



Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management

Agency Report for 2019

Jim Davidsaver, Director

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Lancaster County Emergency Management

'Helping You Prepare'

- Mission Areas
- Prevention
- Protection
- Mitigation
- Response
- Recovery



Service-Based Budget Items

o **Planning**

- o Lincoln/Lancaster County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- o Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
- o Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group

o **Activities, Training & Exercises**

- o Community Partners
- o Volunteers & Volunteers Management

o **Preparedness**

- o Outreach & Education
- o Outdoor Warning Sirens



Planning-Local

- o **Hazard Mitigation Planning**
 - o Cooperative Effort with Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) and JEO Consulting
- o **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)**
 - o Reimbursed for 50% of Salaries & Benefits
 - o Apply for Qualifying Operational Expenses
- o **Climate Resiliency Taskforce**



Planning-Local

- o **Local Partners** (Emergency Support Functions)
 - o County, City and Private Sector Agencies
 - o First Responders, Critical Infrastructure, Continuity of Operations (COOP)
- o **Emergency Management Volunteers**
- o **Mutual Aid-Volunteer Fire Departments**
- o **Lincoln Amateur Radio Club (LARC)**



Planning-Regional

- o SE Nebraska Emergency Management Group
 - o Concluded Role as Fiscal Agent in 2019
- o Planning and Implementation Process
 - o Threat Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (THIRA), Stakeholders Preparedness Review (SPR) & Training Education Planning Workshop (TEPW)
 - o Investment Justification Process (I-J)
 - o Workplan Development and Administration
 - o Three-year Funding Term for Regional Projects



2019 Activities

o 12-Training Exercises

- o Drills, Tabletop (TTX), Functional & Full-Scale Exercises

- o 'Active Shooter' TTX at CHI-St E's

- o Pipeline Safety TTX

- o Lincoln Public Schools Reunification: Full-Scale Exercise

- o State of NE Water Emergency TTX

- o NEMA 'Knowledge Center' Incident Action Plan TTX

- o Titan Fall: Helicopter Search-and-Rescue Full-Scale Exercise

o Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

- o Consolidated w/ Lincoln-Lanc Co Healthcare Coalition



2019 Activities

- o Emergency Operations Center (**EOC**) Activations
 - o 25 Activations (Severe Weather/Flooding/Tornado)

- o Total Volunteer Hours: **927**
 - o Meetings/Work Sessions: 233
 - o **EOC Activations:** 496
 - o Community Activities: 198
 - o Severe Weather Symposium, Uncle Sam Jam, UNL Football, LARC Field Day, Cornhusker State Games
 - o EOC Volunteers Mobilization & Deployment Drill



Preparedness

- o Statewide Tornado Drill (March 27, 2019)
 - o 46,967 Participants in Lanc Co (144 Facilities/Entities)
- o **September-National Preparedness Month**
- o **Outdoor Warning Sirens**
 - o Monthly Testing Process
 - o Sirens, Tone Alert Receivers and Hospital Radios
 - o New Siren Installation
 - o Village of Roca



Preparedness

- o **Community Outreach & Education**
 - o **Twelve (12) EOC Site Tours**
 - o **Nineteen (19) Presentations**
 - o **Five (5) Site Visits**
 - o Community Partners, Civic Groups, Schools, Healthcare Facilities, 'Government Day'
- o **Community Engagement & Partner Agencies**
 - o Regular Schedule of Committees & Meetings



Partner Agencies

Meeting Schedule

**Local Emergency
Planning Committee**

**Lancaster County
Healthcare Coalition**

**Volunteer Fire Depts.
Mutual Aid**

**Southeast Nebraska
Emergency Management
Group**

**Lincoln Amateur
Radio Club**

**Lincoln Public Schools
Safety Committee**

**Emergency Management
Volunteers**

**Association of Threat
Assessment Professionals
Great Plains Chapter**



Accomplishments

- o New Emergency Management Office and EOC
- o Implementation of New Radio System
- o Implementation of Mass Notification System
 - o Emergency Alert System (**EAS**) & Wireless Emergency Alert (**WEA**) Notifications
 - o **Alert-Sense** provided by NEMA at no cost to local EMs
- o EMPG Reallocations
- o 'Advanced' Storm Spotter Training
- o NU Football Detail-Salamander Credentialing



