

Steele County CAER Minutes

Jan 18, 2017

6:30 PM

Location:

Medford City Hall

Call to Order:

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

Attendees:

Iris Johnson, Tom Karnauskas, Jerry Ibberson, Mike Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Karen Whittaker, Karen Fountaine, Dee Kirchner, Rick Hager

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of Nov 16, 2016 were approved. Dee Kirchner 1st & Karen Fountaine 2nd
- Treasurer's Report - unchanged \$1802.77 & was approved. Jerry Ibberson 1st & Dee Kirchner 2nd

Old Business:

1. Credential Update:
 - a. 79 badges produced and 41 delivered
2. CAER shirts for members. Tom ordered one shirt to see how it looks. They could not embroider the logo. Bonnie Johnson priced shirts at North American Safety. There is a \$35 setup fee, \$11.73 men's, \$14.57 women's. They are 50/50 cotton poly. Oak Glenn here in town does shirts. Bonnie Johnson is going to check them out.
3. Training:
 - a. CERT is holding a new members class from Feb 2 – 16 at the community at building.
 - b. Video Training – Mike Johnson has it on the OFD server but issues with logging on making it too expensive for everyone to have their own password. The Bloodborne Pathogens training is too long. CERT will try using the course during its new member's class. They will do a group test and have a sign in sheet to track those that complete the class. Mike will put it on a USB for CERT use.

New Business:

Pipeline Training is on Feb 1st in Albert Lea. Multiple groups are going and you need to preregister to attend.

Armory remodel is complete. The two trailers at the community center are going back to the Armory once weather is better. It can be used now if needed. Mike will set up a tour.

Member Reports

Allina Hospital

The Owatonna Hospital has hired a new Safety Officer/Emergency manager. He will begin on February 20th. I will bring him to the second quarter CAER meeting for introductions. He will likely take my place attending the CAER meetings going forward.

American Red Cross

Two DAT members from Steele County responded to a fire call in Lonsdale. The house was destroyed.

CERT

CERT held a team building event at the fire hall. We are advertising our next class with dates being revised due to the fire hall being used for court. A few of us are going to the Pipeline training on Feb 1st.

RACES/ARES

Will hold the 2017 Technician License Class beginning 21-Feb. Currently looking for an alternate site to hold the classes at.

NWS Sponsored the annual SKYWARN recognition Day in December where NWS stations are activated for making contacts.

Amateur Radio completed 2016 with a National Parks on the Air program. National Park locations were activated by Amateur Radio throughout the year in celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the National Park system.

SKYWARN

Skywarn had a pancake fundraiser on December 11th.

Steele County Skywarn will be visiting The National weather service in Chanhassen on Jan 21st.

We will be doing Spotter training on March 21st. Location to be determined.

SCPH/MRC

MRC Coordinators from Rice, Steele, and Dodge sponsored an active shooter presentation by Lon Thiele on Nov 28 at SCPH. CERT, Red Cross, and MRC volunteers were invited to attend the training. Over twenty volunteers were in attendance.

Influenza illness is starting to make people ill in MN and Steele County. SCPH would like to remind everyone to get vaccinated if they have not already received their annual vaccination.

Ellendale Emergency Manager

Jerry Ibberson was appointed Emergency Manager on Dec.8th 2016. He passed his Basic Emergency Managers class in Dec. He is writing a column in the local paper about emergency management and preparedness, upcoming training classes and other topics.

He will be doing a monthly Emergency Preparedness column in the New Richland/ Ellendale newspaper. We are also planning a mass sheltering organizational meeting in the near future. Also, trying to expand use of Everbridge.

Steele County Emergency Manager

A Hazmat Drill and a Natural Gas Drill with OPU were held.

A Chlorine Drill with OPU is being planned for February.

The common mitigation plan expired in Dec 2016. Mike is working on a new one. Input and overview of the new plan is planned for the March CAER meeting.

IPAWS – This is being added to our alert system and does not need the public to sign up for it. This will go to everyone in a selected area during an emergency.

Federal, State, territorial, tribal, and local alerting authorities can use IPAWS and integrate local systems that use Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) standards with the IPAWS infrastructure. IPAWS provides public safety officials with an effective **way to alert and warn the public about serious emergencies** using the Emergency Alert System (EAS), Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and other public alerting systems from a single interface.

IPAWS offers a free 15 minute web-based training course, “IPAWS and the American Public” [//www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-248](http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-248) .

ESF17 Transportation – The priority is to support any evacuation operations. The Steele County Highway Department and MNDOT are designated lead departments for coordinating transportation and evacuation routes. Pre-designed routes for use by the EOC are in place.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting at the Owatonna Fire Hall on 01/18/17 at 6:30 pm.