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Message from the Executive Director

The Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP) was created in 2008, just prior to the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Denver. Our purpose was to connect the public and private sector during this event, to ensure the business community had situational awareness of planning efforts surrounding the DNC. It was recognized that this public-private collaboration contributed to the success of the DNC and was an important part of emergency preparedness planning efforts in Colorado.

Following the DNC, CEPP continued to provide the private sector with educational briefings and workshops on emergency preparedness topics. It also provided an avenue for government entities to interact with businesses and to gain a better understanding of the issues the private sector faces with regards to preparedness.

In 2011, CEPP expanded to a statewide organization and has conducted programs in the Denver metro region, Fort Collins, Brighton, Loveland, Colorado Springs and Grand Junction. This year, we celebrate our ten year anniversary and will continue to bring preparedness programs throughout Colorado to raise our level of resiliency.

Sincerely,

Pat Williams

Pat Williams, Executive Director, received a Leadership in Resilience Impact Award in March 2017 for her efforts with CEPP.

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Mission

CEPP is a nonprofit organization that promotes joint emergency planning between the public, private and philanthropic sectors. We work with federal, state and local agencies, private sector entities and nongovernmental organizations to identify gaps in Colorado's emergency planning.

Our goal is to help plug those gaps through training, workshops and education.

Programs



Active Shooter Workshops

CEPP leads the Colorado Preparedness Coalition, a coalition of federal, state and regional partners, that provide quarterly preparedness programs throughout Colorado for both the public and private sectors. This Coalition facilitated five workshops on the Active Threat in 2017 for over 650 organizations. Beginning in March, CEPP and this Coalition partnered with the Department of Homeland Security to provide training for 100 organizations on how to plan for an active shooter. In April and May, the Coalition conducted two trainings on Workplace Violence which were hosted by Charles Schwab and Colorado Springs Utilities. Dr. John Nicoletti, Ph.D, ABPP provided this training to over 300 attendees and offered them tips on how to recognize a potential insider threat. In September, CEPP and the Coalition partnered with the American Red Cross to hold a Preparedness Academy on Active Shooter Preparedness for 100 attendees and taught them how to prepare themselves to act during such an incident. To finish out the 2017 workshops, in October, Dr. Earl Motzer, Chair for the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Coordinating Council, and Scott Cormier, VP of Emergency Management for Medxcel, spoke to over 150 Colorado Healthcare Facilities on Active Threat strategies, providing them with planning guidance and tools to help them do risk assessments on potential threats.



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Chemical Safety Workshops

CEPP has conducted Chemical Safety Workshops around Colorado for the last three years. Regulated industry is invited to attend these workshops and is encouraged to join and participate in their county Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC's) following the training. The role of the LEPC is to form a partnership between local government, industry and the public to enhance all hazards preparedness. These workshops have provided the opportunity for these groups to meet and to better understand how they can work together on emergency plans for their community.

In 2015 and 2016, these workshops concentrated on the federal programs that regulate chemical safety and briefs from EPA, OSHA, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation were presented.

In 2017, CEPP held workshops for five counties (Adams, Denver, El Paso, Larimer and Mesa) for over 280 regulated companies and focused on the local response to a hazmat threat in these counties. Each workshop included a high-level overview of the reported hazardous material presence in the county, both from fixed facilities and transportation (roads, pipelines and railroads). Following the chemical threat brief, a panel of local first responders and affected agencies discussed their response capabilities and how their county would respond to a release or spill of hazardous materials. Representatives sitting on this panel included local/state law enforcement, fire, hazmat, dispatch, Colorado National Guard and others depending.

During the last part of the workshop, the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC's) introduced themselves to the attendees and requested regulated industry's help in the county's emergency planning process. Each county explained their LEPC's organization and how to get involved, what kind of information they need from industry and how to report spills or releases in the county.

These programs have been requested by multiple additional counties and will continue in 2018. The workshops were cited as a best practice by EPA and Colorado's State Emergency Response Commission, the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Committee (CEPC).



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Private Sector Subcommittee

CEPP leads a Private Sector Subcommittee that reports to the State's Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC). The HSAC is led by the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety. This subcommittee serves as the voice for the private sector in Colorado's emergency planning efforts.

The Private Sector Subcommittee meets quarterly and is comprised of representatives from companies that are interested in helping to strengthen emergency plans in Colorado. Its members include representatives from AT&T, Comcast, CenturyLink, Safeway, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Schwab, Lockheed Martin, DaVita, CO Retail Association and others.

This subcommittee works on private sector issues of concern during emergencies, such as credentialing, information sharing, reentry programs for business, etc. In 2017, the group researched options for creating a Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) in Colorado and presented its findings to the HSAC. The four meetings this year were devoted to getting demonstrations on potential platforms that could be used in the Colorado State Emergency Operations Center and to determining what the BEOC's function will be.



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CEPP Training

CEPP also conducted preparedness training in 2017, specifically to help buildings with their emergency planning. All buildings need emergency response programs that will protect the lives and property of their employees, tenants and first responders during an emergency. CEPP created training to help Facility Managers and their teams with the following: how to create a robust emergency response plan using standardized tools and templates; how to recruit, engage and train volunteers for their Floor Warden teams; how to engage their tenants in the planning process; and how to prepare their employees for disasters (explaining go kits, evacuation planning, etc). This training will help the buildings be safer places to work and the standardized tools and templates will provide first responders with the information they need quickly when responding to buildings, saving time and potentially lives.

Partners

Partners are important and CEPP could not do the work it does without the support of multiple federal, state, regional and nonprofit organizations that comprise the Colorado Preparedness Coalition. CEPP leads this coalition which meets monthly to plan quarterly preparedness trainings for Colorado. The group is comprised of representatives from the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Infrastructure Protection, FEMA Region 8, the Colorado Federal Executive Board, the American Red Cross Mile High Chapter and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Working together, we pool our resources and talent to provide free preparedness programs throughout Colorado.

In addition to the partners in the Preparedness Coalition, CEPP works closely with the Colorado National Guard, NORTHCOM and the Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD).



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In addition to the partnerships mentioned above, multiple organizations have offered support through either monetary donations, use of their venues, providing food and/or drinks for CEPP programs or by offering to speak at our programs. Some of these partners are acknowledged below:



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2017 CEPP Board

I would like to thank the CEPP Board for their continued support. These programs couldn't take place without our combined effort.

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