

# TRINITY COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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*"To collaboratively pursue the preservation of life, property and the environment in Trinity County. Establish the emergency management organization through Disaster Council partners in county, special districts, non-governmental organizations and others to develop assigned tasks, policies and procedures through a coordination of efforts to better serve and protect the interests of Trinity County."*

## Trinity County Disaster Council Minutes 1/9/2024 2:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions: Sign in
2. Minutes from last meeting- Date: 11/14/23
3. Presentation: Mike Beckstrand (CalOES Region III Communications Coordinator)

Satellite PTT Radios (ICOM Sat 100) – These are 5W portable (handheld) satellite radios that comes with a portable and a mobile antenna. These radios require line of sight, so they will not work indoors. The radios also come with a lapel microphone. These radios can be requested from CalOES for loan to Operational Areas and use in the field. If county wishes to purchase their own, the portable radio costs about \$1200. The TalkGroup service rate covers 100k km. There is also a mobile radio (ICOM Sat 100M) that can be mounted in a trailer and comes with its own power supply.

CalOES also has PTT cell phones available. These are being phased out for newer Samsung PTT phones. These can be used by first responders and/or law enforcement at events. Can send texts, pictures, video. Can see location of devices in real time via a web portal. Includes bread crumb tracking Mike also has a F350 with multiple types of communications equipment. These resources can be requested via Mutual Aid (EMMA or LEMA). Contact Philip Simi at OES, who will reach out to Mike Beckstrand through Jasen Vela or Robert Goyeneche. Statewide Operational Area Satellite Information System (OASIS) that provides 8 phone lines with data that can be used for the EOC or ICP.

Enterprise Secure Chat (ES Chat) is a mobile application for Android and iOS smartphones and tablets that provides Push-To-Talk (PTT), Group Messaging, GPS Location and Breadcrumb Tracking, and other capabilities. More information available at <https://eschat.com/>.

4. Incident Reviews – All

HazMat 12/20/23 – Highway 299 at Mile Marker 68 near Clark Gulch – A collision between a semi-truck and a passenger vehicle was reported, which cause the semi to roll over. Initial report was a release of diesel (driver reported there was approximately 30 gallons of diesel and 30 gallons of hydraulic oil in the truck) then later the spill was confirmed as 15 gallons of food grade hydraulic oil purchased from Hunt and Sons Inc. (FM Hydraulic Oil 32). Grass Valley Creek is just to the south of highway 299. Note that Hwy 299 was closed for approximately 1 hour. Caltrans cleaned up majority of spill. EH requested additional waddles in place to stop migration of material into storm drain leading to creek before upcoming storm.

HazMat 12/22/23 – Unknown location, found evidence at 3371 Trinity Dam Blvd. - Fuel spill discovered by Environmental Health on Thursday January 4th, 2024 after a complaint was followed up on from January 3rd, 2024. This spill was found in spoils placed by Lewiston Water District Project on private property. Spill was found above drinking water source for neighbor below. Contractor and engineer asked to do remediation of spill. At very minimum place plastic on spill to contain before next storm, illegal disposal of hazardous waste is ongoing until remediation takes place.

5. Grant Updates – Philip Simi

a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Year-End reports are due for OES grants. Submitted project worksheet for EMPG23 grant.

b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Submitted project worksheet for HSGP23 grant.

c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

PSPS19 grant is being closed out. Majority of funds were used for courthouse generator. Used remaining funds to partially cover new generator at WVFD to be used as warming, cooling, evac shelter.

~~6. Health Officer Discussion – Dr. Herfindahl~~

7. Reports and Action Items:

~~a) Agricultural Commissioner: Angela Blanchard~~

~~b) ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service): Karl Fisher, Robert Jackson~~

New amateur radio operators have been licensed – Several Trinity County Amateur Radio Club (TCARC) members will be attending repeater training put on by Berryessa Amateur Radio Klub (BARK) starting January 10<sup>th</sup>. TCARC currently only has one club member who knows the repeaters.

