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Newsletter & Commission Report  
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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & 911 REPORT**

- Jennifer Sietsema from NECOG came on September 4, 2015. She went through the final Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) document before she types the final copy up. She expects to be done within the month of October.
- The EMF's for FFY2016 have been signed and sent. All have been accepted and copies returned for our records.
- NIMS / ICS training: Are there any changes to report from the County Commission or department heads?
- I attended the SDEMA annual conference September 14 – 17, 2015. I found the conference to be very informational with the classes, tabletop exercises and meetings that were given. It also gave me a chance to meet more Emergency Managers from around the state along with putting names with faces that are in the SDOEM office that I have talked with on several occasions over the phone.
- Deputy Koster and I attended the South Dakota Law Enforcement NCIC Limited Access class held in Pierre at the Law Enforcement Academy. This class consisted of a 4 hour training course and final to become a Terminal Operator in South Dakota. I am now certified to use the Omnixx program which is a program used by the state, national and international law enforcement agencies for investigative purposes.

**TRAINING**

- During the month of September I have completed the following training/orientation or inservice:
  - ICS – 800 On-line course
  - Terminal Operator – NCIC Limited Access Class
  - G202: Debris Management Class
  - 2015 SDEMA Conference
- In the month of October, I will expand and dig deeper into all issues above plus:
  - Continue to get credentialing paperwork done for the Fire Departments, EMT's, City and County employees and Hospital employees.
  - I will be meeting with Patti Pudwill to go over more training in the SLA book and paperwork that will be due by the middle of the month.
  - I will be meeting with Bob Winsell to go over the Haz-Mat Mitigation Plan and funding that will be coming available for the FFY2016.
  - Continuing updating information for contact list.

## **EQUIPMENT**

- The EM vehicle is basically done, only a few things remain to be worked on. It was taken to the SDEMA conference in Mitchell and I have pulled the enclosed mini-trailer, mobile command center (RV) and the portable generator behind it to get used to how it drove with the extra weight and length attached to it. I can say that it pulls all of our equipment without any problems.
- Sheriff DeBoer and I are continuing to work on bringing the computers, software and other technology up to date.
- I will be continuing to exercise the portable generators that are stored at the Weed and Pest Shop along with the generator at the Fire Hall.

## **GRANTS**

- I am continuing to learn 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 September, I responded either in part or individually to 1 assignment apart from training, orientation or staff development. I also have started a schedule for exercising the portable generator with the Fire Department to get many people as possible trained onto how to work it. I am also working with Brent Hovland, Hyde County Emergency Manager, to get a time worked out for the Highmore Fire Department to come and train with us.