nov meeting.
2. All volunteers are required to take blood borne pathogen training. Mike is setting up an online class.

Member Reports

Allina Hospital

American Red Cross

There was one callout for a house fire and we provided assistance to the home owners. The Red Cross is changing to a new direct client assistance model on Sept 30th that uses a simple formula of flat rate assistance based on need, livability of home and number of individuals in a case. It is objective and nearly paperless. This new model requires all DAT to be retrained. Steele County lost one DAT member so there are now only three left to serve the county.

Kris Irke with Red Cross has a grant that can pay for some snacks for the CAER Drill in Oct.

CERT

CERT is still planning to have another training class beginning October 1.

Scott Reiten Red Cross, Mass Shelter Training class for us is going to give me a call this afternoon.

Chamber of Commerce

Clothesline

Civil Air Patrol

We had a successful trip to Ground Team Academy, where one of our cadets attained the Ground Team Member 2 qualification.

-We had a fairly successful Fly-In/Drive-in Breakfast, considering the weather

-We had several cadets attend and graduate their basic year of Encampment

-We showed support for the new organization benefitting the Airport 5K Fun Run

EMS

Food Shelf

MN/VOAD

RACES/ARES

SKYWARN

RSC 911

There is a new system for Everbridge. People can select what type of alerts they want to receive and what hours in a day they get them.

Salvation Army

We gave out 854 backpacks last month

We are preparing for our Shop with a cop program coming up this month.

Helped one family with a fire in town.

SCPH/MRC

We will be meeting on September 16th with the Owatonna medical clinic, Allina hospital, and school nurses to discuss influenza planning issues for the 2015-16 season

Working on scheduling flu clinics-MRC volunteers assist with logistics and administering vaccinations at some of our clinics

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm followed by a drill planning meeting.

Next meeting is on Nov 18th at 6:30 pm in Owatonna.