

Steele County CAER Minutes

July 16, 2014

7:00 PM

Location:

Medford City Hall

Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Tom Karnauskas.

Attendees:

Iris Johnson, Roger Wencil, Tom Karnauskas, Jon King, Karen Fountaine, Heather McCallum, Dee Kirchner, Gina Shepherd, Mike Johnson, Richard Kucera

Routine Approvals:

- Minutes of April 16, 2014 were approved.
- The Treasurer's Report was unchanged and had no expenses with a balance of \$1,800.77 and was approved.

Old Business:

1. **2014 Business Continuity Program** – Dennis and Tom have not gotten together yet to discuss this.
2. **Disaster Assessment Training** – Training was scheduled for Sept. 17th at 6 pm. Anyone from all volunteer groups can join the class but must be 18 yrs or older. Participants will register with Bonnie at the fire hall. Iris will check with Peter Crowley, Red Cross trainer, to ensure he is free that night. Iris to send Tom a description of the disaster assessment class.

New Business:

1. **2014 Drill** – Mike explained what a "3 ECHO" response is for active shooter. The response provides protection for firemen/ems so they can go into the hot zone in the 2nd wave to pull injured victims out. There is some upcoming training in the region for law enforcement, first responders and training officers. The training might include a drill. Jon King shared that Allina might have a live drill in 2015. Medford is participating in a drill in Morristown.

Member Reports

Allina Hospital – Jon shared that they are working on active shooter table tops. He is participating in violence prevention planning.

American Red Cross

The DAT received training on the new Client Assistance Software program and forms. DAT responded to one house fire, an apartment fire and a flooded basement apartment. Iris attended the MRC conference in Rochester and two days of Red Cross regional training in Rochester. The office in Owatonna is no longer staffed and only open by appointment. Furniture, supplies and equipment were transferred to other chapter offices.

CERT

Since our last meeting in April, CERT helped during the recent flooding to help disabled family move furniture, visited a man who was flooded to help access his needs, manned phone calls for the residents calling with any questions during the flood, and helped with the Harry Wenger Marching Band Parade.

Chamber of Commerce

Clothesline

Civil Air Patrol

CAP fundraiser weekend at the Airport is on Saturday, Aug 23 with a 5K run and Sunday, Aug 24 with a French Toast Breakfast. Cadets have been hard at work for the past few months on model rockets. The majority of cadets are now General ES qualified. This means they have one of the basic components required in order to actually go on missions. The qualifications cover CAP programs and functions, dealing with family and public during missions, and proper ICS protocol. CAP moving out of the trailer and in to the airport building later this year.

EMS

Food Shelf

MN/VOAD

RACES/ARES

The Amateur Radio held the annual Field Day activity on the weekend of 28-Jun. We set up at Willow Creek School. About 20 participants made contacts, including several non-licensed youth. We also had about 20 visitors. The Blooming Prairie Times came out and published an article the following week.

SKYWARN

Tom reported that they were called out for the storm prior to the flooding.

RSC 911

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is currently working on another EDS (Emergency Disaster Services) training in this area. The hope is to have 10 new people trained this fall.

Shop with a Cop is on Aug. 23rd. We select around 22 kids at risk and take them shopping and bowling with an officer in the area:-)

Back to school will be held here Aug. 7th and 8th- Distribution of the filled backpacks will be here at the store.

Filling of the backpacks will be on Aug 5th

In June EDS was on call for flood victims.

The Salvation Army Service office help flood victims in the area. We gave away some clean up kits, 3 families with hotels, 1 family with furniture, and 2 families with housing.

Held summer camp for kids.

SCPH/MRC

Karen did a callout to find volunteers to help during the flooding if needed and received 15 responses.

Steele County Emergency Manager

Mike shared that due to his persistence a Rapid Tag Machine and a Badge Maker will be located in Owatonna in September. With rapid tag volunteers and first responders can swipe their badge or driver's license to check in and out.

Through the CAER Board policies for sand bagging and debris cleanup will be developed.

Mike suggested that next year on Night to Unite that volunteers from all groups should attend block parties along with police and firefighters. This would need approval of the police chief.

Flooding – There are three kinds of assistance after a disaster, IA for individuals, SBA for businesses, and PA for public assistance. In Minnesota 35 counties were affected by the flood. FEMA pays 75% and the state pays 25%.

Mike reminded everyone that volunteer groups should be on the emergency notification list. When the EOC opens Mike will use volunteers to fill needed positions. There are hard copies of checklists on how to perform the various tasks at the EOC. Make sure you get a user id and password for Campfire. Groups can communicate with each other and get up to date information on the disaster. This is not a site for the general public. Mike uses a 24 hour operational period with a daily EOC meeting at 10 am.

The trailer will be at the SCFF so any group that wants to can setup there.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next meeting is Oct. 15th at 6 pm in Owatonna at the fire hall.