

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management
December 2025
Monthly Situation Report



Merry Christmas

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COUNTY LIFE LINES

Meaning of key Lifeline colors:

Green stabilization;

Yellow solution ID and plan of action in progress;

Red services were disrupted.

EOC/DOC ACTIVATIONS

County EOC:

- EOC was not activated this month.
- All Lifelines are at "Green" Status. Web EOC reporting monthly.

Disaster Emergency Declarations:

- None

Fire Ban Stages:

- None

Fires:

- None over 1 acre. Controlled burns in progress.

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.
- CO2: Normal Operations.

Communications - Green

- Alerts, Warnings, and Messages: Normal Operations
- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.
- 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. No reported incidents.



STATE LIFE LINES

State EOC Activation for December 17 High Wind Event

Energy and Power Lifeline is **Yellow**

All other Lifelines are **Green**

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Status:

Response Level 2: SEOC activated with DHSEM staff and Emergency Support Functions.

Recovery Level 1: State Recovery Task Force activated.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA)

- The CEPA for 2025 is completed. Next one will be in 2028

Community Animal Response Team (CART) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- We have joined the team training together for 2026. CERT and CART will have the same monthly meetings and training held on the second Thursday of each month at 18:00 at various locations.
- This month the CERT members had a meeting and a Potluck where we discussed what we accomplished for the year in training and deployments, next year's training, equipment needs and joining the teams together for training.
- Total Deployments, Exercises and Events in 2024-2025:
 - Dove Creek Water Emergency Incident
 - July 4th Fireworks Incident
 - SNAP Food Distribution Incident
 - BOR Tabletop Exercise
 - Jackson Dam Functional Exercise
 - EOC Evacuation Tabletop Exercise
 - Disaster Drill Exercise
 - Parade of Lights Event with a float
 - Volunteer Expo

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

- All County buildings have been completed in 2025 except for two.
- Road and Bridge COOP draft completed. Sent out to the stakeholders for review and comment. COOP meeting will be held January 8th for the final draft to be completed. Tentative date of completion will be February 15, 2026.
- Sheriff's Office and Jail COOP will begin in the Spring of 2026.

Communications

- The inspection of the Dolores Tower site was on 5/10/24 for infrastructure upgrades. Documents submitted to USDA-FS are approved. Department of Homeland Security Grant (no match) obtained approval. Had to wait on the grant funding to re-open. RFQ was sent out for the fencing project. One vendor was selected and will begin the project April 2026.
- EM working on laying gravel into the parking area at the Dolores Communication Site. Pending funding sources and USFS approval.
- Grant submission for a new generator at the Dolores tower site through Homeland Security (SHSP) grant for \$30,800. Using a separate fiscal agent, not the county. We received the award and are waiting on final documents to begin the project.
- EM with La Plata EM developed an MOU on IPAWS to assist LaPlata County in sending an IPAWS alert in their county in an emergency. This is due to their CodeRed system is unable to send IPAWS messages out until approved by FEMA.
- EMs from Dolores, Montezuma, and Ute Mountain Ute with Dispatch are developing an MOU for IPAWS to assist each other in sending out messages for each other as the need arises.
- SW Regional Infrastructure Group have been meeting for 13 months developing a strategic regional communications infrastructure plan to enhance the 800MHz system. The group is in the final stages of completion, listing the gaps in our areas with recommendations and costs. Once this is completed, we will seek funding from the federal government.
- EM began working on the SW Regional Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) Plan for 2026, adding San Miguel County to the document.
- EM began revising SW Communications MOU for 2026.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):

- 2025 EMPG Grant application was submitted for \$57,103. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) came out for the same grant in July. New funding for 9 months was \$48,181
- 1st Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$21,000.12.
- 2nd Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$25,064.08
- 3rd Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$22,194.68
- Reimbursements approved were \$33,574.78. Waiting for the check.
- 2025-2026 EMPG Grant Submission: 9-month funding was submitted November 25, 2025, for the last Quarter of 2025 and two quarters for 2026. This funding was for \$48,181 and will end June 30, 2026. Waiting on final State approval.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC):

- Checked all equipment.
- Remodeling Alternate EOC at the Fairgrounds. EOC electronics funding from DHS is approved to move forward. Quote for equipment and installation is approved. We will begin this project in February once all the final approvals are completed by the state.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):

- Hazard Mitigation Plan planning grant was submitted 8/28/25 to the National Disaster Mitigation Enterprise for funding. We were notified that all awards for this project were not granted across the State. We and the State are still researching other funding opportunities. Submission was \$121,138.

Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP)

- 2025 updated with current information on training and exercises performed this year. The IPP/TEP workshop is scheduled for January 15th with stakeholders.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (From LEPC Chair):

- Local and Regional Emergency Planning Committee meetings were held this month. One Local meeting and one regional meeting.
- Inspections of facilities for the year are completed:

- Messer Plant
- Century Link (Mancos, Cortez and Dolores)
- Montezuma Water
- Williams fields Pleasant View
- Working on inspection of the WAPA facility. Not completed as of this date.

Southwest All Hazards Advisory Council (SWAHAC):

- EM has been approved for no-match grants. These grants do not pass through the County for financial support or approval. They are an outside fiscal agent.
- Status on the projects are:
 - Communication Tower Infrastructure – \$15,000. RFQ fence project will begin the project April 2026
 - Alternate EOC electronics – \$29,269. Project will begin February
 - CERT training and equipment – \$7,570. Equipment will be purchased in June for new members starting in the fall.
 - SW Regional Exercise – \$15,000. Will be discussed at the SWAHAC Board meeting in January.
 - SHSP Generator grant - \$30,800 approved, waiting on final documentation.

Training/Drills:

- EM set up a booth at the Montelores Future Fair 12/3/24 at the Fairgrounds with CERT members.
- EM had employee training on Emergent 3 Alert and warning system for Department Heads, Annex 3, CSU.
- EM working with CISA and County entities on Cyber Security Exercise Planning.
- EM attended DHSEM training on EMPG

2025 Stats Report

- Total calls assigned – 51
- Total declarations County wide – 1
- Total fire bans - 1
- Total deployments for EM Staff – 0
- Total EOC activations – 1
- Total Alert and Warnings and Weather Alerts sent out – 769

- Total SAR missions - 18
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 6
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 4
- Total trainings held – 36
- Total EOC training held - 6
- Total exercises/tabletops – 9
- Total training certificates received – 16
- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 400
- Total Committees / Boards representing - 24
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 4
- Total COOP Plans Completed - 7
- Total plans/policies written – 17
- Total grants involved in – 9

END OF REPORT