

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management
December 2023
Monthly Situation Report

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EOC/DOC ACTIVATIONS

County EOC:

- EOC currently not activated.
- All Lifelines are at "Green" Status. WebEOC reporting monthly.

Disaster Emergency Declarations:

- On 5/26/21 Ute Mountain Ute Tribe declared a drought disaster and it is still in effect.

Fire Situation:

- No fire restrictions in Montezuma County

COUNTY LIFE LINES

Meaning of key Lifeline colors:

Green stabilization;
Yellow solution ID and plan of action in progress;
Red services disrupted.

Safety and Security – Green

- Law Enforcement: Normal Operations
- Search and Rescue: Normal Operations
- Fire Services: Normal Operations
- Community Safety: Stabilized.

Food, Water and Shelter – Green

- Food: Normal Operations.
- Agriculture: Normal Operations.
- Water: Normal Operations
- Shelter: Normal Operations

Health and Medical - Green

- Medical Care: Normal Operations.
- Patient Movement: Normal Operations.
- Public Health: Normal Operations
- Hospital: Normal Operations.
- EMS: Normal Operations.

Energy, Power and Fuel – Green

- Power (Grid): Normal Operations.
- Fuel: Normal Operations.
- Natural Gas: Normal Operations.
- Propane: Normal Operations.
- C02: Normal Operations.

Communications – Green

- Alerts, Warnings, and Messages: Normal Operations
 - IPAWS tested on 12/8/23.
 - Everbridge training complete. Working on final software details and the old EAS will be terminated in 2024.
- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.
 - Installing new phone system and recorder.

- Responder Communications: Normal Operations.
- Finance Services: Normal Operations.
- Public Information: Normal Operations.
- Infrastructure: Normal Operations.

Transportation- Green

- Transit: Normal operations.
- Railway: None
- Aviation: Normal operations.
- Maritime: Normal operations.
- Airport: Normal operations.

Hazardous Materials - Green

- Facilities: Normal Operations.
- Hazmat, Pollutants, and Contaminants: Normal Operations.



STATE LIFE LINES

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Status Level 3

SEOC continues to support of the following: Migrant Sheltering Support in Denver, Marshall Fire Recovery and DR4731 June Storms Recovery.

SEOC is operational Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Migrant Support

Information links for Denver area migrant support.

- [Migrant Support in Denver Overview Webpage](#)
- [Denver Dashboard for Migrant Support](#)
- [Donations Information for Denver Migrant Support](#)

Disaster Declaration DR4731 June Severe Storms, Flooding and Tornadoes Incident

On August 25, 2023 President Biden approved Colorado's disaster declaration request and it is formally known as [DR4731](#). The declaration activates the [FEMA Public Assistance \(PA\) grant program](#) and U.S. [Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance](#).



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):

- 2023 EMPG Grant was officially awarded 9/14/23 for \$25,656.
- 1st Qtr. was submitted 4/15/23,
- 2nd Qtr. was submitted 7/17/23
- 3rd Qtr. was submitted 10/10/23
- 12/21/23 received reimbursement - \$23,286.66
- 4th Qtr. was submitted 01/03/24, waiting for approval and final reimbursement.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

- EM beginning the 3-year revision plan of the previous Oct 2021 Plan. This will be a 10-month process with numerous stakeholder meetings for the federal mandatory update. Completion date November 2024.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):

- County generators grant project approved.
 - Total Project Cost is \$170,486.40, with the FEMA Federal Share amount of \$154,249.60. Here is the breakdown:
 - \$146,131.20 (Federal Share)
 - \$8,118.40 (Subrecipient Management Costs (SRMC) at 100% Federal Share)
 - \$16,236.80 (Local Share)
 - Final approval was given on 12/12/23 and we are in the process of getting the final grant agreements with the State.

- The County will update the Hazard Mitigation Plan beginning in June of 2024 with a completion date of December 2025. This occurs every 5 years. The Grant Notice of Intent (NOI) was submitted for \$50,000 for a planning grant.

Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) and Training and Exercise Plan (TEP)

- 3-year plans for 2024-2026 for the County were submitted to the state in 2023 and approved. EM working on the 2025-2027 revised plan with stakeholders.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (From LEPC Chair):

- Tier II / Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) tours have been completed in Montezuma County. The “Haz / Risk Analysis”, which is a form of “pre-planning” for first responders and Emergency Manager has been completed for all Tier II reporting facilities. This plan is part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Section 324.
- The LEPC has completed the “Emergency Response Plan” for Montezuma County. This plan consists of Tier II reports and the “Haz / Risk Analyses”. The 310-page Plan was presented to the Emergency Manager in early November.
- Facilities are preparing for developing and submitting their Tier II (chemical listings) for 2024. There was a new EHS facility found in 2023 which has Chlorine as one of its chemicals on site. They will be submitting a Tier II report in 2024 to allow reporting of the chemical and response plans to the first responders.

LOR Foundation

- EM applied for a grant of \$9,380 to assist the CERT Program in equipment needs. This has no match and no cost to the County.

Memo of Understanding (MOU):

- Omnibus agreement (MOU) for County and Municipalities is under review by attorneys and Administrators to present to the municipalities and BOCC for final approval and signatures.

Public Information Coordinator (PIO):

- Working to promote the new Everbridge Emergency Alert System through press releases, media interviews, flyers, and personal demonstrations, as well as normal, daily duties.
- Assisted Cortez PD in PIO operation for the Fallen Officer Incident.
- JIC Meeting held 12/19/23 with 8 County and regional PIOs.
- Assisted EM and County Admin with administrative duties.

Southwest All Hazards Advisory Council (SWAHAC):

- Community Preparedness & Resilience, CERT for \$11,000 for supplies (manuals, printing, instructors, training, etc.) This project will develop a program to train volunteers from Montezuma and Dolores Counties. Approximately 20 volunteers are anticipated to participate in the first session. The project will support planning and training costs for the three 12 week sessions.

Training/Drills:

- 12/11/24 EM and stakeholders developed a Traffic Incident Plan (TIMS) for HWY 491 for the winter of 23-24.
- 12/14/23 the EOC staff, PIO and Montezuma Leadership co-sponsored the Community Involvement Expo at Annex 1 from 16:00 to 20:00 hours. Approximately 48 public safety and non-profit entities attended to match potential volunteers to organizations. A better than anticipated turnout from the public.
- 12/15/23 EM organizing county wide training for “Crafting your Legacy” presentations being held at the Ute Mountain Ute Casino March 27, 28, 29, and 30, a total of 6 – three-hour sessions. Beyond traditional management roles, this training is a dedicated “Strategic Intervention”, committed to fostering growth and development in individuals and teams, with a servant leadership mindset. Flyers and information are out in January 2024.
- EM assisting RE-1 school district and SROs in active shooter training, tabletops, and functional exercise for October 2024. Numerous meetings and training throughout 2023 to prepare for 2024.
- EM working with Dolores RE-4A school SRO in planning and training.
- EM working with Mancos RE-4 school SRO in planning and training.

End of Year 2023 Stats Report

- Total calls assigned – 99
- Total declarations County wide – 3
- Total fire bans - 1
- Total deployments for EM and PIO - 1
- Total EOC activations – 3
- Total training held – 28
- Total training certificates received - 7
- Total exercises – 4
- Total EOC trainings held - 6
- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 697
- Total grants involved in – 8

- Total Committees / Boards representing - 14
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 5
- Total plans/policies written – 6
- Total LEPC facilities inspected - 5
- Total Alert and Warnings sent out – 207
- Total SAR missions - 17
- Noted Achievements –
 - “Storm Ready” County certification 4/3/23
 - EM received certification as an EOC Manager
 - EM recertification of Incident Commander Type III and Logistics Section Chief Type III positions
 - EOC and JIS Staff trained to an operational level
 - Upgraded current EOC
 - CIP successfully completed the one-year pilot program and was transferred to Public Health for management
 - Total grant funding acquired was \$472,905

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