Can request assistance through ARES for amateur radio operators.

Frontier Radio Grant - We have ham radios installed at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and at some shelter locations (mostly schools). There are still about 18 radios that need to be installed throughout the county.

~~c) Behavioral Health: Connie Cessna Smith~~

d) Board of Supervisors: Ric Leutwyler

First BOS meeting included a review of the county Strategic Plan. Some of the objectives includes issues that have been discussed here.

~~e) California Tribal TANF Partnership: Tina Lynch~~

f) Cal OES: Mike Beckstrand, Robert Goyeneche

Jasen Vela will be the Emergency Services Coordinator assigned to Siskiyou and Trinity Counties.

William “BJ” Laustalot will be the Emergency Services Coordinator assigned to Modoc and Lassen Counties.

Robert Goyeneche will remain Senior Emergency Services Coordinator for Region III.

This change is effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.

g) CAO: Trent Tuthill

Multiple areas where the county would like to improve communications. Infrastructure – FCA is working on a funding source for a countywide assessment of comms. Assessing the condition of repeaters. Nice to see some of the options like satellite radios. Want to take a strategic look at communications needs in the county and come up with a plan. Can be loaned out for emergencies.

~~h) CHP (California Highway Patrol) Brandon Lale~~

i) District Attorney Office/Victim Witness: Joni Wiley

Almost fully staffed. Have an interview tomorrow. We have a portable Starlink kit to use for Victim Witness. Can be loaned out for emergencies.

~~j) DOT: Panos Kokkas~~

~~k) Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson~~

~~l) Faith Based Organizations: Jesse Ragan~~

~~m) Cal Fire: Nick Ciapponi~~

~~n) HHS - Public Health: Marcie Cudziol~~

o) HHS - Social Services: Liz Hamilton, Mike Cottone

New Disaster Program Manager for American Red Cross, Simon Knopf, will be here 1/17 to do a priority shelter walkthrough.

p) HRN: Sheri White

HRN is hosting a Strangulation & Domestic Violence Investigation Training at the Trinity Alps Performing Arts Center, 101 Arbuckle Court in Weaverville on February 23, 2024 from 8:00AM-4:30PM. Lunch (Provided) from 12:00-12:30PM. Sheri will email the flyer to the group.

q) OES: Philip Simi

HF Radio Grant (TCSO) – HF radio at the EOC is up and running. There is a portable unit for TCSO command trailer. Allows for communication with the state and other Operational Areas and does not require repeaters.

r) Community Development Dept.: David Colbeck

Natural Resources Division has been working on CalFire Wildfire Protection Grants for Hayfork and Junction City, with a focus on prevention and cleanup. Working on install of two Verizon cell towers in Trinity Center. Meeting with Planning Dept soon on environmental review. Could see install start by next August.

Working with DOT on Good Neighbor Agreement to deal with hazard trees.

s) Probation: Tim Dobbs

TCSO invited probation to participate in an Active Shooter training. We will be sending two firearms instructors.

Probation took delivery of two new vehicles that were ordered last year – Chevy Tahoes.

~~t) Red Cross: Simon Knopf~~

u) Region III RDMHS: Patti Carter, Jennifer Johnson

Keeping an eye on things with EMS, impacts due to road closures. Asking Operational Areas (OAs) to escalate to Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) when needed.

Multiple trainings coming up, including Incident Command System (ICS) classes in Plumas, a Region III Tabletop Exercise involving a cybersecurity scenario on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Information will be shared via MHOAC.

v) Risk Management: Laila Cassis, Kyle Rehg

No report.

~~w) Schools: Fabio Robles~~

~~x) Sheriff: Tim Saxon, Brian Ward~~

~~y) Solid Waste: Diane Rader~~

z) Trinity County Food Bank: Jeffrey England

Salvation Army was advertising for donations with proceeds going to Trinity County. Jeff England reached out and now Salvation Army is ensuring funds get to Trinity County.

