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Newsletter & Commission Report
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & 911 REPORT

- No action has taken place on the GIS portion of the mapping. No communication has taken place for two months.
- NIMS / ICS training: Are there any changes to report from the County Commission or department heads?
- Commissioner Jones and I attended the "EM-101" class on August 26 & 27. This was an introductory class for new EMs and other local officials. This class brought the On-line courses ICS-100b, ICS-200b and ICS-700a into perspective by allowing us to ask questions about different situation and get answers about what and who to call for help. We also did some tabletop exercises where we had to come up with the answers to mock disasters.
- The State and Local Agreement (SLA) was completed for FFY2015-2016. The current allocation is \$17,234.10.

TRAINING

During August I completed the following training / orientation or in-service trainings:

- Introduction to use of the law enforcement teletype system.
- Introduction to the Hand County Mutual Aid Radio System (HC-MARS)
- Introduction to paging and dispatching of emergency personnel.
- Introduction to call taking.
- Introduction to the SLA with the OEM region coordinator.
- Introduction to rural addressing assignment and correction.
- Introduction to office operations, equipment and record keeping.
- One day mini-session on 08-25-15 at the National Weather Service Office in Aberdeen.

In the month of September, I will expand and dig deeper into all issues above plus:

- Attend the South Dakota Emergency Management Association annual meeting and training. I will be taking the G202 class on Debris Management while there.
- I will be meeting with Patti Pudwill, Region 3 OEM, to continue to go through the SLA book and the EMF topics which I have chosen for the FFY 2016.
- Continuing updating information for contact list.

EQUIPMENT

- The EM vehicle is in the final stages of being put together for use. A great deal of the equipment is recycled from other agencies. Jim Keeter is installing it.
- Sheriff DeBoer and I are working to bring the computers, software and other technology up to date.

GRANTS

- I am learning about the State & Local Agreement (SLA) funding grant which pays part of my wage/benefits and operational expenses.
- I am learning about the Hazard Mitigation grant program which helps mitigate disaster sites through capital improvement.

ACTIVITIES

- During August, I responded either in part or individually to 3 assignments apart from training, orientation or staff development. I also have started a schedule for exercising the portable generator with the Fire Department as many people as possible will be trained onto how to work it.