

NAVAJO COUNTY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS

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Ready Navajo County Presentations to White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, Kayenta and Pinon Communities.

At the December 2, 2015 White Mountain Apache Tribal Council Supervisor Dawnafe Whitesinger introduced Navajo County's emergency notification system. Mary Springer discussed the benefits to citizens by signing up with the notification system. Citizen sign up events were held in the month of December at Hon-Dah McNary Fire Department, Kayenta Justice Court and Pinon road yard.



Heber-Overgaard Re-establishes CERT Team

During the December Citizen Corp Council meeting Dan Mapstone and Brian Parker represented the Heber-Overgaard community and requested the council approve the re-establishment of the CERT team. The CERT team provides the community and Navajo County trained volunteers to support all hazard events. The Citizen Corp Council unanimously approved the request. Team members of the re-established CERT team elected Dan Mapstone Chairman and Brian Parker Vice Chairman. Team training is slated for early in 2016.

FEMA Provides Grant Training

Members from Emergency Management and Finance attended a three-day FEMA grant training class at Papago Military Base in Phoenix. The training included the technical aspects of grants ifederal requirements. Catrina Jenkins stated "if I could send anyone who manages a grant to this training I would because the level of detail covered was exceptional". "The instructors provided a wealth of information which only improves how well we manage our grants" Jenkins said.



Arizona Homeland Security Director Addresses North Regional Advisory Council (NRAC)

Gilbert Orrantia, Arizona Director of Homeland Security addressed the North Regional Advisory Council at their quarterly meeting held in December 2015 at the Chevlon Canyon conference room. Mr. Orrantia complemented the council on how well the council works to identify critical projects using Homeland Security grant funding that address the core capabilities across the region. The North Regional Advisory Council is comprised of members from law enforcement, fire department, elected officials, county health, tribal government,

emergency management, county supervisor and DPS. Supervisor Jesse Thompson and Sheriff KC Clark represent Navajo County on the council.



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Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The Navajo County Community Wildfire Protection plans (CWPP) were established in 2004 and 2009 in the aftermath of the Rodeo-Chedeski Fire. The plans were developed for the “at-risk” communities located within the Sitgreaves and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests and surrounding communities. A collaborative effort is currently underway with local, state, tribal and federal partners to update these plans in support of the National Cohesive Strategy for homes, communities and values at

-risk due to wildfire. The core team, led by Navajo County Emergency Management and Richard Remington, a consultant from Logan Simpson, is currently reviewing wildland urban interface boundaries (WUI), fuel types, fire



Salvation Army and American Red Cross

Working Together on Sheltering Assessments

The Salvation Army and The American Red Cross are working together to conduct sheltering assessments in local communities in the event an emergency required the evacuation and citizens needed shelter. Recently representatives from these organizations traveled to Winslow, Holbrook, Show Low, Lakeside and Cibecue to assess designated sheltering sites and the resources available at each location. More assessments of other communities are planned and this information will be shared with Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs to be updated in their sheltering inventory.

Arizona Joint School & Healthcare Pediatric Response Workshop

The Public Health Team traveled to Scottsdale in December to attend the Arizona Joint School & Healthcare System Pediatric Response Workshop and Table Top Exercise. The exercise brought together law enforcement, fire, school districts, public health and emergency management groups from around the state. Considerations for preparedness in dealing with emergencies involving children, such as school shootings/disasters, were discussed.

Activities - January 2016

- ◆ Health/All Hazard EOC’s Functional Exercise
- ◆ Public Health Emergency Preparedness Statewide Collaborators Meeting
- ◆ Regional THIRA Workshop
- ◆ Hazard Mitigation Grant
- ◆ Homeland Security Grant Workshop

On the Road with *Ready Navajo County* - Schedule of upcoming presentations

1/6/16	Community Meeting	Dilkon Road Yard	1:30 PM
1/14/16	White Mountain Women’s Club	Cattlemen’s Steakhouse	11:15 AM
1/27/16	Whiteriver/McNary	Libraries	10 am-3 pm
Dates Pending	Show Low Elks.	Locations TBD	TBD