Trinity County Food Bank is pursuing a project to place four shipping container units in four remote communities in Trinity County (Hayfork, Mad River, Ruth, Coffee Creek) that will store emergency supplies

for use in disaster. Trinity County Board of Supervisors (BOS) waived all county fees associated placement of these containers.

~~aa) Trinity County Life Support:~~

bb) Trinity County Public Utility District: Sarah Sheetz

I was on the MARAC meeting and saw the presentation on satellite radios. Would like to test use of these radios for consideration of use by our crews during power outages.

cc) Trinity Resource Conservation District: Skyler Fisher

Crews doing manual fuels education in Weaver Basin. FSC – Sent a draft of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to CalOES. Completed Review Tool and will send back to CalOES.

Evacuation Plan – Will be reaching out to some of the organizations represented here to make sure our plan is consistent.

Reached out to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regarding funding for cell phone coverage. They would like to meet with people from the county who are impacted and someone from the county who can represent.

The next Fire Safe Council meeting is on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

~~dd) USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley~~

~~ee) Veterans Services: Jennifer Dobbs~~

ff) Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Sonni DeMello, Arina Erwin

Arina – We are participating in the climate change coalition. There is a grant 501c(3) and count government to address climate-caused disasters – Cooling Centers, Clean Air Centers, etc. Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program Round 1 Grant Guidelines (DRAFT) FY 2023 – 2024 -

[https://opr.ca.gov/climate/icarp/grants/docs/20231012-Public\\_Review\\_EHCRP\\_Draft\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://opr.ca.gov/climate/icarp/grants/docs/20231012-Public_Review_EHCRP_Draft_Guidelines.pdf)

Public Health continues with flu and childhood immunizations on a weekly basis.

Upcoming trainings include Hospital ICS in January, Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface (G-191) in February, Region III Tabletop Exercise involving a cybersecurity scenario on April 25th. There will be a Trinity County specific inject included.

WE have funds from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grants. We will follow up from the July Decontamination exercise to purchase equipment including Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs), decontamination tent equipment.

Purchased a new decontamination tent and the old tent will go to Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department for use in South County. Patti and Jennifer from RDMHS will train HVFD on use of the decontamination tent.

Hospital Preparedness Partners (HPP) meeting has been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every other month.

Dr. Herfindahl, Health Officer, made an order for Volunteer Fire Departments in South County to get epinephrine pens.

Public Health is seeing increases in Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19. Updated COVID-19 guidance on infectious periods has been released.

[Infectious period definitions for the purpose of isolation and exclusion of confirmed cases](#)

[Public Health Order Questions & Answers: COVID-19 Disease Control and Prevention](#)

~~gg) Mountain Communities Hospital: Aaron Rodgers, Belen Manybanseng~~

~~hh) Assessor's office: Jessica Tillinghast~~

ii) Others:

CalFire is rotating engineers form other areas to Trinity, so we may not see the same staff.

Structure fire training coming up in Douglas City after asbestos abatement in February.

CalFire Engine Driver/Pump Training – Trying to waive requirement to be Fire Fighter II so that they can include engineers in the training.

8. Upcoming Training/Exercises – All

Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (MERRTT) – February 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, Yreka

AWR 209: Working with The Media: A Course for Rural First Responders – March 18<sup>th</sup>, Chico

Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations – April 2024, Red Bluff

Region III Tabletop Exercise - Cybersecurity (w/ Trinity County Special Inject (Narcotics/Overdose Scenario) - April 25<sup>th</sup>

G-191: Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface – February 28<sup>th</sup>, Weaverville

9. Other Business

Updated meeting invite with new contacts.

10. Next Meeting: 3/12/24 at 2:00pm

11. Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month

**2024: January 9<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

12. Adjourn

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