

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 Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM Virtual Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions: Sign in
 - Liz Hamilton – HHS/OES
 - Mike Cottone – HHS/OES
 - Kristy Anderson – Environmental Health
 - Marcie Cudziol – HHS/Public Health
 - David Herfindahl – Health Officer
 - Dan Frasier – Chairman, BOS
 - Mary Whitmore – American Red Cross
 - Tim Dobbs – Probation
 - Sarah Sheetz – Trinity PUD
 - Bill Ehorn – CA DWR
 - Fabio Robles – TCOE
 - Sarah Supahan - TCOE
 - Patti Carter – RDHMS
 - Jennifer Johnson - RDHMS
 - Joni – DA/Victim Witness
 - Andrew Bogar – American Red Cross
 - Bryan Ward – Sheriff’s Office
 - Ryan Roe – Human Resources
 - Rick Ehlert – CalOES
 - Robert Goyeneche – CalOES
 - Mie Beckstrand - CalOES

2. Minutes from May 10, 2022 Meeting: to read and approve

M/ Mike Cottone

S/ Sarah Supahan

A/ Dan Frasier

3. Presentation:

4. Incident Reviews – All

a. Pesticide Incident 05.20.22

Female ingested an illegal pesticide. This could have been a lot worse. Ambulance arrived on site and started treating for organophosphate.

The female ingested the substance at a grow site. Bottle was given to the medics and told by female's father that it was water.

Patient was transported from Post Mtn to Trinity Hosp with the unmarked bottle with an unknown substance.

Container was opened and smelled at the hospital.

Transport of hazardous substances is not legal in ambulance. If EH knew, they could have responded, obtained the substance, and had it tested.

The most common way that people get exposed to organophosphate is through smelling it.

Could have resulted in a death, or the hospital shutting down and not accepting patients, or impact to TLS staff.

On the Shasta side, RDMHS had conversations with NorCal EMS.

This is a good lesson learned, and an opportunity to debrief and use it as a learning tool.

b. Pesticide Incident 06.16.22

Finding illegal pesticides on illegal cannabis operations. Be on high alerts for those substances when responding. Cleanup of USFS lands.

c. Hazmat Incident 06.23.22

Butane honey oil lab and ethanol cannabis extraction lab.

d. Vegetation Fire 06.27.22

5. Grant Updates - Mike

a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Submitted Biannual Strategy and Implementation Report (BSIR) on June 8th.

Final reimbursement requested for EMPG20 due to CalOES by 07/20/22.

b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

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c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

Still waiting on generator and transfer switch for courthouse project.

6. Health Officer Discussion – Dr. Herfindahl

It has been a long two years. There has been great cooperation between our agencies and representatives. Communication is the goal to developing shared goals and strategies to help us move forward to where we want to be. Science is not the truth, it is the disciplined search for the truth.

7. Reports and Action Items:

a) Agricultural Commissioner: Joseph Moreo

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

c) Behavioral Health: Connie Cessna Smith

d) Board of Supervisors: Dan Frasier, Keith Groves

Dan Frazier – Supervisor Brown requests OES and TCSO attend 8/17 Community meeting in Willow Creek. Contact Supervisor Brown for information.

e) California Tribal TANF Partnership: Jana Reese

f) Cal OES: Mike Beckstrand, Rick Ehlert, Robert Goyeneche

Robert Goyeneche – Still trying to fill a position in Region III. Preparing for fire season. Already had a couple. Electra in Amador/Calaveras with no structures lost and a fire in Yosemite. Not threatening any populations.

g) CAO: Letty Garza

h) CHP (California Highway Patrol): Brandon Lale

Nothing to report. Active shooter training was great demonstration to see how people would respond who had never worked together. Suggest we don't disperse after, and have a debriefing for attendees.

i) District Attorney Office

Joni Wiley – We will have a booth at the fair with materials for the public.

j) DOT: David Colbeck

k) Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson

Algae testing before Memorial Day weekend and July 4th weekend. Nothing founds. Last two commercial properties cleaned up from 2020 fires. Really good progress on debris removal for 2021 fires. There will need to be a lot of rehab in the Coffee Creek area. Commercial properties for 2021 were denied for cleanup and we will be working on appealing that denial. Drought – we haven't had a lot of people report dry wells at this point, as we did for 2015.

l) Faith Based Organizations: Jesse Ragan

m) Fire – Nick Ciapponi

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

We are seeing increases in cases of COVID. Went from 7-day average cases to 2.71 by July 5th. Seeing more outbreaks in pockets of areas, including county agencies, hospital, children's camp. That's the trajectory from pandemic to

Endemic. Not impacting out health care system, not being admitted to hospital due to COVID, but may be admitted with COVID. 16/1000 cases in Trinity. We are eking up a bit toward orange. This peak will probably end around two weeks after the fair. Masking not required, but recommended, especially indoors or in groups, required in hospitals and other high-risk congregate settings.

Trying to keep the SNAP nurses here, but there are complications regarding funding reimbursement. May try to contact with them directly using COVID grants. We did put together a resource list on our website on where testing and vaccination can be obtained. Working with medical providers on vaccination capacity. We will have PODS as part of our pan-flu plan.

