

# **Steele County CAER Minutes**

**Mar 15, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

## **Location:**

Owatonna  
Steele County Administrative Building  
638 Florence Ave  
County Board Room

## **Business Meeting:**

CAER did not have a routine business meeting this night. All CAER business action items carried over to the next scheduled General Meeting on 17-May-2017 at 6:30 PM in Ellendale.

## **Mitigation Planning:**

The March CAER meeting was devoted to updating the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan addresses the natural hazards that face Steele County and will result in mitigation actions for implementation that will reduce or eliminate loss of life or damage to property as a result of natural hazard events. Topics discussed included:

- Natural hazards that face our county.
- Mitigation actions to include in the plan.
- Funding that is available from FEMA for eligible mitigation projects.

The meeting was facilitated by the University of Minnesota – Duluth Geospatial Analysis Center and Bonnie Hundrieser. Bonnie is an emergency management planning consultant working closely with us on this project.

## **Member Reports**

### **Allina Hospital**

No report.

### **American Red Cross**

Freeborn County DAT responded to a tornado to provide feeding for responders. Damage was not as severe as expected. In MN, so far in March DAT has responded to 32 incidents statewide, 45 families and 179 clients. Steele County DAT is holding a meeting on 3/16/17.

## **CERT**

Completed a Basic Training Class of eight students. Added two more officers to the board that makes six. Did some reorganizing at CERT Base. Working on a Policies & Procedures Book. There are a few CERT members attending the MNVOAD 2017 Annual Conference in Maplewood on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Stacy Martin is downloading all our digital photos and documents to a backup drive. Dennis Hollatz is setting up a facilitator led meeting for CERT.

## **Civil Air Patrol**

Winter Survival Weekend in Bemidji on 20-22 January 2017 was a fun learning experience, although we had warm weather at about 30-35 degrees.

We are participating in planning the ES Training Weekend in Whitewater in May 2017. If your group may be interested, all are welcome. The more ahead of time we know your interest, the more time we have to develop scenarios around your group's involvement. In the past, we've had the Rochester PD, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and multiple squadrons of Civil Air Patrol from Owatonna to Red Wing.

## **RACES/ARES**

Amateur Radio license class is finishing up this week with four participants. Exam session will take place on Thursday, 16-Mar.

Plans are beginning to take place for the Field Day event in late June.

## **SKYWARN**

Skywarn deployed Monday March 6th about 5:30 pm. A tornado hit Clarks Grove at 5:41. Geneva and several farms also experienced damage. Skywarn members were deployed to the Geneva area to gather damage reports and photos for the National weather service.

Steele County Skywarn will be hold spotter training on March 21st at 7 pm at the Owatonna Community Education building (Roosevelt School).

## **SCPH/MRC**

Rice and Steele 911 Center gave a training to our public health staff about the Everbridge Citizen Alert Program. Steele County Public Health administrative staff sent out two notifications to our public health staff using the mass notification feature.

## **Ellendale Emergency Manager**

We are setting up a new tornado shelter location and a mass sheltering group. Also, cross training emergency generator operation. Exploring a possible drill with the Ellendale school. Ellendale experienced about a two-hour power outage due to power lines damaged during the Tornado. Ellendale ambulance service loses radio communication during city power outages