

Emergency Management Advisory Council
Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Phil, second by Mike Day. Motion carried.

Old Business

GRANTS: 2009 State Homeland Security Grant is complete. The modems have been received and need to be distributed and installed. The 2007 LETTP grant has been approved and we are waiting on a check. The Citizen Corps grant has also been approved. Alvin reported for the 2009 EMFG grant the county will still be reimbursed 50% of salaries for EMA staff but the state is no longer matching benefits. This will be an impact of approximately \$2,500.00

DISTRICT 4: A new mutual aid agreement has been circulated for larger incidents. Alvin indicates this is one of the better mutual aid agreements he has seen. This agreement is geared towards larger incidents and covers response as well as reimbursement for equipment damage and other similar issues.

NIMS: Almost everyone is up to the ICS 300/400 standard that needs to be. It is time for NMSCAST reporting again.

BUDGET REDUCTIONS: Proposals for budget reductions have been approved by the county and are now at the state for final approval.

New Business

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK: Alvin reports the week went very well for the test and sirens were activated in good time. There was a problem with accidental activation the night of the test and we believe this issue has been corrected.

COUNTYWIDE FIRE GRANT: Narrow banding will be affecting the VHF radios currently being used by fire and EMS. This will cause problems with older radio equipment and tone pagers. Alvin reported working with county departments on an Assistance to Firefighters grant for a possible solution to assist with costs of replacement and reprogramming equipment.

CLAIMS: Motion to approve claims in the amount of \$8,592.65 by Mike Fincher, second by Rocky Buffum. Motion Carried

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Mayor Mike Fincher noted city agencies were going through a lot of radio batteries. Other agencies represented addressed similar concerns. Fincher asked if there might be some way to pool resources or look at a bulk purchase agreement or grant to help with this cost. Alvin indicated this might be a possibility. Mike Day of the Sheriff's department indicated we might also evaluate alternate suppliers.

Phil asked a question about an article in the paper regarding training on April 29th. Alvin reported this is a network of rain gauges that helps EMA and other agencies collect data on precipitation. Those who attend and commit to the program get a free rain gauge.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mike Day, second by Brad. Motion carried.