

EMA Advisory Council Meeting
3 February 2010

Meeting called to order at 1901

Motion to accept minutes of previous meeting by Herb Detrick, second by Mike Fincher. Motion carried.

Old Business

Equipment from the 2009 Homeland Security Grant has been ordered and we are waiting on it to be delivered to Tippecanoe County so we can pick it up.

Announcements of the Citizen Corps Grant which will fund CERT and Neighborhood watch programs have been delayed until the first two weeks in February. If approved we could receive up to \$10,000, \$3,000 of which would go to the neighborhood watch program and \$7,000 to CERT. Alvin is looking into flyers and public education materials to help promote the programs, including materials targeting the Hispanic population.

District 4 meetings in January were postponed due to weather. The Task Force Committee now has a chairman and deputy chairman. Much of the district leadership is being drawn from Lafayette without much involvement from rural areas. Alvin reports there were outreach attempts early on but these had poor response.

Seven individuals from Cass County participated in the NIMS ICS 400 class in January held at White County Memorial Hospital in Monticello.

New Business

Alvin attended the EMA workshop last Thursday. The state is pushing Web EOC reporting and will be offering another round of training at the local level. A new feature allows agencies to post resource lists. The state will also be encouraging Net Planner usage which contains templates for plan development. Hazard mitigation was discussed as were new trainings in staging area management, shelter management, debris removal, and other courses to be developed.

The evaluation for the Emergency Management Reimbursement plant will be coming up. Alvin reports we are on track to get 50% reimbursement for staff salaries and benefits.

Alvin will be visiting the National Weather Service Friday. He will be discussing storm ready qualification and looking at software. White County will be offering storm spotter training this year as part of a new rotation of training sites alternating between counties. Anyone who has not taken this training in the last three years and wants to be a weather spotter will need to attend.

Alvin is looking into the Electronic Notification System managed by Everbridge Corporation in Glendale, California. The system is capable of dispatching 40,000 calls in one minute through 25 different methods of notification including text message, cell phone, business phone, facebook, twitter, and a number of other mechanisms. Citizens can opt in or out of notification. This would have to be a grant project. Alvin is also looking at partnering with schools, industry, and critical infrastructure partners. This would be a hosted system so the county would not physically purchase equipment.

A great deal has been done in the training area. Alvin went to Kokomo for a pipeline safety meeting to get updates on the underground pipelines running through Cass County for crude oil, natural gas, and other substances. Seven people participated in the recent CERT training conducted by EMA.

Motion to approve claims by Herb Detrick, seconded by Mike Fincher. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Wally, second by Herb Detrick. Motion carried.