Working more on equity issues, contracting... re health equity questions, as a part of the General Plan. Key informant sessions with BOS around equity issues.

Funding – 70% to make for COVID funding that will go away. Part of our plan is working with partners to fund their efforts that improved issues on our county, such as rabies response. TCSO has 100% increase in rabies response calls. We can fund partners to meet these goals.

- o) HHS - Social Services: Liz Hamilton

Training staff to respond, sheltering, ICS 300/400. EOC training and tabletops.

- p) HRN: Julie Golston, Sheri White

- q) OES: Mike Cottone

Interviews held for Emergency Operations Manager position.

Current focus is on EOC and sheltering training. In addition to all HHS staff taking ICS 100, 200, 700 & 800, all Supervisors/Managers/Analysts take ICS 300 & 400. All HHS Social Services staff take ARC Mass Care & Shelter series.

- r) Planning and Building: Ed Prestley, Interim Deputy Director

- s) Probation: Ruby Fierro, Lance Floerke, Tim Dobbs

Tim Dobbs - Emergency Fire Shelters for vehicles from CalFire.

- t) Red Cross: Andrew Bogar

Appreciate the early calls from OES due to the distance, location of volunteers so we can respond and provide services. Mike was able to tow the trailer to the shelter, which was faster than bringing a tow vehicle from the coast. We had four volunteers on standby

Shelter supervisors' course on Friday. Trinity will have two shelter supervisors later this weekend. On the 5th, we will get a 15' box trucks full of supplies.

We also have a conex in Blue Lake that has mass care and shelter supplies. This will allow us to get supplies out there more quickly than getting them from elsewhere.

Andrew is deploying to Sacramento. ARC is pre-deploying teams to local areas.

u) Region III RDMHS: Patti Carter, Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer Johnson – Continue to monitor COVID activities. Continue same resource requests, monoclonal, testing materials, MonkeyPox – nothing new to report. Fire and drought, as it relates to healthcare facilities. We recently completed a Train-the-Trainer course for Med Health center activities. ChemPack Exercise in April. Region III burn surge plan submitted to MHOAC in May.

Patti Carter – Med Health Branch of PH-DOC – Would like to invite people who may serve a role in DOC, EOC, OES, hospital, clinic. Anyone who could have a DOC in their facility. Learn how medhealth interacts with OES in management of a disaster that includes medhealth or non-medhealth. We will get the flyers out.

v) Risk Management: Ryan Roe

Nothing to report.

w) Schools: Sarah Supahan, Fabio Robles

Nothing to report.

x) Sheriff: Tim Saxon, Brian Ward

Bryan – Sat down with RCD re Evac zones, broke them down and redid some of them to make them smaller. RCD is still working on it. Steve Retten is loading them into CodeRed, then will start working on descriptions for zones, which will take some time. We went to Butte County to sit in on their monthly training on launching CodeRed and zones. They run it all through their SAR volunteers. They can run it remotely, online, alerts, radio channels... Will start working with our volunteers, but it won't be ready this fire season, but we will start working on training people up for the future. Active Shooter training on 6/24, close to 100 people from schools, ie, fire, medical.... If anyone has feedback, please pass it on. Want to know how we can make the training better for next year. Working with R3 law enforcement, and Probation, anyone who responds to LEMA, to preload radio frequencies so LEMA can communicate. Butte County compiled the frequencies into a spreadsheet so we can have our radios programmed with other counties' frequencies when we provide mutual aid. Working with Mike at OES to get some fire shelters for the deputies, in their patrol cars. Work with CalFire and USFS for training on how to use the shelters. Would also like extras in case we have LEMA response and can issue to responders from other counties. Want to develop a training that we provide quickly to get them out in the field safely.

Would like to get better maps of the schools – some are well done and some are hand drawn. It would nice to have full sets of current maps, and also possibly doing some flyovers for aerial shots. Deputies now have METs and can load maps in their cars to pull the maps up and have them available. Would like to do the same with evacuation zone maps.

y) Solid Waste: Diane Rader

z) Trinity County Food Bank: Jeffrey England

aa) Trinity County Life Support: Patricia Wyckoff

bb) Trinity County Public Utility District: Sarah Sheetz

PUD has a planned outage 7/24 for 0700-1630 - Oregon Mountain and Junction City. Collaborating with PG&E for Big Bar, Grass Creek, 800 customers affected that day.

cc) Trinity Hospital: Belen Manybanseng, Rebecca Glandon

dd) Trinity Resource Conservation District: Amelia Fleitz

ee) USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley

ff) Others

gg) Bill Ehorn – CA Dept Water Resources – Website is enhanced –

Mydrywell@water.ca.gov – People can report water problems, dry wells.

Reached out to Kelly Forth, and she can log in. If those reports start coming in, feel free to contact me.

8. Upcoming Training/Exercises – All

- a. AWR-148: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems. This not a scheduled training, but can be requested by contacting RDPC.

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting: September 13th at 2:00pm

11. Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month

2022: January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13, November 8

12. Adjourn

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