

Cass County  
Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2015

The Cass County EMAC met at the Cass County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Office, 1227 N SR 17, Logansport at 6PM. The meeting was called to order by Alvin Beckman.

PRESENT: Rocky Buffum, Herb Detrick, Herb Bowman, Alvin Beckman, Adam Randall (for Nathan Metz), Liz Troxell, Phil Rains, Mark Strong

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes was tabled on a motion duly made and seconded.

**OLD BUSINESS**

GRANTS

The Department of Homeland Security was funded by congress thru the end of the fiscal year. A shutdown would have significantly impacted grant funding.

Light towers will be coming.

EMPG monies will be used to purchase iPads and office computers. Changes are coming to the EMPG and Sharon Gerlach will discuss these changes at the next meeting she is able to attend.

DISTRICT 4

Alvin has traveled to Lafayette three of four days this week for a mobilization/demobilization exercise. Talk has occurred about a future exercise being held at France Park in Cass County.

REBANDING REIMBURSEMENT

Alvin Beckman distributed a paper explaining the rebanding reimbursement.

WARNING SIREN ISSUES

Alvin Beckman has a meeting scheduled with Federal Signal, Motorla and Dan McDonald from Cass Central Dispatch to resolve the warning siren issue for the City of Logansport (City). At this time City warning sirens cannot be activated. Alvin Beckman believes the cause of the problem is recent upgrades at the dispatch center. Alvin Beckman reports this might be a significant cost.

BAKKEN OIL SHIPMENTS/TRAINING

Larry Hamby from Indiana Department of Homeland Security will present a course on Bakken Oil Incident Response on March 18, 2015, 7PM at Logansport Fire Department.

EVERBRIDGE MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (MNS)

Alvin Beckman reports he has money available to continue the MNS at \$10,000 a year. If we allow the service to lapse and try to get it back the cost will be \$20,000+/-year. Alvin reported for the cost of one warning siren we could pay for two years of MNS which is further reaching and more modern.

The Board approved Alvin Beckman's request on a motion duly made and seconded.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

CRISISTRACK

Alvin Beckman shared information about the CrisisTrack Damage Assessment Software (Software). The Software can be used on iPads by damage assessment personnel in the field. Information gathered by personnel will be automatically populated to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) forms and save several man hours. The total purchase, with training costs, is about \$3,000. District 4 is considering purchasing this software. If the District purchases the software, 40% of the cost will be reimbursed.

#### AED PURCHASE

Alvin Beckman is exploring options for purchasing two AED's for EMA. These would be placed at the Highway department office and an EMA vehicle on a normal day. When EMA supports bike rides and other public events, one would be in each EMA Vehicle. Alvin was given a demonstration of the Zoll Machine by Fastenal. Prompt is also an AED dealer.

#### COMPLETED & UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

National Weather Service (NWS) Severe Weather Spotter Training was held February 19<sup>th</sup> at Cass County Airport. Alvin reports it was the best weather spotter training of the past several years.

Red Cross "Home Fire Response" Training will be held Monday from 10a-1P at the Red Cross building.

The District 4 Exercise is this week. Alvin is an evaluator.

There will be an exercise in Crawfordsville on April 12.

#### ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

#### CLAIMS

Claims were approved in the amount of \$41,212.01 on a motion duly made and seconded.

#### QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2015, 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rocky Buffum  
EMAC Secretary