

# 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

11/14/23

1. Welcome and Introductions: Sign in
2. Minutes from 9/12/23 Meeting: M/ Mike Cottone S/ Amy Scribner to approve.
3. Presentation: Keith Sprague - Common Lockdown language for schools in Trinity County

<https://iloveguys.org/The-Standard-Response-Protocol.html>

Viewed the Municipal Training Video at <https://iloveguys.org/The-Standard-Response-Protocol.html#Municipal>.

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on the response to any given situation not on individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP uses a specific vocabulary that allows for flexibility and consistency in terminology. The five specific actions that can be performed during an incident are Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. Hold - in your classroom or area. Hold is followed by the Directive: "In Your Room or Area" and is the protocol used when hallways need to be kept clear of occupants. Secure - Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors. Secure is followed by the Directive: "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors" and is the protocol used to safeguard people within the building. Lockdown - Locks, Lights, Out of Sight Lockdown is followed by "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep occupants quiet and in place. Evacuate - to a stated location. Evacuate and may be followed by a location, and is used to move people from one location to a different location in or out of the building. Shelter - State the hazard and the safety strategy Shelter State the Hazard and Safety Strategy for group and self-protection.

SRP has been implemented at Weaverville Elementary School, Trinity High School, and Trinity Unified School District. Have also reviewed the protocol with the Trinity County Sheriff's Office and California Highway Patrol. Looking to implement at the remaining schools in the county, as well as County facilities. Will also meet with Probation to review. There is no cost to implement the protocol. The only request is that entities do not modify the language. Recommendation to discuss with the County Administrative Officer (CAO) and present the protocol at a Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

4. Incident Reviews – None
5. Grant Updates – Mike Cottone
  - a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Emergency Alert Sirens: Four proposed locations- Burnt Ranch, Trinity Center, Weaverville, and Mad River. Working on partnerships with TPUD and Sharp Elec.

Weaverville Fire Dept. Emergency Generator upgrade in progress. Will allow conference room to be available during power failures for multiple uses.

Upgrades to the Detention Center Emergency Power system.

Purchasing new medical and communication equipment for VFD's

b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Protecting Soft Targets- Bollards placed at the new Detention Center and proposed for the Trinity library.

TCSO/SAR Command Trailer currently being outfitted with computer and radio communication equipment.

Chemical identification equipment for Environmental Health.

Upgrades to Trinity County communication equipment for First Responders.

Security Systems for several TC Volunteer fire Depts.

Cyber Security upgrades for Trinity County IT dept.

c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

Remaining funds to be used for the Weaverville F.D. Generator upgrade project.

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

7. Reports and Action Items:

~~a) Agricultural Commissioner: Joseph Moree~~

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

The radio for Douglas City School that was mentioned at the last meeting has been installed. Looking to install a radio at Junction City next. Other projects include mountaintop repeater maintenance, and the Picket Peak radio repeater. A GMRS repeater has been installed in Weaverville. Will include GMRS in our weekly net. Philip at OES has slots available for ham radio license class for those who are interested. Frontier Radio Grant project is back on track following a delay during the COVID-19 pandemic. Skylar at RCD has 5-10 people who are interested in Ham radio and working on last mile communications.

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

d) Board of Supervisors: Jill Cox

Senator McGuire assisted in getting \$1.5M for VFDs. Some funds could be used to assess communications infrastructure in the county, purchase vehicle extrication equipment.

e) California Tribal TANF Partnership: Tina Lynch

No report.

f) Cal OES: Robert Goyeneche

We are finally out of fire season. CalOES is still hiring staff. Be sure to let County OES know if you see damage to county infrastructure due to winter storms, so these can be addressed.

~~g) CAO: Trent Tuthill~~

h) CHP (California Highway Patrol): Brandon Lale

Participated in a lockdown drill at Weaverville Elementary School with Trinity County Sheriff's Office. Main focus was the special needs classroom. The drill went well. No one opened doors. School did an excellent job. Appreciate Keith's presentation on the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and agree that consistency in vocabulary is important. We have had multiple opportunities to review and discuss last year's shooting incident in order to improve how we respond and communicate.

We are getting our first CHP Cadet in January. Will be training Field Training Officers. This is new for Trinity River CHP, but could develop into an ongoing opportunity.

i) District Attorney Office: Joni Wiley

No report.

