

# Billings City Council Meeting – 2.21.2023

DES Update to the Council

# What is Emergency Management?

In short – we are trying to “stick” the landing.

Emergency management is the organization and management of the resources and responsibilities for dealing with all aspects of emergencies (prevention, protection, response, mitigation, and recovery). The aim is to reduce the harmful effects of all hazards, including disasters.



All planes land.  
All disasters come to an end.



# Factors That Can Affect Our Community



# Planned & Unplanned Events

Alive After 5



Montana Fair

2021 West Wind Fire  
Denton, MT



2018 40-car Train Derailment  
Columbus, MT



2017 Route 91 Music Festival  
Las Vegas, NV



2021 Astroworld Concert  
Houston, TX



2021 I-90 Crash  
Billings, MT



2021 AmTrak Derailment  
Liberty County, MT





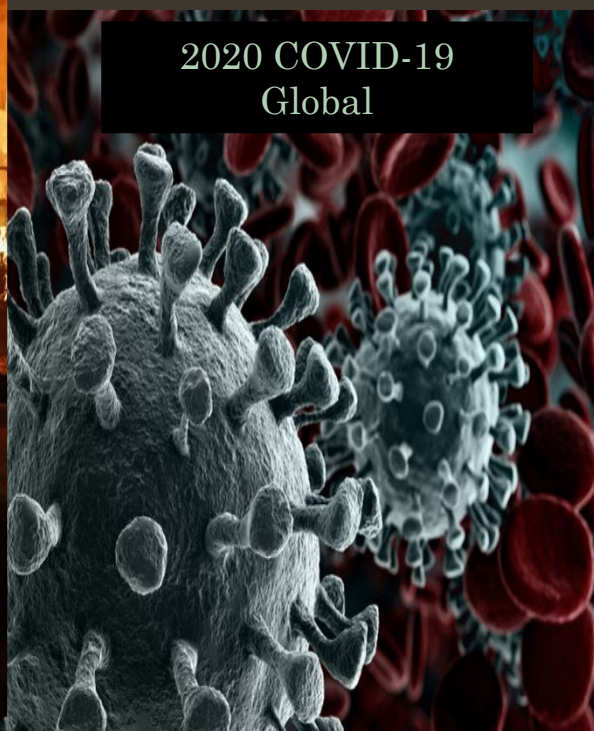
# Hazmat, Civil Unrest, Illness/Disease, International Relations



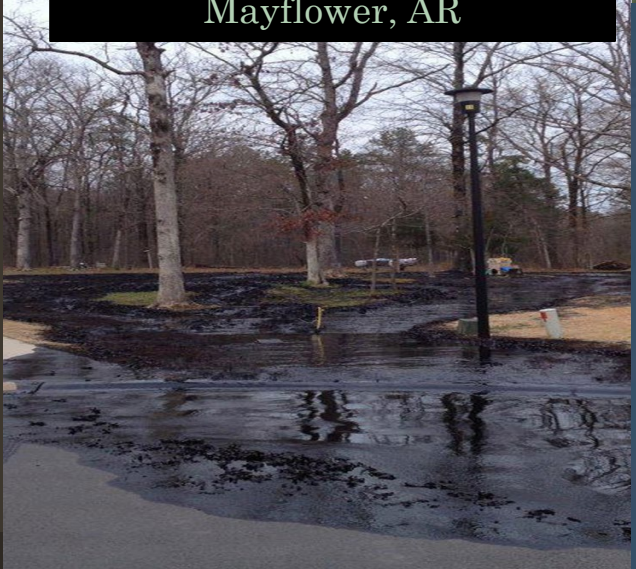
2013 Mayflower Oil Spill  
Mayflower, AR



2020 Protest/Riots  
New York & Minnesota



2020 COVID-19  
Global



2023 Chinese Spy Balloon  
Billings, MT



2019 Ebola Outbreak - Congo, Africa

- Prevention
  - Steps taken to prevent or stop disaster from happening
- Preparedness (or Protection)
  - Plan, train, practice, prepare, repeat
- Mitigation
  - Steps taken before disaster to reduce destructive potential
- Response
  - Disaster has happened; people need help
- Recovery
  - Immediate disaster is over; Begin to work towards 'normal'



# Community Lifelines



lifelines@fema.dhs.gov



fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/177222

## Definition

A lifeline enables the continuous operation of **critical business and government functions** and is essential to **human health and safety or economic security**.

