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MINUTES
September 18, 2017

The Holland Township Emergency Management Council Meeting was held on Monday, September 18, 2017, at the municipal building, 61 Church Road, Milford, NJ, in the Meeting Room/EOC.

EM COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT –

Chief John Harris (EM Coordinator); Rick Botto (DEMC Communications/C.E.R.T.); Gail Rader (DEMC Shelter); Donna Lizanich (Board of Health/C.E.R.T.); Lisa DiStefano (Damage Assessment/C.E.R.T.); Dave Burchett (Evacuation/C.E.R.T.); Susan Panzer (EOC/C.E.R.T.); Alan Turdo (Holland Twp DPW); Fire Chief Tom Welsh (Holland Fire) and David VanGilson (Milford Holland Rescue Squad).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE –

Colleen Pursell (Holland Twp Police/EM Secretary; Patrolman Harry Hulst

C.E.R.T. Members: Elizabeth Bantel, Fred Ferry, Natalie Ferry, Joan Kolonia and Ron Mortensen.

OPENING –

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by EMC Harris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting previously mailed to Council Members were approved as distributed on a motion by Fire Chief Tom Welsh, seconded by DEMC Rick Botto.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Various weather alerts and emails were received from Hunterdon County OEM.

STATE / FEDERAL OEM –

The generator grant has been closed out. Holland Township received \$150,726.29 from the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program – Energy Allocation Initiative.

COUNTY OEM –

None

C.E.R.T. – DEMC Gail Rader

DEMC Rader announced that in April of 2017 Holland Township held a new CERT class. At this point, we will hold our next class in the spring of 2019.

On June 14, 2017 Hunterdon County CART came to our CERT meeting and did a presentation on their services. CART will be used should the Riegel Ridge Community Center open as a shelter.

The team participated in a Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort. Thank you to everyone who worked on this initiative.

Holland Township CERT worked in all aspects during Community Day.

DEMC Rick Botto advised that he attended the August 17, 2017 County CERT Meeting. During the meeting a representative from Homeland Security gave a presentation on Cyber Security. DEMC Botto obtained a copy of the presentation for future use.

Local O.E.M.

EMC Harris advised that we held a full scale exercise on June 3, 2017 at Bethany Ridge and the Riegel Ridge Community Center. The drill was designed to test our search and rescue techniques and shelter operations.

DEMC Botto stated that the drill went really well.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES / AGENCIES –

- Shelter – (DEMC Gail Rader): We have a much better perspective of the intensity of obtaining all needed supplies since we have been working on the Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort. Chief Harris reiterated that this is a County Shelter and we need to revisit Memorandum of Agreements.
- 911 Coordinator – (DEMC Sean Gutsick) Not in Attendance.
- Communications – (DEMC Rick Botto) Dave Burchett and George Knoedl ran a HAM Radio training course over the summer. There are now two new operators. We also had the HAM Radio Field Day event at the Riegel Ridge Community Center.
- Health Department – (Donna Lizanich) – No report.
- Resource Management – (Colleen Pursell) - No report.
- Hazmat – (Jessica Gutsick) – No report.
- Damage Assessment – (Lisa DiStefano) – The county is involved in the ORION Damage Assessment. Lisa participated in two webinars. We need to look into a device to make this program work.
- Holland Township School – (Ed Pico) – Not in Attendance.
- Industry – Plant Representatives:
 - NRG, Inc. – Frank Miechur – Not in attendance
 - Georgia Pacific Corrugated III, LLC. – (Michael Allison) – Not in attendance.
- Agencies:

- Fire – Lt. Tom Welsh – In anticipation of rain the fire company has pumps ready. A Tahoe was donated and is equipped. Members will be increasing their training. Five people will be CPR instructors.
- Rescue – David Van Gilson – The squad has received a new ambulance and is waiting for the bumper to be replaced. Monitors are now mounted in the rigs.
- Police – Chief Harris advised that our new Explorer should arrive in the next few weeks. It will be released once the recall on the CO issue is addressed. Our current Explorers are equipped with monitors. There is a program that is out for emergency managers that tracks hurricanes – huravac. Sean is doing well.
- Public Works – Alan Turdo – In June of 2017 Holland Township DPW hired a 7th person. A new chipper and generator light tower has been acquired. The EOC is currently getting painted and is almost finished. At this time we are waiting for the electrician to put the wires back up. You Need A – Wyatt Tolles will be donating a refrigerator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

None

NEW BUSINESS –

DEMC Gail Rader received a message from the MRC that there was a request for nurses from the Florida MRC.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –

None

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE –

September 18, 2017 – OEM Meeting 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT –

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm on a motion by Fire Chief Tom Welsh and seconded by DEMC Rick Botto.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen M. Pursell
Recording Secretary