

Cass County EMA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Herb Bowman. A quorum was not present.

Old Business

Work on the 2009 SHSP, LETTP, CCP, and 2010 SHSP continues. The county has changed to 39 degrees north for mapping, and there is still a question as to how this might affect the status of grants. Work on an interface is underway.

Alvin received 26 new backpacks for the CERT program from the state at no cost to EMA. In the CitizenCorps grant there is still funding that has been designated for the purchase of 20 backpacks.

A \$200,000 grant has been received for infrastructure hardening at Coke Nitrogen. This was not applied for and is the result of critical infrastructure info reported to the state.

Alvin recently attended a grant workshop in Indianapolis.

Alvin recently submitted to District 4 a list of the most vulnerable critical infrastructure sites in Cass County. Work on mutual aid agreements continues.

NIMS: Four departments have completed their 2010 NIMSCAST reporting. Alvin is trying to set up another ICS 300 and ICS 400 class in Cass County.

Discussion was had about the need for more emergency planning regarding the panhandle trail.

The budget has been submitted. The first reading is scheduled for August 20 with tentative approval set for September 17th.

The warning siren plan was discussed. At the previous meeting Alvin discussed a cost sharing plan between the City of Logansport, the county, the townships, and towns. There are currently two townships without warning sirens. Some townships have warning sirens but have historically given the maintenance funding to their respective fire departments. The Onward Siren is now at a defunct fire station. There is concern about future funding and implications of Senate Bill 344. Alvin reports he currently has very minimal funding available for siren maintenance issues that might arise.

The EMA Assessment is to be discussed at a meeting in Frankfort. Alvin reports if an increase is received it has to be used for EMA projects such as new equipment, training, or other EMA programs like CERT. It cannot be moved to the county general fund or used for salary.

New Business

Alvin attended a meeting at Grissom Air Reserve Base inspired by the storm damage in June which affected both military and civilian establishments on the former Air Force Base. The plan is to hold quarterly meetings to further a military/civilian agency relationship. Within 18 months Grissom will have a CAP unit equipped with aircraft. Grissom will also be adding an EOD unit of 6-8 personnel which will be available for off base emergencies. The Grissom officials voiced an interest in working with the surrounding counties and cooperating to offer training opportunities.

A mock disaster was held at the local Girl Scout camp with EMA, the CitizenCorps Council and the Red Cross. Training was provided to the girl scouts, ages 13-17 and then they were involved in a disaster scenario. This may become an annual event. Future opportunities are being explored with the Boy Scouts as well.

Claims were submitted in the amount of \$1,614.77. A motion to approve was made by Rocky Buffum, second by Herb Detrick. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Brad Sommers, second by Herb Detrick. Motion carried.