



CALL TO ORDER

The Cass County EMAC met at 7:00 PM at the Office of the Cass County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) at 1227 N SR 17, Logansport, IN 46947.

The meeting was called to order by Danny Farris. Present was Alvin Beckman, Phil Rains, Jeff Smith, Ed Schroder, Gary Chambers, Levi Pullen, Cory Harmon, Tracy Williamson, Wally Bennett, Toni Downhour and Liz Troxell. Guest was Ryan Browning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting was approved.

ELECTION

Motion to keep officers the same. President-Herbert Bowman, Vice President- Danny Farris, Secretary- Liz Troxell.

OLD BUSINESS:

GRANTS

The state has changed programs for how they handle the Homeland Security Grants. All current grants will still use the IGMS Grants Management System until their completion. All new grants, starting with the 2019 year, will go through INtelligrants, a new program that the state switched to. Upcoming grants are the School Safety, State Homeland Security Program, EMPG and Salary Reimbursement. Also, starting this year, are entities that may apply for a homeland security grant must submit the name of a grants coordinator for their entity. This will need to be completed by Feb 11, 2019 A form needs to be submitted naming person who will be grant coordinator for each entity

DISTRICT 4:

The district held a meeting on December 20, 2018. The INtelligrants program was noted. Next meeting February 21 in Lafayette

WARNING SIRENS:

The City of Logansport purchased a warning siren for the City Building, it has been shipped to the installer, where the siren will be programmed and set-up to place on the pole.

BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:

Board reappointments are done

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to report

NEW BUSINESS:

OVERVIEW OF JANUARY'S WEATHER

We had a series of storms during the month of January. The first storm produced a snowfall of 6-7 inches on Jan 11-13, resulting in a few problems but nothing too bad. We did have a semi jack-knife during this storm, rupturing its diesel tank and spilling fuel. The following weekend produced the next weekend was not as bad as first forecast, dropping only 3.5 inches of snow, followed with very strong winds that created blowing and drifting conditions. The next issue came in the form of an Arctic blast, dropping temperatures as low and -20 degrees with wind chills as low as -53 degrees. We had a house fire during this extreme cold, and it presented a lot of problems for emergency personnel. An ice jam develop as a result of the Arctic blast, creating some problem February 4-5, 2019. As a result, we will be reviewing how we respond to these incidents, and looking at how and what we need to assist during incidents like these.

ACTIVITY REPORT/RESPONSE REPORT:

Report from Jan 3 to February 6. It was noted that Deputy Director Chris Cover led the responses to the incidents, as Alvin has been off work or on restrictions that will not allow him to respond to calls.

UPCOMING TRAINING/MEETINGS/EXERCISES

District 4 held a County Readiness Assessment training/roll-out on January 3, 2019. Liz Troxell and Herb Detrick attended Pipeline Group meeting January 23. The NWS Severe Weather Spotters training will be February 26 at 7pm, at Ivy Tech Community College. Gary Chambers talked about NIPSCO conducting training for all Fire Departments.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

CLAIMS

The claims are in the amount of \$1274.43 for 1-3-19 thru 2-6-19 was approved

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EMAC is scheduled for March 6, 2019 at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted

Liz Troxell

EMAC Secretary