

Grand Forks Emergency Management Board

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

The Grand Forks Emergency Management Board held a meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 7:00 AM in the EOC with 4 attendees.

I. Call to order

Kari Goelz, Emergency Management Director, called the meeting to order

II. Introductions

Ken Vein, Grand Forks City Council was welcomed as a newly appointed, returning Board member

III. New Business

A. EOC

1. Goelz briefed the Board regarding the new EOC reconfiguration, discussing technology, communications and scalability

2. An EOC Technology Committee will be addressing the challenges of aging systems in the EOC. This will be a collaborative effort between the city and county IT departments, PSAP and Emergency Management

B. Updates

1. Mitigation

- a. Overview of a possible community shelter project at the Grand Forks County Fairgrounds by applying for pre-hazard mitigation grant dollars. Discussion ensued around identifying other areas within the city and the county needing a shelter to determine priority of projects.

2. Preparedness and Planning

- a. The Board was updated concerning the use of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Planning sub-committee for assistance with updating city and county Plans. They are currently working on revisions for the Hazardous Materials Plan.
- b. The Board was given an update on the progress of the GFK Full Scale Exercise planning efforts. The exercise is scheduled for 21SEPT2016.

3. Public Outreach

- a. An overview of the Smoke Detector Installation that took place on Saturday, September 10th in Larimore and Arvilla and the efforts to do Emerado in October were discussed.
- b. The partnership between Grand Forks AFB Emergency Management and the Grand Forks Emergency Management Office during National Preparedness Month was briefed to the Board. The AFB EM was proactive in confirming some time in several elementary schools to talk to kids about family emergency plans.

- c. The GF Emergency Management Facebook page is gaining followers. We've published several preparedness videos and messages during September. Twitter is also active.

4. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Update

- a. The Board was briefed concerning the activities of the LEPC; including newly elected officers, organizational structure, and meeting date change.

IV. Open Discussion

Board discussed putting together a five year strategic plan identifying and prioritizing projects, infrastructure upgrades, technology and staffing.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 AM