

TRINITY COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



“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 March 12, 2024

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Minutes from last meeting- Date: 1/09/24

Approved.

3. Presentation: Victim Witness: Joni Wiley

Joni Wiley – Victim Witness – Mass Victim Assistance Grant – Provide victims and witness with services, restitution, victim impacts statements. \$100k added for Mass Victim Assistance. Located at the courthouse with the District Attorney’s office, across from DA. Most funding comes from federal grant, with a portion from the state.

Incident Review: Feb. 3, 2020 - Greyhound Bus Incident Kern County. A gunman opened fire aboard a packed Greyhound bus on the 5 Freeway near Lebec early Monday, killing one passenger and wounding five others. Case update: Jury trial that was scheduled to start Wednesday was moved to March 6, 2024. None of the passengers were from Kern County. Some were from foreign countries. Communication was an issue.

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) of the U.S. Department of Justice define an act of mass violence as “an intentional violent crime that results in physical, emotional, or psychological injury to a sufficiently large number of people and significantly increases the burden of victim assistance and compensation for the responding jurisdiction”

MVA Deployment - Requests for assistance and deployment of the TCVWAP MVA Advocates. Crisis Response Team requests for deployment are to be made to the District Attorney first, then to the Victim Witness Coordinator. Determining factors for activation approval will be assessment as to the scope of the request, Mass Victimization Incident, safety issues addressed, and organizational capacity to deploy.

Components of TCVWAP Crisis response MV assistance plan: Immediate services to meet the needs of victims in the aftermath of a crime-related MV or terrorism incident. Immediate needs - Food/water (Gift cards), Clothing (Go-bags), Assist with family reunification, Shelter Supplies (15 adult/12 child cots, blankets, toiletries). Long-term needs - Connect victims to local resources, CALVCB: medical bills, counseling, relocation, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, case updates, court escort etc., and Group Crisis Intervention (NOVA MODEL, National Organization for Victim Assistance).

Family Reunification - If necessary, identify a safe space, near the scene of the event, to serve as a reunification center for families who are in search of family members and information. Assist family members in reunification.

Family Assistance Centers (FACs) - Secure facilities, often established 24-48 hours after an incident, that provide information about missing or unaccounted persons and the deceased, and serve as a private “one-stop shop” of services for affected populations.

SSVVPP - Safety & Security: Introductions, logistics, Privacy Notice, agenda; Ventilation & Validation: Experiences, reactions, challenges, what was/wasn’t helpful (Scribe takes notes); Prediction & Preparation:

What will happen in the coming days/weeks, concerns, ways to deal with fears/concerns (Scribe takes notes, follow up with resources). Review scribes notes and draw a connection between what we know about crisis (crisis response: Fight, flight, freeze, fawn), summarize fears/concerns and coping strategies

Instinctive Trauma Responses – Fight Response, Flight Response, Freeze Response, Fawn Response.

Getting Help from Other Advocates - In the event that Victim Witness requires additional support for advocates or claim staff to respond to the crisis or maintain the day-to-day operations of the office, the Victim Witness Coordinator/MVA will call the VW Coordinators of neighboring counties or the president of the California Crime Victims Assistance Association (CCVAA) to request support.

Our Region includes Del Norte, Humboldt, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity Counties.

4. Incident Reviews – All

No incidents received.

5. Grant Updates – Philip Simi

a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Replacing generator at WVFD to power the entire complex. Large conference room could be used for cooling, warming center, or shelter, etc.

Emergency Alert Sirens – Three locations identified. Trinity PUD will place poles and contractor will do the electrical work – Burnt Ranch, Weaverville, Trinity Center. Fourth location is Mad River, which will be delayed due to funding.

b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

HSGP – fire chiefs met last night. Collecting requests from Volunteer Fire Departments. Trinity Trust Grant from Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) for aux-comm (GMRS) system in Post Mountain area (pilot). Potential to expand to other areas in Trinity County.

c. Misc. grants

Kristy – question about Alert FM and whether this has been considered for Trinity County. We looked at it, but cost is prohibitive to implement in Trinity County.

6. Health Officer Discussion – Dr. Herfindahl

No report.

7. Reports and Action Items:

a) Agricultural Commissioner: Angela Blanchard

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

Karl – Trying to pick up the pace in installing FG radios throughout the county. One is in Hymapom, 2 in HFK, HFK VFD, Solid Rock Church. Recent install at DC School, BR School. Looking forward to installing in Post Mountain VFD. Planning a trip with Philip re the NRSN (Neighborhood Radio Safety Watch) program, which will provide GMRS repeaters and radios to community members for use in emergency and non-emergency situations when other communications such as landline and cell service are down. Mapped out equipment needs for station there. Next will be Trinity Center, then south and Downriver. Trying to get a bunch done this year.

c) Behavioral Health: Connie Cessna Smith

BHS does have a 24-7 crisis line 623-5708 for mental health trauma or crisis, substance abuse related crisis, etc.

In the process of rolling out Mobile Crisis which will respond to the field. Respond simultaneously with law enforcement. By July 1st if not sooner. Writing P&P and working out process with dispatch.

Marcie – Mental health first aid? Training people in our workforce or DSWs?

BHS will host a Crisis Intervention training in the last week of May – 45 seats. Email Connie if interested. 2 half days on the 29th and 30th at BHS.