Accomplishments-Individual

o **Mark Hosking, Deputy Director**

- o 4-Day Deployment to Fremont during March Flooding
- o Lancaster County Leadership Program
- o EMI Master Exercise Practitioner Program (**MEPP**)
 - o Advanced program management, exercise design and evaluation practices of Homeland Security Exercise & Eval Program (**HSEEP**)

o **Jim Davidsaver, Director**

- o Lincoln's Threat Assessment Team (**LTAT**)
- o Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (**ATAP**)
 - o Recertified as a Certified Threat Manager (**CTM**)
- o BSA Cornhusker Council Executive Board
- o UNL Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice



Goals

- o Long-Term Storage Facility
 - o Supplement current storage facilities
 - o 444 Cherrycreek-Shared space with Lancaster County Sheriff
 - o Lincoln Airport Authority Hangar
- o Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program
 - o Regional project with funding established in the Southeast Region



Challenges

- o Budget
 - o **Sustainment** vs. **Growth and Expansion**
 - o Hazard Mitigation Funding Opportunities
- o **General Public's Engagement**
 - o **Situational Awareness** vs. **Paranoia**
 - o Proper response to current situation
 - o Follow '**recommended best practices**'
- o **General Public's Complacency**
 - o Something like **that** would never happen here...**would it???**



Information Technology

- o New Emergency Operations Center Upgrades
 - o Expanded Teleconferencing Capabilities
- o 'Drones' **UAV** Working Group Established
 - o Damage Assessment
 - o Situational Surveillance/Monitoring
 - o Partner agencies include county, city, state and private sector
 - o Lanc Co Sheriff Lincoln Police Lincoln Fire
 - o Lincoln GIS UNL BNSF RR
 - o NE DOT Lincoln Airport Union College
 - o Lincoln Parks & Rec Lincoln Trans & Utilities



End of Annual Report

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<https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/492/Emergency-Management>

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Severe Weather Awareness Week

March 23-27, 2020



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Emergency Management

- o All Hazards Approach
 - o **Preparedness Goals**
 - o Increase Awareness and Education
 - o Expand the Planning Process
 - o Increase Participation in Drills and Training Exercises



Hazards

- o Possibility vs. Probability
- o Likelihood of Severe Weather-Related Disaster
 - o Emphasize
 - o 1) Preparedness and Planning
 - o 2) Situational Awareness
 - o 3) Implement Plan of Action



Severe Weather Awareness Week

- o March 23-27, 2020
- o Promote Preparedness & Situational Awareness all week
- o Practice 'Shelter Plan' during Statewide Tornado Drill



Statewide Tornado Drill

~~o *** CANCELLED ***~~

~~o Wednesday, March 25th, 2019~~

~~o 10:00am) NWS issues a TEST Tornado Watch~~

~~o 10:15am) NWS issues a TEST Tornado WARNING~~

o Everyone is still encouraged to review their severe weather shelter plans and conduct a drill at their convenience.

o In full compliance with recommended best practices for social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions.



Participation Numbers				
	2019	2018	2017	2016
Government Agencies				
Agencies	43	46	28	41
Participants	5266	9179	2858	1470
School System				
Schools	60	16	58	0
Participants	38025	6465	37036	0
Healthcare Facilities				
Facilities	33	25	6	0
Participants	2823	6514	3823	0
Private Businesses				
Businesses	8	3	0	0
Participants	853	331	0	0
Total Entities	144	90	92	41
Total Participants	46967	22489	43717	1470



Weatherfest

- o **Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium**
- o **Postponed until further notice..**
- o **Storm Spotter Certification**
 - o We are working with the National Weather Service to provide the training lecture and conduct the certification testing on-line.

Vigilant Guard Full-Scale Exercise

Tuesday, May 19th, 2020



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Vigilant Guard

Statewide Exercise: May 18-22

- o **Nebraska National Guard Full-Scale Exercise**
- o Lincoln will fully participate on **Tue, May 19th**
- o Simulation of a large-scale, mass casualty/mass fatality incident with a significant hazmat spill
- o **'Active' Sites:**
 - o LFR Training Facility @ 3rd & South
 - o Salt Creek near Sunvalley & Charleston
- o **Scottsbluff, Wayne and Fairbury also participating**
- o Additional small scale Search-n-Rescue and Hazmat exercises may continue on Wed, May 19 & Thu, May 20



Thank you.

Questions?