MISSION

Improve Joint Emergency Planning throughout the state of Colorado

In 2016, CEPP’s focus was on addressing critical gaps in emergency planning throughout the State of Colorado and in creating a platform for the private sector to voice their concerns.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY

2016 has been a year of major advancement for CEPP. CEPP is now in a leadership position for driving the collaboration between government and private efforts in Emergency Preparedness. Specifically, CEPP has;

- Partnered with State and Federal agencies to provide a coordinated training effort to address the issue of Cyber Security Awareness.

- Created a new preparedness program for property managers and facility owners to provide them with the tools and guidelines necessary to design and implement emergency evacuation plans and shelter in place plans.

- Continued to address critical gaps in Colorado’s emergency planning while coordinating efforts with federal and state entities to build relationships between key businesses and their government counterparts.

- Created a “first of its kind” Private Sector Subcommittee at the State level, which reports to the Governor’s Director of Public Safety and the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC), providing the private sector with a direct voice in state emergency planning.

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2016 Accomplishments:

1. **Increased cyber security awareness**
   CEPP partnered with the State’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), FEMA Region VIII, and the Colorado Federal Executive Board (CFEB) to provide quarterly cyber security workshops around the state. In January, workshops were held to highlight what federal resources are available to all organizations to increase their cyber security plans and in April, state resources were presented. In June, cyber risk and cyber insurance were discussed and in October, the Department of Homeland Security’s Colorado Cyber Security Advisor showed how the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Cyber Security Framework can help organizations create their own plan. These workshops educated organizations on what the threat is and what free resources are available to them now.

![Cyber Security Workshop in Denver on June 19, 2016](image-url)
2. **Created a new preparedness program for property managers and facility owners**

This pilot program streamlines and enhances the emergency preparedness planning process. CEPP has created a suite of tools that these organizations can use to create their emergency evacuation plans and their shelter in place plans. In addition, CEPP has designed two workshops to help train organizations on how to fill out these tools and how to create a Safety Team for their own organizations. This program has demonstrated success at TIAA in Denver and was used as a national model for all of its buildings around the U.S.

CEPP’s initial pilot program is with the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce to update their own emergency plans and has demonstrated it to the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) and to Brookfield Properties. In 2017, CEPP plans to offer workshops around the state on this program.

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**Building Emergency Guidelines Sample**

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3. **Filling critical gaps in emergency planning**

This is being accomplished by bringing together the federal entities that regulate hazardous materials and Colorado’s regulated industry. CEPP hosted four workshops in Grand Junction, Colorado Springs and Brighton for approximately 300 facilities that use and/or store hazardous chemicals in their daily operations. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) explained their programs that regulate hazardous chemicals, offered resources and answered questions in each of these workshops. Evaluations from these workshops were very positive and indicate that the industries learned valuable, necessary information enabling them to do their jobs more safely. They also were given contact information on the local emergency management officials that they should be coordinating with, which will strengthen our emergency planning efforts at the local level.

OSHA Speaking at the Brighton Chemical Safety Workshop on Sept 29, 2016

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4. Increased Information Sharing between the Public and Private Sectors.

Created a Private Sector Subcommittee at the State level, which reports to the Governor’s Director of Public Safety and the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC). This group meets quarterly and acts on private sector concerns with regards to emergency planning in the State. Before this group was created, there was no structured forum for the private sector to participate in emergency planning. The subcommittee is comprised of private sector entities whose resources might be needed during a disaster (Safeway, Walgreens, Target, Walmart, etc) and key industries in Colorado (Schwab, Arrow, DaVita, etc). Its purpose is to give the private sector a voice in emergency planning, to hear their concerns and to work on company driven issues (credentialing, getting supplies to companies during a disaster, etc).

This subcommittee is currently researching Business Emergency Operations Centers around the country to help develop a program in Colorado. This will be a main focus in 2017.

Current organizations participating in this subcommittee include the following:

- Walgreens
- Walmart
- Target
- Safeway
- Grainger
- Blue Sky
- SERVPRO
- Charles Schwab
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Arrow
- DaVita
- Environ Healthcare
- McKesson
- XCEL Energy
- Colorado Technical University
- Healthcare Distribution Alliance
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