

## 18-Mar-2009 12:00PM General Meeting

### Location:

Owatonna EOC

### Attending:

Elizabeth Auppl, Mike Johnson, Lon Thiele, Oscar Dahle, Karen Fountain, Greg Lindholm, Alysia Yeager, Jake Peterson, Jake Peterson, Craig Strand, Shirley Woodfill

### Excused Absence:

Tom Karnauskas, John Taylor, Stacy Mielke, Sandee Hardy-Hagen

### Treasurers Report:

<u>BALANCE ON HAND</u>	18-Feb-2009	\$2,766.20
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
MNVOAD 2009 Dues	\$75.00	
Total Expenses:		\$75.00
<u>DEPOSITS:</u>		
None	\$0.00	
Total Deposits		\$0.00
<u>BALANCE ON HAND</u>	18-Mar-2009	\$2,691.20

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the February meeting were accepted as presented.

### **Citizen Corp Reports**

CERT: Shirley Woodfill

- Showed photos from the 10th class drill on Feb. 5th
- Mike, Elizabeth, Chris Gannon and Shirley attended the 44th Annual Governor's Conference. Mike and Shirley did a presentation about our CAER group and all the volunteer organizations under CAER's umbrella and why volunteers are important. We are envied because we all work together - it's not like that in many communities. We also took Buddy the CERT doll created by Iris Johnson - in photo in paper. Many nice comments.
- Citizen Corp Grant deadline is March 31st. We were able to also purchase some equipment for the Fire Corp kids.

Medical Reserve Corp/Public Health: Karen Fountaine

- Handed out flyers for the Minnesota Pandemic Ethics Community Forum. There are 50 signed up and up to 130 can sign up. Alysia said she had not received a call back, and Elizabeth and Greg had not gotten a confirmation on their internet registration.
- NOTE PER KAREN - If you register via Internet, there should be a Submit button at the end of your registration. When that button is pushed, a message thanking you for registering should appear. She now has the ability to check on registrations for the forum. If any one is unsure of their registration status or if anyone left a phone message that was not returned, please contact her.

Red Cross: Alysia Yeager

- Volunteer opportunity "Military Case Worker" class Rochester office 3-31, 6:30 to 9:00 pm.
- Two fires since last meeting - Medford and N. Cedar
- Heroes campaign starts May 1st - kick-off 5-6 with KOWZ live remote with Culvers. This is the 1st one in Steele County - goal of \$25,000 - all money stays in Steele County. To be a hero, must raise \$1,000 - group ideas - run marathon, car wash, etc. Rochester has done the last five years - last year raised \$75,000.
- A sheltering class will be held in Owatonna April 25th 9-5 (set up shelter, registration, handling media, privacy issues, etc.)

Law Enforcement: Lon Theile

- Showed the video of the ice rescue training and explained the training procedures.
- He recently did an educational demo of Virtual Vision Goggles that simulate being under the influence (0.07-.10 and .17-.20) at the Medford school for 35-45 students that attempted to walk a straight line. He will demo them at our next meeting.

MN VOAD: Greg Lindholm

- Working on getting more meetings, more organized, liaisons for EOCs, and update websites

RACES/ARES: Tom Karnauskas (by e-mail)

- OSCAR completed new license class Mar. 3rd with 9 participants. Mar. 5 exam - 9 new licenses and 2 upgrades - 2 of the new licenses earned the General Class (which is the 2nd level of the 3 license classes. Four of the class graduates were recent CERT graduates.
- 5 new individuals registered for Steele county RACES/ARES, now total 23 registered hams.
- Working on RACES/ARES Field Day the last weekend of June. Location this year will be at model airplane field SW of Owatonna. Planning on using the EOC trailer with Mike's approval

Steele County Emergency Manager Report: Mike Johnson

- IS-300 class is scheduled May 12, 13 and 14, 8 - 4, OFD at no cost - 40 people capacity. Supervisory positions (Federal, State, City, County, Red Cross, Volunteers in EOC) are required to take this class. This is a Federal requirement to receive grant funds. IS-100, 200 and 800 are required before you can take this class. If you have taken these classes on-line, you will need to e or fax copy of your certificates to Suzanne to verify completion before you can register for the 300 class. IS-400 will be scheduled this fall.

HSEM Report:

- Met w/Dodge County to review Spotter Program - trying to work w/Steele.
- Communications proposal - MN SC, SE and SW Counties working together.
- June 23rd there will be a communications exercise - regional Coordination center - 34 counties - see were gaps are and check 800 coverage.
- Flooding in SE looks OK unless lots of rain a/c ground still frozen. Other counties flash flooding could be a problem. There is a declaration state of emergency for N counties, setting up temporary dykes. Could have ice jams - no place for water to go and just backs up - can spread 30 to 40 miles. It takes about 1 month for water to move all the way to Canadian border - 160 miles. Storm next week is forecasted with more participation.

Blooming Prairie: Jake Peterson

- Completed State Certified Fire Fighter 1 and is also EMS Ambulance Director, and Blooming Prairie Emergency Manger - wears many hats.

Salvation Army:

- No report.

Skywarn:

- No report.

Emergency Medical Services:

- No report.

Owatonna Hospital:

- No report.

**Other Business/Round Table Discussion:**

Old Business

- Elizabeth discussed 501 (3) c status with an acquaintance attorney, but would like to question County Attorney regarding any issues/problems. This Citizen Corps group applies for grant funds and the County out grant funds - would this be impacted. Shirley will get input from Christine Long - County Attorney.
- County-wide exercise planning should begin in April. Medford is in line if they are interested. A scenario could be a train derailment; maybe close to the school so would have some health concerns along with other injuries??? Everyone needs to think about what test requirements they have and how they can be involved. There will be more discussion at our next meeting. Elizabeth will contact Rick Hager in Medford to determine interest/willingness.

New Business

- Shirley showed badge samples and asked for agreement to accomplish one badge rather than 1 badge for each organization:
  - Colors: Emergency Management/Volunteers yellow, Fire red, EMS green
  - Front - Steele County logo top left, Main/priority logo right, photo, name, list of other organizations below photo. Example: Greg belongs to Red Cross Dat team, CERT, Skywarn, RACES, MRC. The priority logo would be Red Cross - then the rest of the organizations would be listed below his name in the yellow area. The group leaders will have to work together on some of the people who are involved in many of the organizations to determine the "Main" logo.
  - Back - Emergency Management logo, bar code, full name, 2 yr. expiration
  - Lucy can provide a report to each group with a list of their members - each group can review/update their lists.
  - NOTE: we did not discuss renewing badges. Per conversation with Lucy, she would like the volunteer groups leaders to take our own photos and get forms filled out at our meeting/classes were possible rather than having bunches of people come down there. Plus we can assist volunteers with filling out the forms correctly, determining main logo, and identifying the other organizations that the volunteer is an active member. Example, if a volunteer takes the Skywarn class, that doesn't mean they will get a badge or have Skywarn on their badge - they should be involved with the Skywarn program. Much of this can be handled at the time of updating the badge. There will be more discussion as we work thru some of the issues, especially with Tom, Dave and Shirley because they have the most volunteers and overlapping.
- Our next meeting is in Ellendale at the EOC, April 15th 7:00 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.