

05/10/2016 Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the Story County Emergency Management Commission was called to order at 7:10p.m. by Vice Chair Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald. Due to lack of a quorum for the meeting the only action taken was the review of the quarterly report.

Attendance:

Lynn Lathrop-Nevada Mayor
Mark Pote- Huxley Police
Paul Fitzgerald-Sheriff
Keith Morgan-EMA Coordinator

John Wilson- Colo Mayor
Nancy Pritchard-Maxwell City Council
Dave Thom- Cambridge City Council
Melissa Spencer-Deputy Coordinator

Consent Agenda

Old Business

New Business

Quarterly Report

The EOC audio visual system improvements are complete. The improvements were made through a \$31,000 homeland security grant. Spencer headed the project by coordinating with EmbarkIT during installation.

The Coordinator attended a debris management class. The planning needs to occur at the jurisdictional level for how debris will be managed and documented for reimbursement. The same principles covered in previous debris management training still hold true. DNR, EPA, and historic preservation should be taken into consideration as local plans are developed. Ensure plans have a process for how the increased amount of natural and household debris will be managed by the waste management agencies that service the community.

The Coordinator attended a Resource Management class to help Emergency Management better manage local resources during a disaster.

The Deputy Coordinator has been working on reunification planning for children in disasters. This will be a process to reunite children as quickly and safely as possible.

The Emergency Response Committee is making progress. There is a process in place to extract and analyze data relating to the use of EMS system.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) has been unable to secure a medical director to oversee medically trained volunteers. A medical doctor is required to ensure medically trained volunteers are not practicing outside of their approved scope of practice. Thirty doctors in Story County, to include the current EMS Directors, were contacted and no one wanted to take on the position. The goal of the MRC was to provide medical assistance within an emergency shelter so first responders would be free to continue response in the field. At the time the program was

established Story County Public Health did not have the staffing to manage the program or awards so the program has remained under the EMA office. Most programs are managed under the local public health offices which comes with a medical director that is already overseeing the public health program. The award funding process has changed so there is no guarantee of funds from year to year as in the past. It is recommended that due to the inability to secure a medical director that the \$10,000 in award funds be returned to NACHHO and the program ended. As no action can be taken in this meeting the Coordinator will follow up with the Chair and Vice Chair on this issue.

Application was made to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) grant to conduct a commodity flow study. The State would not fully fund the project the first year and asked that application be made each year for three years in hopes to building up enough funding in the third year to complete the study. If this process was perused there is no guarantee of enough funding so the grant application was withdrawn.

The hazard mitigation grant will be applied for next year. The 25% of local matching funds in the current budget will be rolled over and held for the next update of the plan.

The I-35 closure plan was activated in February. There was a large demand on hotel rooms as the closure occurred in the afternoon. A survey of hotels after the event indicated that a total of 125 extra rooms were needed due to the road closure. This will be good information for future planning for these events.

Command staff retreat on June 3rd from 1-3pm the former police chief from Parkersburg will be coming with this staff and giving a presentation on the tornado and the shooting of the Parkersburg coach Ed Thomas.

The CDR conducted workshop and will be following up with a tabletop exercise to work through activation processes and mission management. If agencies have exercises coming up please include the local Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) organizations. They are a great communication capability that can assist with their own equipment and people during a disaster.

Motion to Adjourn by Sheriff Fitzgerald, 2nd by Colo. Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM

Next Meeting: July 20th, 2016

Adjournment: Motion by Sheriff, second by Huxley to adjourn. MCU meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.