

Emergency Management Advisory Council
March 3, 2010

Call to order at 1859 by Herb Bowman

Motion to accept the minutes of previous meeting by Mke Day, second by Rocky Buffum

Old Business

Modems and other equipment for AVL have been ordered. This will enable dispatch and others to see where squad cars are located. This may be extended to four ambulances and fire department rescue trucks and engines. Also looking at a patch system that would allow VHF radios to talk to responders using 800 mhz radio systems. This is part of the 2007 LEIPP Grant

The Citizen Cops grant has been approved in the amount of \$8950.00 out of \$10000 originally requested. A modification will need to be submitted to accommodate the actual funding level. This will fund the Community Emergency Response Team and Neighborhood Watch programs.

Still waiting on info from the 2010 Homeland Security Grant.

DISTRICT 4: Tippecanoe County has historically been the fiscal agent and stored equipment locally. They are now asking other EMAs to help store, maintain, and provide insurance for equipment. Cass County has been asked to store a 30 foot trailer. Alvin will discuss this with the commissioners. It is unclear if the vehicle needed to pull the trailer will also be provided. Cass County EMA does not have a vehicle capable of this. Discussion is being had to reserve 5% of future grants to help cover maintenance costs. Grant purchased items have been marked "Property of Tippecanoe County" in some cases. There is discussion about the future of this practice.

A list of upcoming NMS courses was distributed.

New Business

EMA has been requested to reduce its budget by \$5,000. Alvin has submitted his proposal to accomplish this. He noted \$5,000 of the budget is reserved for maintenance of the warning sirens but this amount has already been obligated.

The fire chief association will meet on March 10th at EMA to discuss narrow banding issues, future complications that might be had with paging issues, and licensure for radio operations.

Still exploring early notification systems as a future grant project.

Alvin discussed his recent review of Freedom Web. This is a software that allows access to Aerial photos of Cass County and can store information including contact information and HAZMAT info. It is updatable and offers 360 views of most structures. Aerial photos were taken mostly around 2006 and some newer features are not present but alterations can be made.

March 13-20 is severe weather awareness week. This will include the issuance of a tomado warning (x2) on Wednesday March 17th. The warning will be preceded and followed by "this is a test." There is some concern some might not hear or comprehend the test statement.

Claims were approved in the amount of \$956.20 on a motion by Wally, second by Rocky Buffum.

Motion to adjourn by Herb Bowman, second by Mike Day.