- d) Board of Supervisors: Ric Leutwyler
No report.
- e) California Tribal TANF Partnership: Tina Lynch
Not present.
- f) Cal OES: Mike Beckstrand, Rick Ehlert, Robert Goyeneche
Rick – Finally fully staffed in north part of the region. We have more staff now to help us support counties in northern California. AT&T – Carrier of Last Resort.
Ric – letters sent by County, CSAC, and RCRC.
- g) CAO: Trent Tuthill
No report.
- h) CHP (California Highway Patrol): Brandon Lale
Not present.
- i) District Attorney Office/Victim Witness: Joni Wiley
Fully staffed. Kelly is new staff member.
Joni – We have laminated resource cards with phone numbers. Left at the table.
- j) DOT: Ponos Kokkas
Very busy from last snow storm, removing snow and trees. Then back in routine work until the next disaster.
- k) Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson
No Report.
- l) Faith Based Organizations: Jesse Ragan
Not present.
- m) Cal Fire – Nick Ciapponi
Not present.
- n) HHS - Public Health: Marcie Cudziol
We renewed our Health Officer’s contract for another two years. Kristy and Marcie are happy about that. It helps to have a Health Officer who knows our county.
- o) HHS - Social Services: Liz Hamilton
No report.
- p) HRN: Sheri White
No report.
- q) OES: Philip Simi
No report.
- r) Community Development Dept.: David Colbeck
Cell Towers – Trinity Center, Rush Creek – Now only Trinity Center. NR working on fire hardening projects, especially around county facilities and infrastructure, Trinity Center Airport hangars. Continuing August Complex hazard tree removal. Fuels left on the ground.

Ric – Sierra Nevada Conservancy has subregions and only one voting member per subregion, which has been Siskiyou. Trinity County will be that voting member for 2025-26.

s) Probation: Ruby Fierro

Last officer hired is in academy now and will be sworn in next month. Will be fully staffed.

t) Red Cross: Simon Knopf

Took over as DPM. Covering Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity. Did some preparedness Ed in North County. Make a plan, gather a kit, know where to get info. Can request session through Simon.

DAT calls – We've had two calls in Trinity County. Happy to give a presentation on DAT. Did priority shelter walkthrough in January? Will send out a doodle poll to OES/PHEP to continue discussion.

Looking at small to mid-size events.

We have an open house recruitment at Trinity High on 3/22. We want to celebrate existing volunteers and recruit for new volunteers.

u) Region III RDMHS: Patti Carter, Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer – Working with Sonni to get a 1st responder decontamination course 5/21, 5/24. Region III Ex coming up.

Patti – participated in G191 EOC interface class. Was a great training. Thanks to Philip and Sonni for hosting.

v) Risk Management: Laila Cassis, Kyle Rehg

Kyle – started in-person orientations for new employees. Working with Philip on DSW registration forms. Philip is giving a DSW presentation at orientation. Fire alarm at courthouse malfunctioned. Training is needed – working with Todd Corbett on fire drill. Workplace Violence in process. IIPP – being updated.

w) Schools: Fabio Robles, Jeff Morris

Not present.

x) Sheriff: Brian Ward

No report.

y) Solid Waste: Diane Rader

Not present.

z) Trinity County Food Bank: Jeffrey England

Not present.

aa) Trinity County Life Support:

Not present.

bb) Trinity County Public Utility District: Sarah Sheetz

Disaster Averted a couple weeks ago. N County got hit pretty hard. Upper Covington and Long Canyon. Trees were falling. Had to pull crews out. Could not work or see due to trees. DOT helped to clear trees. Five residents who had service completing torn off of roads.

PUD submitted grant application for snow cat. Huffman's office notified us that we were approved.

Ric – Residence in North County with road on SPI land? Road is the responsibility of the residents. Road is for tower access. Philip reports that propane was delivered for the generator to power the tower.

cc) Trinity Resource Conservation District: Skyler Fisher

Applying for funding for evac status and zone maintenance. Apply for Grizzly Fellow for CWPP, HMP (AmeriCorps). Two new LAA for BR and PM. Still need more LAAs.

Will have 11 community meetings in May, June for update on CWPP, HMP. Spring community chipping starts 1st week in May. Working with CF for pre-chipping assistance. May 11th – TC Firewise Fair at Hayfork Park. Free tacos. Music, fire mountain exercise.

dd) USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley

Not present.

ee) Veterans Services: Jennifer Dobbs

Not present.

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

Arina – G191 – 13 county staff – HHS, OES, TCSO, DOT. CalOES had 4 staff attend. Sonni and Landon at TLS working on inject for Spring TTEX on Cybersecurity and medical mass casualty incident. THPP met ??/14. Next mtg 4/10. Email Sonni if you are interested on attending. Working on getting CAHAN up in Trinity. Implementing an EMS all alert system. THPP received a lot of purchase requests. Sonni has provided chemical burn (CBRN suit to HFK VFD. Will be included with decon tent. Ordered TruNarc for R3 inject. Foxtrot litter for patient extrication. PAPRS for Trinity Hosp and HFK decon tents.

Sonni – CAHAN is a state system for mass communication among healthcare staff. Any kind of pandemic or outbreak alerts come through CAHAN. Multiple options for alerts and notifications, as well as replies.

gg) Mountain Communities Hospital: Aaron Rodgers, Belen Manybanseng

Not present.

hh) Assessor's office: Jessica Tillinghast

Not present.

ii) Others:

jj) Sheri White, HRN

No report.

kk) Bill Ehorn, DWR

Geologist and drought coordinator. Groundwater monitoring. GW Management Act – Trying to expand groundwater monitoring. Drought preparedness.

Voluntary monitoring program. We monitor 1100 wells and publish the information. Some monitoring I required.

Medium or high priority basins are required to monitor groundwater and come up with a sustainability plan.

8. Upcoming Training/Exercises – All

Skylar will send flyers for upcoming events.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Next Meeting: 5/14/24 at 2:00pm

11. Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month

2024: January 9th, March 12th, May 14th, July 9th, September 10th, November 12th.

12. Adjourn