

2018 Annual Report



**Colorado Emergency
Preparedness Partnership**
Preparedness through Partnership

Who We Are

The Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP) is a 501(3)c that promotes joint emergency planning between the public, private and philanthropic sectors throughout the state of Colorado.

CEPP carries out a unique function in Colorado that no other organization fulfills in the State. By using its non-profit (501c3) status to support emergency preparedness activities, CEPP is able to solicit donations and raise money from businesses and the public, and can also apply for grants from foundations or government grants outside of those that occasionally support emergency preparedness. CEPP can support joint emergency planning in ways that can be difficult for government agencies and allows Colorado to conduct training that otherwise might be impossible to arrange due to fiscal constraints.

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Message from the Executive Director

In 2018, CEPP continued to impact Colorado's joint emergency planning by conducting eight workshops for over 300 attendees and by advising the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) on how to create a Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC), to support businesses before, during and after a disaster. This initiative has been discussed for several years and DHSEM credits CEPP with their decision to move forward with creating the BEOC and establishing a new Private Sector Program. In addition, CEPP was invited to participate in the State's Working Group to assist in the development of Colorado's Homeland Security Strategy's goals, objectives and tasks for 2019-2023 (released in Dec 2018).

For this year's training plan, CEPP partnered with regional, state, federal and nonprofit partners to conduct training for specific critical infrastructure sectors: Communications; Commercial Facilities; Chemical and Energy. These workshops provided either information or planning tools that businesses could use for their emergency planning. During the first quarter, CEPP arranged tours of Colorado's largest and most active emergency operations centers (the State, Denver and Boulder) for private sector partners in the communications sector.

In the second quarter, CEPP facilitated two workshops for Commercial Facilities. The first workshop discussed protective security measures that a facility can take to protect its assets and the second provided training on how to write a facility security plan.

During the third and fourth quarters, CEPP conducted three Chemical Safety Workshops for industry in both urban and rural counties. These workshops invited regulated industry to hear from first responders what their capabilities and limitations are when responding to a hazardous materials spill at their facilities. The intent of these workshops was to manage expectations of what happens when a company dials 911 during an emergency and to promote joint emergency planning.

Finally, in the fourth quarter, an Energy focused workshop was led by the Colorado Federal Executive Board (CFEB) to educate government agencies and private sector partners on how the energy sector responds during a disaster.

In additions to these workshops, CEPP led a Private Sector Subcommittee for the Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) and the Colorado Preparedness Coalition (a group comprised of DHS, FEMA Region 8, CFEB, the North Central Region, American Red Cross Mile High Chapter and personnel from DHSEM).

Sincerely, *Pat Williams*



Mission Statement

Working with federal, state and local agencies, private sector entities and nongovernmental organizations, CEPP identifies gaps in Colorado's emergency planning and then helps plug those gaps through training, workshops and education.

CEPP provides the link needed to drive and advance emergency preparedness planning in Colorado. Through its programs and committees, CEPP demonstrates the strategic value of partnerships and promotes joint emergency planning, information sharing and resource sharing.

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Programs and Workshops in 2018

In 2018, CEPP led eight emergency preparedness programs for over 300 attendees from the public, private and philanthropic sectors:

State Emergency Operations Center Tour	January 30
Denver Emergency Operations Center Tour	March 20
Boulder Emergency Operations Center Tour	March 28
Protective Measures Workshop for Commercial Facilities	May 24
Chemical Safety Workshop for Douglas/Arapahoe	June 5
Emergency Response Planning for Buildings	June 6
Chemical Safety Workshop for City of Aurora	September 17
Chemical Safety Workshop for Routt County	September 19

In addition, CEPP supported the following partner programs:

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop	October 4
Colorado Federal Executive Board Prolonged Power Outage Table Top Exercise	November 15



