

Cass County
Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC)
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015

The EMAC met at 7PM at the Cass County EMA Office. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Herb Detrick.

PRESENT: Dan Farris, Alvin Beckman, Herb Detrick, Liz Troxell, Ed Schroder, Zack Zimmerman, Rocky Buffum, Phil Rains, Randy Pryor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS

We are waiting to receive documentation back from the state to commence spending.

DISTRICT 4

Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) District 4 meets next week.

March 2-6 District 4 will have a mobilization and demobilization exercise at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. District equipment will be on display for those interested in becoming more familiar with district resources and capabilities.

Changes are coming to the Emergency Management Performance Program (EMPG) Assessment. Sharon Gerlach was unable to make it to Logansport from a meeting in Indianapolis in time to provide more comprehensive updates.

NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

NIMSCAST is being phased out.

REBANDING REIMBURSEMENT

Alvin Beckman distributed a chart to explain the breakdown of fund disbursements to various agencies.

WARNING SIREN ISSUES

At this time City of Logansport sirens are unable to be activated. A software upgrade at the dispatch center is thought to be the culprit. Representatives from Emergency Radio Service (ERS) and Federal Field Services will be visiting to help resolve the issue. Alvin Beckman indicated he wants service restored by the beginning of March for severe weather season.

BAKKEN OIL SHIPMENTS

Larry Hamby from IDHS will be coming to Cass County to offer training on response to Bakken Oil Shipments. Unit Trains, those with 100 or more cars of Bakken Oil, travel on the rail line that goes north of Cass County. Smaller shipments of 20-30 cars intermingled with other product are on trains that come through Cass County. Bakken Oil shipments display placard 1282, petroleum products. Area police and fire agencies will be invited to the training.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

WINTER STORM, FEBRUARY 1ST

Alvin Beckman met with county highway and city street department leaders before the event. The National Weather Service (NWS) predicted 15 inches of snow. Actual snowfall was about seven inches, less significant than anticipated.

UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

Tomorrow Tier II Reporting Training will be held at the Cass County Airport.

NWS Weather Spotter Training will be held at the Cass County Airport on February 19th at 630PM.

EMA has not yet heard from the Historical Society regarding their May bike ride. Typically, EMA assists with this event.

Severe Weather Preparedness Week is March 22-26, 2015.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Claims were presented totaling \$1,552.93. Claims were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

Alvin Beckman discussed recent events including a February 2 incident involving a jackknifed semi with a punctured fuel tank, work being done on EMA's pump, and a semi that overturned near Anoka.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EMAC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7PM. The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum, EMAC Secretary