

AMS/NWA MEMPHIS CHAPTER 19 NOV 2013 MEETING MINUTES

1. The President thanked everyone for attending our November meeting which was at the Shelby County Tennessee Emergency Management Operations Center.
2. Please pay your dues of \$10.00 to our treasurer Jim Branda.
3. The treasurer's report was given.
4. The question was thrown out if anyone had any new business to discuss. There were no responses.
5. Introduction to tonight's speaker, Gene Jones from the Shelby County Office of Preparedness. Gene first discussed in great detail their new operations facility with its large situational awareness screens, comm links to county and state offices and 18 computer desk stations that host the necessary operational personnel during disasters. These disasters can range from natural, homeland security, plane, train and multi-car crashes, large fires, etc. The facility is also capable of retrieving all Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) highway cameras and city GIS data that displays the inground water, gas and power grid network. They are equipped to receive and transmit information via Twitter and Facebook as well as using the trusty and reliable amateur radio. LED lightning was placed in the main big room to make Emergency Managers and Preparedness personnel as comfortable as possible, as they may have to work extended hours for several days. The office also owns mobile trailers that are fully equipped to handle disasters at the incident site. Their facility has three tractor-size generators for operating in back-up mode and fire doors that can be activated in case of a homeland security/terrorist type act.
6. After the presentation/talk Gene was able to provide answers to several questions that members had asked.
7. Last, a big thanks was given to Gene. The President then wished everyone a safe and joyful Holiday season and the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Branda, Secretary

Approved,

Tom Salem, President