

Cass County
Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC)
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2015

The EMAC met at the Cass County EMA Office, 1227 N SR 17, Logansport, IN at 7PM. The meeting was called to order by Alvin Beckman.

PRESENT: Alvin Beckman, Rocky Buffum, Herb Detrick, Herb Bowman, Randy Pryor, Liz Troxell, Mark Strong, Stacey Donato, Ed Schroder, Wally Bennett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 2015 meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

The minutes of the February 2015 meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS

Work on existing grant projects continues.

DISTRICT 4

The Mobilization/Demobilization Exercise was held March 2-6 in Tippecanoe County. The exercise involved role playing a response to an event in southern Indiana. Images of district equipment were shared with EMAC members.

WARNING SIREN ISSUES

Alvin Beckman reports at this time all Warning Sirens are in operation. On March 19th sirens were activated twice for statewide testing and functioned each time. It is believed issues with City of Logansport sirens were related to an equipment upgrade in dispatch. A part was replaced and now everything works. Alvin Beckman reports no expense to EMA for the needed repair.

BAKKEN OIL SHIPMENTS

Training was presented by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) at Logansport Fire Department (LFD). A representative from Norfolk Southern Railroad reports by June "unit trains" will be traveling through Cass County. Unit trains have over 101 cars of Bakken Oil and contain more than 3 million gallons of product. Bakken Oil has an appearance similar to Mountain Dew and it takes 550 gallons of foam to extinguish one train car of material. Alvin Beckman reports there is not enough foam in the state to extinguish a unit car fire. Bakken Oil carries placard 1267, crude petroleum product. Bakken Oil has a flash point of 92 degrees Fahrenheit.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

TRAVEL ADVISORY STATUS

Cass County remains under a yellow travel advisory due to road conditions. Fulton County was the first in the state to issue a travel advisory for road conditions and at this time 23 or 24 counties in Indiana have followed suit.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DAY

Alvin Beckman is working to organize an "Emergency Management Day" for elected and appointed officials in Cass County. The event will help provide understanding of what EMA does and why certain information is requested in certain ways. Leadership from District 4 is interested in attending. IDHS Executive Director David Kaine expressed an interest in attending.

COMPLETED & UPCOMING EVENTS

Statewide Tornado Drills were held on March 19th. Cass County sirens activated appropriately for both morning and evening tests.

The NENA Conference is April 15, 16, and 17 in Indianapolis. Alvin Beckman will be attending.

Montgomery County will be holding a Tabletop Exercise. Cass County EMA Personnel will be attending as observers and evaluators. After the Montgomery County Exercise Cass County EMA will have met its exercise participation requirement for IDHS.

The IWTIWX Conference will be held April 29 in Rochester.

The Two Rivers on Two Wheels Bike Event is scheduled for June 27.

On April 17 a Traffic Incident Management Training is scheduled in Miami County.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Mark Strong asked if it might be possible to move the EMAC meeting to an earlier time slot. Alvin Beckman indicated by state guidelines the EMAC only needed to meet four times a year, by County Ordinance the EMAC meets twelve times a year. Stacey Donato indicated Alvin Beckman should open dialogue with the County Commissioners about revising the Ordinance. Herb Bowman indicated different meeting times have been attempted in the past and attendance was a problem.

Ed Schroder asked why the EMAC approved claims if the County Commissioners also reviewed and approved claims. Alvin Beckman discussed concerns related to past EMA Administrations.

CLAIMS

Claims were submitted in the amount of \$13,572.35. Randy Pryor questioned the \$10,620.00 Claim for EverBridge. Discussion was held.

Claims were approved on a motion duly made and seconded. Randy Pryor voted against.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the EMAC is scheduled for May 6, 2015 at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum, EMAC Secretary