



Parish of Ascension

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Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2010
11:00 AM
Gonzales Safety Center

Call to Order

- I. Roll Call and Introduction
 - a. Committee Members Present/Absent (See attached sign in sheet).
 - b. Introduction of John Vogt, Manager of Lamar Dixon
- II. CAER update presented by Charles Stokes
 - a. Shelter in Place with Wally Wise Guy will begin in the schools in mid October through November.
 - b. CAER was the main contributor to the mass causality bus for Ascension Parish which was on display during the meeting. The CAER logo is displayed on each side panel and on the back glass.
- III. GAMA update presented by Jason Fusiler
 - a. GAMA members are working with EMCO and Ascension Parish regarding upgrade of radios.
 - b. Williams identified river hazards and response to emergencies on the river.
 - c. There is a need to identify equipment for river response.
- IV. Fire Services update presented by James LeBlanc
 - a. An overview was given of the area that Fire District #1 covers.
 - b. Ascension Parish had sixteen structure fires since April 1, 2010. Two being an arson suicide, six being kitchen fires, one trash fire, four were caused by weather related and three were electrical fires.
 - c. Pelican Point and Diversion Canal are working toward new stations
 - d. Station remodels that are currently ongoing are St. Amant's main station, Geismar's main station, Galvez-Lake sub-station and the main fire station headquarters.
 - e. James LeBlanc gave an update that he recently attended the UASI conference that displayed the mass casualty bus for Ascension Parish.
 - f. Fuel tanks for generators are scheduled to be installed and hooked up by next week. All fire Districts #1 stations will then have standby power.
 - g. Thirty-two first responders have been recertified in Ascension Parish.
 - h. Forty firefighters have been recently recertified NFPA 1403.

- i. Eighty-one fire calls were taken from January 1 to May 31.
 - j. Four hundred eighty medical calls were received from January 1 to May 31.
 - k. Emergency vehicle response training will be held in August 2010.
- V. UASR update was given by Mark Stewart
- a. Thirty-three firefighters are certified in building collapse and trench rescue.
 - b. Ten firefighters are certified in swiftwater.
 - c. Currently the USAR team is moving forward to purchase more personal protective equipment. All with the exception of fifteen have been outfitted with PPE.
 - d. A USAR call down roster is being worked on for First Call.
 - e. There are 3 task forces in Louisiana. Eighteen members from our local USAR task force also involved in the state level task force.
 - f. Three years into a five year plan and currently on schedule.
- VI. EMS update was given by Keith Normand
- a. Currently in the process of scheduling more EMS and oxygen training.
- VII. Mutual Aid and Fire Association updates given by Tracey Normand
- a. Currently working on a parish wide accountability system for first responders responding to calls. The system will cover basic responders protocol, responders in POV's, traffic etc.
- VIII. An update from St. Elizabeth was given by Susan Waguespack
- a. St. Elizabeth has purchased and installed new generator/s which should be able to run the hospital at full capability with no loss of services.
- IX. Hurricane Preparedness in Ascension Parish by Rick Webre
- a. All contra flow and traffic control point remain the same for 2010.
 - b. Generators have been installed parish wide on several government buildings. This was done to insure continuity of government during a declared emergency.
 - c. Web EOC has been modified and tailored for Ascension Parish.
 - d. Ascension Parish along with Leadership Ascension has established a Joint Information Center (JIC) that will be located on the second floor in the courthouse in the executive conference room. The PIO will oversee the Joint Information Center.
 - e. There are two Points of Distribution sites (POD) one being Lamar Dixon and the other on the west bank at the Lemann Center.
 - f. Ascension Parish OEP has two warehouses one located on the west bank and the other on the east bank.
 - g. The shelters in Ascension Parish during a declared emergency are Dutchtown High, with overflow at Dutchtown Middle on the east bank and The Dream Center in Donaldsonville on the west bank.
 - h. Ascension Parish currently has a mass casualty bus and a portable oxygen trailer. We will be able to refill cylinders onsite at the oxygen trailer.
 - i. Ascension Parish has also renewed debris monitoring and debris removal contracts for the upcoming hurricane season.
 - j. Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will both be located at Lamar Dixon. Both operations will begin operation 1-2 days post storm.
 - k. LSA, LSP, Wildlife and Fisheries, Entergy and Demo has signed MOU contracts for use of Lamar Dixon during a declared emergencies.
 - l. John Vogt was introduced as the point of contract for Lamar Dixon.

- X. Hazmat updates were given by Mike Scott
 - a. A brief regarding the last hazmat on 6/16/10 incident was given. An overturned Airliquide truck carrying nitrogen gas overturned on Hwy 30. No injuries were reported. Traffic was shut down on Hwy 30. GAMA radios worked very well during the incident. The lights purchased for the hazmat truck by CAER worked well during the incident.
 - b. The hazmat team has added three new advisory members. Tracey Normand, Chuck Montero and Mark Stewart were recognized new members.
 - c. Ascension Parish Sheriff Office have hired eight new members that are currently in training.
- XI. Cody Melancon presented the update on the Mass Causality Bus
 - a. The mass casualty bus is complete and has been turned over to OEP and Ascension Parish Government for use.
 - b. In 2009 Leadership Ascension produced the medical oxygen trailer and this year two projects were formed, the JIC and the mass causality bus.
- XII. Radio Status Update given by Rick Webre
 - a. Currently reprogramming is on hold due to a Nextel frequency issue.
- XIII. Hazmat Billing Incidents
 - a. Payment for the Hazmat incident on 2/14/2010 was received this week.
 - b. Rick Webre requested a motion to submit an invoice to Airliquide for the hazmat incident on 6/16/2010.
 - i. A motion was made by Mark Stewart.
 - ii. Seconded by James Leblanc. (motion passed)
- XIV. Grants update given by Rachael Wilkinson
 - a. Currently Ascension Parish has 5 grants open with ongoing projects totaling over \$500,000.00
 - b. 2008 and 2009 Citizen Corps grants have been closed. This funding was dedicated to Ascension Amateur Radio Club to purchase communications equipment.
 - c. OEP is currently working with the local USAR teams to purchase additional swiftwater equipment and outfit the remaining team members with PPE.
 - d. Money has also been set aside for an interoperable communications project.
- XV. Training updates given by Crystal Moran
 - a. OEP will focus on internal training for the month of July.
 - b. Training will be conducted with the EOC staff regarding changes in Web EOC, telephone reconfiguration and simulated executive level briefings.
 - c. We will also be working close with American Red Cross to conduct shelter management training for health unit staff and mental health counselors.
- XVI. Old Business
 - a. No old business discussed.
- XVII. New Business
 - a. BP has looked to lease space at Lamar Dixon. Rick is working on a plan for minimal impact on Ascension Parish.
- XVIII. Adjournment