

Cass County Emergency Management Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2012

PRESENT: Rocky Buffum, Randy Pryor, Tom Heflin, Herb Bowman, Herb Detrick, Alvin Beckman, Phil Rains, Mark Strong

Meeting called to order by Herb Bowman at 7pm

Approval of minutes was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS: Alvin reported equipment ordering and additional quote acquisition are in progress. Work is moving along.

DISTRICT 4: The task force deployed to Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Jennings County for a tornado simulation last week. Fire, police, EMS, IMAT and service/support elements participated in two days worth of exercises. Danny Farris from Logansport PD participated and said he gained a lot of useful knowledge. Alvin is attempting to get the task force and element leaders to visit Cass County to discuss the district and opportunities for participation and preparedness. Alvin is still pushing for more involvement from Cass County on the task force.

NIMS: Guidelines for a new credentialing system have been received. Reporting requirements will be changing. An ICS300 course was held at the Cass County Sheriff's Department in April. An ICS400 course is scheduled for June 6

MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM: EverBridge conducted a demonstration at the sheriff's department that was well attended. Code Red also presented. EverBridge is much more user friendly (9 steps to send notification instead of 23). Code Red is quoting \$21,000 annually. EverBridge costs \$10,600 a year for the basic service. We have a \$30,000 grant to cover expenses. The IT department indicated EverBridge is more friendly to their resources and needs. Alvin needs to meet with commissioners to discuss options.

TORNADO SIRENS: Alvin is still working to get all sirens into operation. Two work but will not rotate. The third needs complete rewiring and more intensive efforts. He needs to meet with Dilling to get a lift to perform needed repairs and maintenance. He was unable to reach a reasonable arrangement with Sunbelt or American Rentals.

NEW BUSINESS

SHARON GERLACH: The IDHS District 4 Field Coordinator was going to attend but could not make it.

CERT TRAINING: Refresher training is ongoing. Alvin would like to do additional courses if community interest is adequate. The CERT program components were discussed in detail for the benefit of new board members. Alvin said there are about 12 active members at this time. The 5-6 active neighborhood watch groups were also discussed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted in the amount of \$1,225.83. A motion to approve was made by Herb Detrick with a second by Mark Strong. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Herb Detrick at 7:30. Second by Mark Strong. Motion carried.

Next meeting June 6, 2012 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum
EMAC Secretary