

Steele County CAER Minutes

May 18, 2016

6:30 PM

Location:

Ellendale Community Center

Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Tom Karnauskas.

Attendees:

Tom Karnauskas, Mike Johnson, Jerry Ibberson, Barb Ruhter, Karen Fountaine, Tim VanEngelenhoven, Dee Kirchner, Gina Shepard, Sabdee Hardy-Hagen

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of March 16, 2016 were approved.
- Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business:

1. Credential Update:
 - a. Tom K. explained the current process to be used.
 - b. New forms are in use. Leaders should forward completed forms to Tom K for processing.
 - c. Badges will be given to leaders for distribution.
2. CAER shirts for members:
 - a. Tom shared that there is a \$60 setup fee and Mike stated that he would get that covered.
 - b. Tom K will get the artwork to Court Sports. The color will be light blue.
3. Training:
 - a. Mike will provide leaders access to training videos. Leaders will have the ability to provide routine training for all volunteers.
 - b. All volunteers that are exposed to bodily fluids should complete blood borne pathogen training.
 - c. Training for Campfire was identified as a need.

New Business:

CERT Annual Meeting/Shelter Training – Being held at the Community Center at the fairgrounds. Starts at 6:00 pm with training at 6:30 pm. RSVP Bonnie at the fire hall 507-444-2454. Members from all volunteer groups are invited to join the training.

Skywarn Spotter Training on 4/11 at 7:00 pm

ARMER Radio Training on 4/21 at 6:30 pm

Safe Summer on 4/30

Program:

ESF 16 – Animal Care

Member Reports

Allina Hospital

No report.

American Red Cross

We've been meeting with CERT to prepare for their managing shelters. Jerry Ibberson and Iris picked up supplies from the Red Cross chapter in Rochester. We met with Kris and might receive more items at a later date. Iris is attending a conference in Duluth on May 17 & 18. The Under One Roof conference is a chance to connect, share and learn by meeting with groups involved in emergency preparedness, management and response. Rochester is hosting MARC (Multi-agency Resource Center) training on June 2nd. There is no cost to attend with lunch provided. Anyone interested can attend.

CERT

CERT (Jerry Ibberson and Iris Johnson) have been working on Mass Sheltering by preparing "to go" boxes when the shelter needs to be opened. A big THANK YOU to Jerry and Iris for their help and organization. We met and went over the contents of the boxes and the Community Center layout was reviewed. We have also obtained some free shelter supplies through the Red Cross thank again to Iris. Jerry has also been working hard on organizing the CERT Base at the Fire Hall, his hard work and dedication is very much appreciated!!

In the next few months we need to think about organizing for the Steele Co Fair (if we are going to have a table in Safety Alley) a fall training class and if we are going to try and do a CERT drill this summer.

Chamber of Commerce

ALC Student – Downtown Clean-up will be on Friday, May 20

Business After Hours – Tuesday, May 24; Fareway Foods is the host; Location: Steele County Historical Society

Owatonna Community Leadership Academy – Applications being accepted until June 17th

Clothesline

No report.

Civil Air Patrol

We had a great turn-out for the 2016 Group 4 ES Training Weekend. With Participants and instructors from Mankato, Owatonna, Rochester, Red Wing, and Pipestone. I think about 60 attended overall. We also had an interesting time with a Communication Exercise for the USAF the weekend before, with 3 cadets and Lt. Newbowers.

EMS

No report.

Food Shelf

No report.

MN/VOAD

A training event is scheduled for 02-Jun at Rochester.

RACES/ARES

1. The annual Field Day exercise will be held at Willow Creek School on June 25-26. Set-up will begin Sat morning and we will operate for 24 continuous hours from 1:00 PM Saturday to 1:00 Sun. All are invited.
2. ARMER training class was completed on 21-Apr. 15 individuals participated.
3. MN ARES completed a communication exercise on 07-May. County reports were forwarded to the respective districts. The districts sent summary information to the MN ARES Section, which was then forwarded to MARS.

SKYWARN

No report.

RSC 911

No report.

Salvation Army

No report.

SCPH/MRC

1. -Participated in MDH statewide exercise on April 29th. Sent out notification to about 60 MRC volunteers via phone and e-mail. The response rate was 23% for the e-mail and 39% for the phone. Due to this poor response rate we will be notifying our volunteers and ask if they want to retain their MRC volunteer status.
2. -We have a SCPH manager with ICS responsibilities who needs to take the 300 NIMS course
3. -Infectious Disease Update-Due to a good match between the circulating flu viruses and the flu vaccine that was administered this year, we had a relatively mild flu season. Zika virus continues to affect persons in the southern hemisphere, only time will tell how the virus will impact parts of the US. Our public health office is receiving calls from the public about possible Lyme Disease symptoms.

Steele County Emergency Manager

1. Applying for a grant to be used for IPAWS notification.
2. Distributed materials for to complete Damage Assessments for determining Public Assistance and Individual Assistance.
3. Working to ensure the Organization Chart is 3 deep.
4. Working on media plan to override radio stations.
5. When working at a scene, Command will be identified with a blue light. Incident Commander will utilize a vest and white hat.
6. 2016 Hazardous Material Guide books are available.
7. Safety Camp and *Have a Safe Summer* events are being planned.