## Purpose

Root Cause Analysis

Interdependencies

Prioritization

Ease of Communication

## Assessing

Status → What?

Impact → So What?

Actions → Now What?

Limiting Factors → What's the Gap?

## Stabilization

Occurs when basic lifeline services or capabilities are provided to survivors (may be temporary solutions requiring sustainment).

COMPONENTS of Lifelines



Safety and Security



Law Enforcement/Security



Fire Services



Search and Rescue



Government Services



Community Safety



Food, Water, Shelter



Food



Water



Shelter



Agriculture



Health and Medical



Medical Care



Patient Movement



Public Health



Fatality Management



Medical Supply Chain



Energy (Power & Fuel)



Power (Grid)



Fuel



Communications



Infrastructure



Alerts, Warnings, and Messages



911 and Dispatch



Responder Communications



Finance



Transportation



Highway/Roadway



Mass Transit



Railway



Aviation



Maritime



Hazardous Materials



Facilities

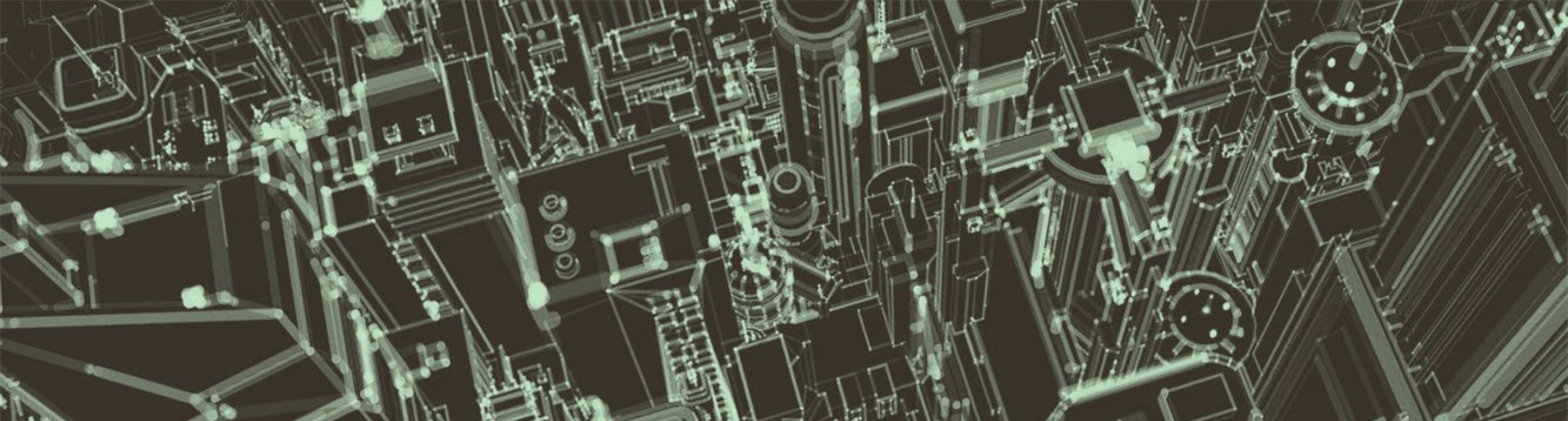


HAZMAT, Pollutants, Contaminants

# Incident Management and Coordination

When disasters occur, response happens at four levels:

- **Incident Command System (ICS)** – manages tactical activities that aim to stabilize an incident, save lives, and protect property and the environment
  - Led by Incident Commander (IC)
- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)** – provides incident support activities, including strategic coordination, resource acquisition, and information gathering
  - Led by EOC Director
- **Multiagency Coordination Group (MAC Group) or Policy Group** – provides policy guidance to incident personnel, supports resource prioritization, and enables decision-making
  - Led by Senior Leader or Elected Officials (*City Council, Mayor, City Admin*)
- **Joint Information System (JIS)** – ensures coherent, consistent, and accurate messaging and communication with the media and public
  - Led by Public Information Officer (PIO)
  - Joint Information Center (JIC) houses the operations of the JIS



