March 19, 2008 7:00PM General Meeting

Location:

Owatonna EOC

Attendees:

Mike Johnson; Karen Fountaine; Stacy Mielke; Tom Karnauskas; Kim Purscell; O Dalle; Jacob Peterson; Raymond Truelson; Roger Swearingen; Matt Arthur; Dave Purscell; Elizabth Auppl

Febrary Meeting Minutes:

- Approved as submitted by unanimous vote without objection.

February Treasurers Report:

20-Feb-2008

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Balance on Hand	\$2,291.20
EXPENSES:	
None	\$0.00
Total Expenses:	\$0.00
DEPOSITS:	
None	\$0.00
Total Deposits	\$0.00
20-Mar-2008	
Balance on Hand	\$2,291.20

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Citizen Corp Reports

CERT: Elizabeth Auppl

- No report.

Emergency Medical Services:

- New officers were elected and in an orientation process.
- Elizabeth has received requests from other counties asking how to start a CERT program.

Medical Reserve Corp/Public Health Report: Karen Fountaine

- Registration is full for the workshop on risk communications during disaster March 26th in Rochester.

Red Cross Report: Kim Purscell

- New Disaster Action Team is in training. Upcoming training sessions include "Disaster Assessment" and "Sheltering".
- There will be a Red Cross regional drill on 05-Apr in Freeborn County.
- A blood drive is currently in process. Request to donate "a pint or two".
- Kim and Elizabeth will be attending an upcoming conference in Washington D.C.

Civil Air Patrol:

- No report.

MN VOAD:

- No report.

ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service): Tom Karnauskas

- The recent class netted 12 new Amateur Radio operators, including our own Stacy Mielke KD0DJW.

Skywarn: Tom Karnauskas

- SKYWARN class had over 55 people crammed into EOC.
- NOAA radio promotion at HY-Vee was a great effort by SKYWARN, Amateur Radio, and CERT to get radios into Steele County homes. Over 150 radios were programmed by volunteers. Details are posted on the SKYWARN web site
- Dave Purscell gave a presentation at the Steele County Safety group.
- A mock deployment was the focus of the most recent SKYWARN meeting.

Law Enforcement:

- No report.

Steele County Emergency Manager Report: Mike Johnson

- A reminder for volunteer groups to be sure that people sign in and sign out during a event. Pass the hours along to Mike.
- Steele County agreed to hire an Assistant Emergency Management Manager.
- The new 800MHz tower will be installed by the end of 2008.
- Three grants are in process for CERT, NIMS training, and the annual drill. Shaun would like to have more groups participate in the Neighborhood Night Out program in August.
- At the Emergency Managers Conference, it was recognized that MNVOAD and Emergency Managers need to work closer together.
- Statewide tornado drill will take place on 24-Apr.
- Need to check the operational status of the EOC trailer now that it has returned from use in Rushford.

HSEM Report:

- No report.

Other Business/Round Table Discussion:

- Kim provided a summary of the Executive Committee Meeting held before the general meeting
- Elizabeth showed a CD she received that might be useful for planning the drill for this year.
- Kim established 09-Apr @ 6:30pm as a meeting time for drill planning.
- Roger indicated the new water tower in Ellendale was progressing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.