



**Colorado Emergency
Preparedness Partnership**
Preparedness through Partnership

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION

Improve Joint Emergency Planning throughout the state of Colorado

In 2015, CEPP's focus was on coordinating the training efforts in emergency planning throughout the State of Colorado by bringing together Federal, State, and Local agencies to minimize redundancy and expand our reach to private businesses. The results were that new businesses were reached through this combined effort, maximizing training and reducing costs.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY

In my first year as the Executive Director of CEPP, I increased the scope and numbers of emergency preparedness trainings provided throughout the state of Colorado to the private sector. Specifically, in my first year, I have;

- Increased CEPP's outreach by 100% (year to year) with no increase in funding
- Created and delivered a new program in Chemical Safety awareness, with 350 attendees, representing over 200 organizations. This program received national recognition from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for filling a critical need and fulfilled a national requirement to conduct outreach to regulated industry. In addition, this program is now being replicated in our neighboring states, following Colorado's lead.
- Hosted tours of Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) at the State, Denver and Colorado Springs Offices of Emergency Management for 128 private sector attendees. These tours served as the catalyst for information sharing and the development of critical relationships between the public and private sectors.
- Filled critical gaps in emergency preparedness by providing training sessions in Denver and Colorado Springs for schools, hospitals, businesses, and all levels of government in:
 - Active Shooter Situations
 - Business Evacuation Planning

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Expanded CEPP's outreach and efficiency by 100%

In 2015, CEPP conducted a total of 19 programs for over 600 people. This is twice the number of programs delivered in 2014 (9) and was accomplished with no increase in funding. By creating a partnership with federal and state agencies to consolidate training activities and using CEPP's resources to facilitate the workshops, more private sector businesses were reached throughout the state than in previous years.

2. Increased Chemical Safety Awareness:

Chemical Safety was a new area of focus identified by CEPP in 2015. It also has been the biggest success of any program conducted by CEPP, receiving accolades at the state and national level for addressing a key area of weakness in emergency preparedness within the state of Colorado. Hazardous Material incidents are one of the top hazards that Colorado faces and ensuring that our industries have the resources they need to protect our communities if there is a hazardous chemical release or spill is critical.

Seven workshops were conducted with over 350 industry attendees, representing more than 200 organizations. These trainings were conducted in Denver, Colorado Springs, Brighton, Grand Junction and Loveland.

As a result of this training effort, industry participants gained a better understanding of their responsibilities when using hazardous chemicals in their daily operations; they know what resources they have available to them in Colorado; they know how to report a spill or release of hazardous materials; and they know who to contact with questions.



EPA Presenting at the CEPP Chemical Safety Workshop in Brighton on October 30, 2015

3. **Conducted Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Tours**

CEPP embarked on a new effort in 2015 to create stronger relationships and a better understanding of available resources between the public sector Emergency Management and Homeland Security organizations and Colorado's Businesses, Schools, Hospitals and NGOs.

The first step in accomplishing this goal was to host tours of the EOC's at the state and municipal level to provide the private sector an idea of what an EOC does in times of crisis and what resources are available to them. These tours have been very well received, with 128 attendees.

The results of these tours is that Colorado is now breaking new ground in creating direct relationships between the public/private sector entities. It has provided new opportunities for the sharing of information and resources while also creating the personal relationships between the public and private sector that will prove crucial in times of crisis.

In 2015, multiple tours were conducted s of the State of Colorado's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) Emergency Operations Center, as well as the Emergency Operations Centers for the cities of Denver and Colorado Springs.



Colorado National Guard Speaks During State EOC Tour on June 15, 2015

- 4. Provided critical training in Active Shooter Response and Business Evacuation Planning**
CEPP continues to provide critical training to the Colorado community at large. In 2015, CEPP increased its reach by partnering with other agencies and combining resources to provide training for schools, hospitals, businesses, NGO's, and all levels of government. CEPP concentrated on two areas of interest in 2015: Active Shooter Preparedness Training; and Business Preparedness.

As part of TIAA CREF's annual building evacuation drill in September, 2015, CEPP facilitated training on Business Evacuation Planning for other downtown Denver businesses. During this training, TIAA CREF demonstrated a national model that they used to create their own emergency preparedness plans. Due to the interest in this program material, requests were made for follow on training to help walk businesses through their own planning processes, a testament to the value of this training program.

In October, 2015, CEPP hosted the Department of Homeland Security's Active Shooter Preparedness Training in Colorado Springs for both public and private organizations. During this training, attendees were educated on the threat and were given practical advice on how to create their own Active Shooter Preparedness plans. Due to the demand of interest in this program, CEPP agreed to host a follow on training for Denver in 2016.



TIAA CREF Building Evacuation Drill in September, 2015

2015 CEPP Programs

State EOC Tours (4)	May 5/May 7 Jun 11	Centennial
Denver EOC (2)	June 30	Denver
Roundtable Discussion	Sept 1	Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs EOC Tour	Sept 17	Colorado Springs
Roundtable Discussion	Sept 24	Denver
Business Evacuation Training	Sept 30	Denver
Active Shooter Training	Oct 7	Colorado Springs
Ready Colorado Training	Oct 14	Denver
Chemical Safety Workshop	Oct 27	Colorado Springs
Chemical Safety Workshop (2)	Oct 29	Denver
Chemical Safety Workshop	Oct 30	Brighton
Chemical Safety Workshop	Nov 6	Grand Junction
Chemical Safety Workshop (2)	Dec 1	Fort Collins

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