

16-Jul-2008 7:00PM General Meeting

Location:

Pearl Street 911 Center

Attendees:

John Taylor; Mike Johnson; Jane Nyquist; Raymond Truelson; O Dalle; Craig Strand; Todd Schwanke; Dave Purscell; Kim Purscell; Alysi Yeager; Tom Karnauskas

Program:

The meeting was held at the Pearl Street 911 Center. Following a BBQ arranged by John Taylor, the group toured the dispatch center.

June Meeting Minutes:

- Approved as submitted by unanimous vote without objection.

July Treasurers Report:

<u>BALANCE ON HAND</u>	16-Jun-2008	\$2,341.20
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
None	\$0.00	
Total Expenses:		\$0.00
<u>DEPOSITS:</u>		
City of Ellendale (2008 CAER Membership Dues)		
Truth Hardware (2008 CAER Membership Dues)	\$25.00	
Michaelson Funeral Home (2008 CAER Membership Dues)	\$25.00	
Steele County (2008 CAER Membership Dues)	\$25.00	
NAPA (2008 CAER Membership Dues)	\$75.00	
Federated Insurance (2008 CAER Membership Dues)	\$25.00	
Independent School Dist. 761 (2008 CAER Membership Dues)	\$25.00	
Steele Waseca Coop Electric (2008 CAER Membership Dues)	\$25.00	
Total Deposits		\$250.00
<u>BALANCE ON HAND</u>	16-Jul-2008	\$2,591.20

- Approved as submitted by unanimous vote without objection.

Citizen Corp Reports

CERT:

- No report.

Emergency Medical Services:

- No report.

Medical Reserve Corp/Public Health Report: Jane Nyquist

- Currently in the middle of a state-wide exercise in vaccination. Simulating the vaccination of all staff and hospital personnel.

Red Cross Report: Kim Purscell

- Alysi Yeager is the new Disaster Team manager for Steele County.
- The doors were closed to the existing building due to excessive mold in the basement. Plans are to move to a new location shortly.
- Blood drive is scheduled for the week of 21-Jul.

Civil Air Patrol:

- No report.

MN VOAD:

- No report.

RACES/ARES (Radio Amateur Radio Civil Emergency Service): Tom Karnauskas

- Field Day, the emergency communications exercise/contest was held in June. Every state was contacted, except for Maine. There were 14 participants and about half of them spent the night at Crane Creek Park. - Shirley Woodfield indicated that the MN Citizen Corp newsletter suggested that volunteer groups need to develop relationships with Amateur Radio.

Skywarn: Dave Purscell

- Activated the night of 11-Jul. Lots of communication with the NWS. Noted there did not appear to be any spotters out in Waseca.
- July meeting walked everyone through the procedures for activating and opening the WX center. Also provided a demonstration of how City Watch works.

Law Enforcement: Todd Schwanke

- Nothing to report.

Steele County Emergency Manager Report: Mike Johnson

- Construction at the Fire Station is scheduled to begin on 17-Jul.
- Active Shooter Drill September 12th. Will consist of a table top exercise in the morning and a functional drill in the afternoon.
- Moving forward with 800 MHz systems. Towers are being installed. Radios used at the Republic National Convention will be purchased as surplus after they are used in the metro.
- Safety Alley will be set up at the Steele County free Fair.
- Volunteers need to complete IS-700 and IS-100 at a minimum. Individuals that make decisions for their groups must also take IS-300 and IS-400.

HSEM Report: Craig Strand

- There is a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 5 MN counties.
- Counties are getting together the week of 21-Jul to discuss 800 MHz.

Other Business/Round Table Discussion:

- During the SKYWARN report, Mike Johnson suggested that those that use City Watch need to let the commissioners know how it is being used.
- Kim Purscell indicated she will write a letter to the Pearl Street Joint Powers Board, as approved at the June CAER meeting.
- Dave Purscell inquired if access might be available in Blooming Prairie to install an Amateur Radio digi-peater. This

would be used for SKYWARN operations. Tom Karnauskas suggested expanding on the idea and developing a plan to use Amateur Radio for reporting flood gauge readings as part of the digi-peater network.

- Recommendation was approved to suggest that the next available HSEM grant be used to enhance interoperability.
- No CAER Meeting in August.