

Minutes – January 25th, 2023

Mountrail County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Quarterly Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 17:00 hrs., by Warren Bogert, Emergency Manager, Mountrail County Sheriff's Office. Introductions of all members attending followed.

Attendance:

Warren Bogert of Mountrail County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Service, Corey Bristol of Mountrail County Sheriff's Office, Chad Linberg of Phillips 66, Larry Goettle of Donnybrook Fire Department, James Murphy of Donnybrook Fire Department, Levi Geottle of Donnybrook Fire Department, Becky Fladeland of Upper Missouri Health District Stanley Office, Jesse Baker of New Town Fire Department, Ethan Stein of Plaza Fire Department and Mountrail County Sheriff's Office, Wayne Olson of Plaza Fire Department, John Degroot of New Town Fire Department, Will Thelen of New Town Fire Department, Neil Johnson of ND DES Office-Bismarck SW Regional Coordinator, Charlie Sorenson of Stanley Ambulance, Wade Trulson of Stanley Ambulance, Tim Swanson of Stanley Ambulance, Rich Blahut of Berthold Fire Department, Nathan Washek of Cenex/CHS Pipeline, Kari Enget of Powers Lake Ambulance, Rod Onstott of Minot AFB Emergency Management, Jim McGinnity of Tioga Fire Department, Aaron Skarsgard of the Stanley Fire Department, Chad Hysjulien of Stanley Fire Department, Tyer Swanson of Parshall Fire Department, Brock Christianson of Parshall Fire Department, Amanda Schooling of Enbridge.

Minutes of the August 4th, 2022 meeting were approved by a motion by Wayne Olson and Corey Bristol with no corrections.

Financial Report was approved by a Motion of Chad Hysjulien and John Degroot.

Training:

State DES Training site was mentioned by Warren Bogert. Reminded members training was free for members with hotel and meals reimbursement available through the state. Amanda Schooling mentioned she was always available to teaching any ICS courses. G2300 Intermediate EOC operations was scheduled to be taught in Williston on February 7th-9th, 2023, and G191 EOC/ISC Inter face was scheduled to be taught in Watford City on March 8th and March 9th.

There was no Old Business for discussion.

New Business:

Warren Bogert lead a discussion on American Red Cross and shelters. American Red Cross is saying they may not be able to assist in shelters like they had in the past. They were making cots available to all communities so they would be able to set up their own shelters until a larger shelter could be set up in the county elsewhere. It could take days before anyone from the Red Cross could arrive on scene. More liking assistance would come in the form of monies gifted to the agency setting up the shelter. If a communities or departments wanted cots they are to contact Warren Bogert after the meeting. Cities of White Earth and Parshall had already requested some and will be delivered at a later date.

Corey Bristol lead a discussion on EDISPATCH. He is requesting permission of the departments using the product to have their information placed in the Plaza Fire and Ambulance equipment already on the 911 Center. This will allow for better signal and overall better paging. Letters will be sent to each department to have permission finalized.

Warren Bogert lead a discussion on the Minot AFB Missile Wing inviting departments to tour a missile alert facility (MAF) in the county. Background checks would be performed by the missile wing security before any one was allowed to enter. Names, date of births, driver license information and possibly social security numbers would be needed to enter the facility. Rod Onstott also brought up a class on "How to Fight a Fire" at one of these facilities. Class would be conducted by the Minot AFB Fire Departments and could be held during the next LEPC Meeting. It would be good to have the class before the tours and have the MAFB Fire Department at the tours also. A list was started with names of people who were interested in attending.

Neil Johnson gave an updated for the State DES Office. People need to remember to log into the Hazconnect program at least once a year or they are dropped from access. Hazconnect is the program to access all Tier II reports for the area. If assistance is needed they were to be advised to contact Mountrail County Emergency Manager to assist. Neil Jonson also provided a quick legislative update.

Amanda Schooling of Enbridge invited members to attend exercise and training on February 16th in Berthold. Training will be on ice trenching and skimming on ice. Also boom and skimmer training will be held in the summer.

Corey Bristol on behalf of the Mountrail County Commission lead a discussion on the fund set up by the Mountrail County Commission to serve all EMS and Fire Departments. Fund will be controlled by the commission, departments will submit request to the commission. John Degroot mentioned each department should set up a "wish list" and submit it to Corey or Warren, and it will be taken to the commission.

Department Needs and Requests:

Corey Bristol brought up the commissioner fund. He told Donnybrook Fire Department and Berthold Fire Department to bring up the radios needed to them. Both departments agreed. Corey gathered what was needed by both departments in reference to radios needed and will present to the Mountrail County Commission at their next meeting.

Tim Swanson of Stanley Ambulance was seeking funds to place a base station in the Stanley Ambulance building. Corey Bristol mentioned they could have the extra base station from the sheriff's office. It was currently in the old sheriff's office area of the court house and was not being used. It would only be VHF but would allow pages and radio traffic to be heard. Tim related they would take it. No arrangement was made at the time of the meeting to getting it removed.

John Degroot of New Town Fire Department requested funds for a drone. Cost would be in the area of \$19,000.00. He had five (5) guys from the department who were already interested in becoming certificated to fly it. Drone would have infer-red abilities and would be available of any mutual aid calls. Motion by Chad Hysjulien and Kari Enget to fund the purchase. Motion passed.

Kari Enget of Powers Lake Ambulance requested funds for Airway Trainers. These are manikins for training responders in placing airways in patients having breathing and airway challenges. It would be useful in response to hazardous material incidents where inhalation hazards are present. Powers Lake Ambulance is also in an area where the distance to a hospital could be an issue. Cost of the manikins would be in the area of \$5000.00. Motion by Corey and Wayne passed.

Chad Hysjulien of Stanley Fire Department requested funds for a new SCBA Filling Station. After some discussion on the age of current equipment. It was believed the county had purchased the current one some 20 years ago, and the current one has become unsafe to use. This would not be a mobile fill station. Would be in the Stanley Fire Department Station. Cost of the filling station would be in the area of \$42,000.00. Motion by Wayne and John passed.

For the Good of the Order:

Chad Hysjulien mentioned how lucky we were to have county commission who thought about the 1st responders of the county in the budget process. Due to the increasing prices of equipment they are making possible to be able to respond safely to any incident. All members agreed

Meeting was adjourned at 18:00 hrs., with the next meeting set for the 4th Wednesday of the first month of each quarter. Next meeting April 26th, 2023 at 17:00 at the Mountrail County EOC Room.