~~j) DOT: Panos Kokkas~~

k) Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson

End of harmful algal bloom. Lewiston testing has improved. Statewide effort related to radiation response. Plans say to defer to California Department of Public Health (CDPH), but we are still waiting on CDPH guidance. We will be sending Environmental Health staff to radiation response training. Working on updating the Hazardous Materials Area Plan. We have had instances in the past of radioactive materials being transported through the county.

Have been discussing concerns related to electric batteries with VFDs. Can cause spontaneous fires that can continue to burn for long periods of time, even underwater. Important to have appropriate protections in place where you are storing electric batteries for tools, scooters, etc.

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

~~m) Cal Fire: Nick Ciapponi~~

~~n) HHS - Public Health: Dr. Herfindahl, Marcie Cudziol~~

o) HHS - Social Services: Liz Hamilton

No report.

p) HRN: Sheri White

No report.

q) Natural Resources: David Colbeck

Moved from DOT to the Natural Resources Division of the Community Development Department. If you have projects that might trigger CEQA review, please contact me.

There is an event at 6:00PM tonight at the Veterans Hall on Human Wildlife Conflict, related to recent mountain lion sightings.

r) OES: Mike Cottone

Applied for a DFW grant to add a second Fuel Spill Response trailer to the county to cover Southern Trinity. First trailer will be staged in Weaverville, second (if awarded) in Hayfork.

Working with Northern Valley Catholic Social Services to create the Trinity County VOAD (volunteer organization's active in disasters) Currently assembling the management team, looking for others to join. If interested, contact Ryan Crow at NVCSS 530.806.3905

Working closely with Trinity County Amateur Radio Club to increase the participation in Auxiliary Communication with-in the county.

~~s) Planning and Building: Ed Prestley~~

t) Probation: Ruby Fierro

Probation also participated in the school lockdown drill. The response was well-coordinated. It is good to have similar language in coordinating these responses.

~~u) Red Cross: Andrew Bogar~~

~~v) Region III RDMHS: Patti Carter, Jeff McManus, Jennifer Johnson~~

~~w) Risk Management: Laila Cassis~~

x) Schools: Keith Sprague

No report. See Presentation (Item 3).

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

~~z) Solid Waste: Diane Rader~~

~~aa) Trinity County Food Bank: Jeffrey England~~

bb) Trinity Life Support: Landon

No report.

cc) Trinity County Public Utility District: Sarah Sheetz

No report.

dd) Trinity Hospital: Belen Manybanseng

Trinity Hospital is also interested in adopting the Standard Response Protocol (SRP).

ee) Trinity Resource Conservation District: Skyler Fisher

The hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed by OES. I will be meeting with Philip tomorrow. Looking to have the draft to CalOES next week. The next step is public comment.

Local Area Advisor (LAA) workshop planned for early next year (April/May) to train LAAs and promote the program.

RCDs' GIS Manager completed the draft Evacuation Route maps for the Evacuation Route Planning and Development Grant and sent them to VFDs for review. We are receiving feedback and making revisions.

Met with Alert California to discuss adding five wildfire cameras at Pickett Peak, Hayfork Bally, Tomhead Mountain, Knob Peak, and Lymedyke Peak. The plan is for these cameras to go in before next fire season. The Trinity County Collaborative Group has an ad hoc group which is working on recommended locations for future sites and are currently proposing that Alert CA prioritize putting in cameras at Trinity Center, Bald Hill, and Carrville next.

~~USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley~~

~~ff) Veterans Services: Jennifer Dobbs~~

~~gg) Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Arina Erwin, Sonni DeMello~~

~~hh) Mountain Communities Hospital: Aaron Rodgers~~

8. Upcoming Training/Exercises – All

MGT 403: Underserved Populations Preparedness Planning for Rural Responders and Volunteers - Chico, CA -  
– February 29, 2024

Resiliency Training and Innovation Center – Blue Lake – Training Schedule for October – December 2023

Training Flyers attached to Disaster Council Calendar Invite for 11/14/23

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting: 1/9/24 at 2:00pm

11. Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month

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

Calendar invite series for 2024 will go out soon.

12. Adjourn

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