

Emergency Management Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2019  
7:00 am – 8:00 am

The Grand Forks Emergency Management Board met on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7:00 AM in the Emergency Operations Center, 122 S 5 St, Grand Forks. Board members present were Diane Knauf, Michelle Rakoczy and Heather Everson (by phone). Gannon Engkvist and Allie McAthie also attended the meeting.

I. Call to Order

Diane Knauf, Emergency Management Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from Emergency Management Board meeting held on June 6, 2019. Michelle Rakoczy made a motion to approve the minutes. Heather Everson second. All in favor. Motion passed.

III. New Business

A. Security & Vulnerability Assessments

Don Ronsberg, Protective Security Advisor, North Dakota District DHS (Department of Homeland Security) is performing vulnerability assessments July 31 and Aug 1 for the County Office Building (COB) and the GF County Courthouse respectively. A vulnerability assessment identifies threats and risks to organizations involved in the assessment. Results will be sent to the EM Office.

B. Rural Schools Safety and Security Consortium

The Emergency Management Office will bring all Superintendents and Principals from Grand Forks County rural schools to form a consortium and discuss their concerns regarding school safety. Don Ronsberg is scheduled to do vulnerability assessments in the rural schools as time becomes available.

A school staff safety training session will be held at the Manvel Public School on August 19. Kari will be working with the Manvel School system to update their safety and security plan.

C. DR 4444 – Spring Flooding Recovery Scoping Meeting

A Spring Flood Recovery Scoping Meeting will be held today at 1:00 at City Hall. FEMA representatives will be discussing the damages reported by city and county staff from the recent spring flood event.

D. EOC Move

Discussions have begun with city and county personnel to include the relocation of the EOC in space studies. All discussions are preliminary and future meetings will explore space issues with other city/county depts. A short term solution under discussion is moving the EOC to the Grand Forks Public Works building.

E. Active Shooter and Search and Rescue Full Scale Exercises

A Full Scale Active Shooter Exercise will take place on Wed, August 7 at Grand Forks Central High School at 12:00 noon. Response agencies involved in the exercise include Emergency Management, LE, SO, Altru EMS, GFFD and Grand Forks School District. The exercise will simulate a mass casualty event and is funded by a FY18 State Homeland Security Grant.

F. Active Shooter Workshop

The Active Shooter Workshop is scheduled for September 26 from 8:00 – 4:00 pm at Hope Church at the Grand Cities Mall. The Workshop is sponsored by the Emergency Management Office and presented by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It is free and open to the public.

G. Fordville & Larimore Shelters

The severe weather storm shelters are available for use at the Larimore and Fordville Dam Recreational Areas.

III Discussion

Next Board Meeting is rescheduled for September 5 at 7:00 AM in the EOC.

IV. Adjournment.

Michelle Rakoczy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Knauf second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 AM.