# Senior Leader & Elected Officials: Roles and Responsibilities

City Council, Mayor, City Admin



# Essential Responsibilities

- Ensure the continuity of government
- Activate specific legal authorities (disaster declarations, evacuations, states of emergency, or other protective actions)
- Coordinate with the Public Information Officer (PIO) to keep the media and public informed
- Request assistance from state agencies through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/Emergency Management Director
- Resolve any resource allocation conflicts
- Coordinate with other senior officials and whole community partners
- Participate in a Multiagency Coordination Group (MAC Group), if required

# Decisions

- When/whether to evacuate the jurisdiction
- When/whether to declare a disaster
- Setting priorities in coordination with other senior officials
- Taking steps to ensure the organization follows state and Federal restrictions and requirements
- Adjusting policy to accomplish emergency projects
- Making budget decisions

# MAC Group

- The **City/County Multiagency Coordination Group**:
  - Serves as a policy-level body during incidents
  - Supports resource prioritization and allocation
  - Enables decision-making among elected and appointed officials
- During incidents, the **City/County Multiagency Coordination Group** meets according to the established incident meeting schedule at a location that the Incident Management Team (IMT) or EOC determines.
- Membership includes:
  - **Billings City Administrator, Billings Mayor (representing the Billings City Council), Laurel Mayor, Broadview Mayor, BOCC**

# City of Billings Emergency Authorities and Ordinances

- Legal authorities and emergency procedures:
  - Emergency declarations – senior leadership
    - States of emergency – senior leadership
  - Evacuation orders – EOC
  - Lines of succession/continuity plans – senior leadership
  - Mutual aid agreements or compacts – organizations and jurisdictions
  - Price controls – legal
  - Procurement processes – organizations and jurisdictions
  - State and Federal restrictions and requirements – directives and mandates

# Coalitions and Committees

- Emergency Management Advisory Committee
- LEPC
  - Planning
  - Grants
  - Communications
  - Crisis Communications
  - Exercise Design
  - HMAG
- 911 Board
- Regional Emergency Management Mutual Aid

# Jurisdictional Capacity and Capability to Respond

- Resources readily available to the jurisdiction:
  - **Volunteers (Red Cross, Salvation Army, Other NGO's, faith-based groups)**
- How to request additional resources: (all requests must go through DES)
  - **Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)**
  - **Mutual aid agreements**
  - **State resources**
  - **Federal resources**

# Grants Available to Pursue

1. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
2. State Homeland Security Grant (SHSGP)
3. Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program (TVTP)
4. Non-Profit Security Grant (NSGP)
5. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
6. Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant (FMA)
7. Hazard Mitigation Grant – Post Fire (FMAG)
8. Hazard Mitigation Grant – Post Fire COVID (FMAG-COVID)
9. Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant
10. RFC/VFC Grant
11. Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)
12. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)
13. Fire Prevention & Safety Grant (FP&S)
14. Emergency Food and Shelter Grant (EFSG)
15. FEMA Post Disaster Assistance Grants
16. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP)
17. Hazardous Materials Instructor Training (HMIT)
18. Supplemental Public Sector Training (SPST)
19. Assistance for Local Emergency Response Training (ALERT)
20. Community Safety (CS) Grant
21. CARES Act Funding (DES primary assist)
22. ARPA Funding (DES consultative assist)
23. Nonprofit Security Grant Program
24. Private industry grants to DES

# Grants in the last 12 months

- FY 22/23 EMPG – Awarded \$130,000
- FY 23/24 EMPG – Applied for \$130,000
- FY 21/22 Homeland Security Grants  
Awarded \$337,000
- FY 22/23 Homeland Security Grants  
Awarded \$445,000
- FY 23/24 Homeland Security Grants  
Applied for \$1,012,000
- ~~BRIC Grant – COB Water – \$50 million~~
- Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant –  
Awarded \$40,000
- ~~CWPP Grant – \$50,000~~
- RFC/VFC Grant – Awarded \$12,000
- Competitive ARPA Grants –  
Awarded approx. \$19.746 million\*
- RiverStone Health –  
Donation approx. \$52,500
- FEMA 6/22 Flood Assistance – Funding in  
Progress – approx. \$8,900 so far (for the County)
- Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Grant –  
Pending
- **TOTAL AWARDED:  
approx. \$21,913,400.00**

*\*Water and Sewer Project Grants*

Questions?