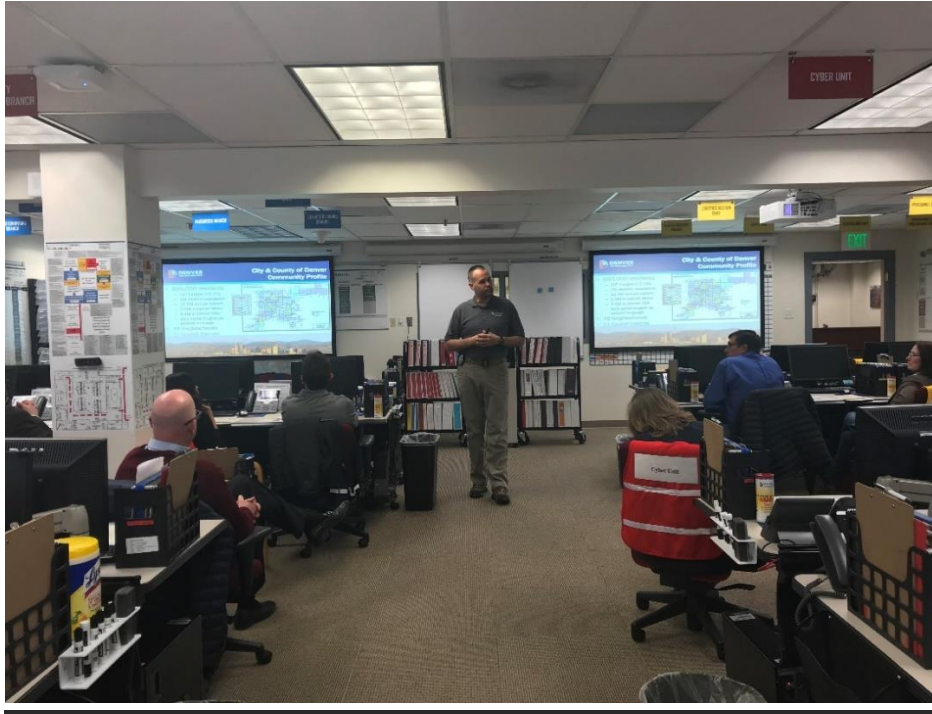
Emergency Operation Center Tours

As a follow up to work that DHS started in Denver this year with the Communications Sector, CEPP arranged three tours of Emergency Operations Centers in Colorado: one at the State's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in January; one at Denver's EOC in March; and one in Boulder's EOC, also in March.

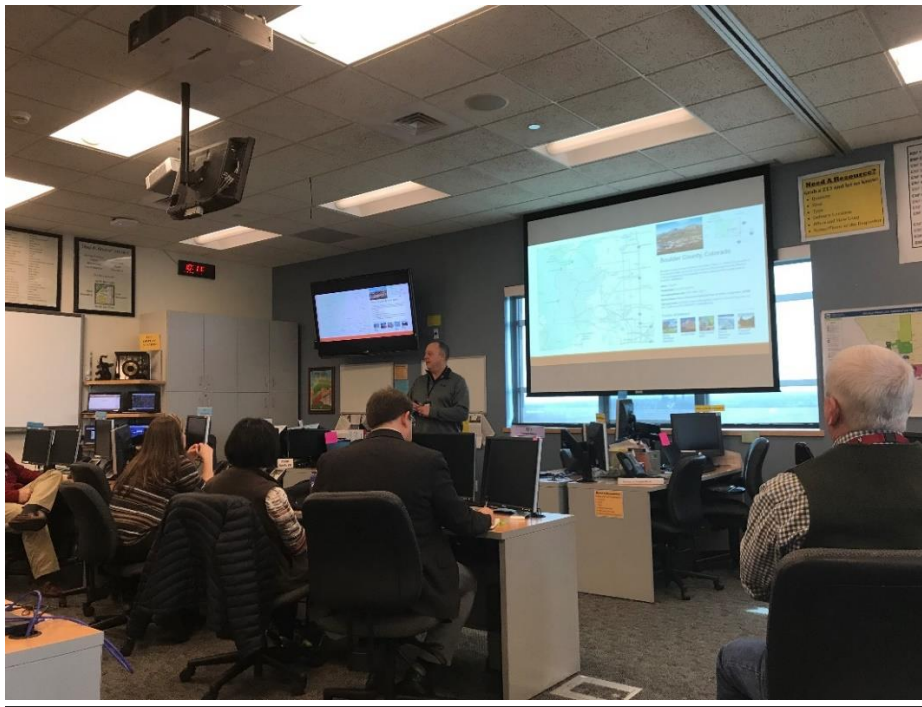


State Emergency Operations Center Tour on January 30, 2018

Testimonial: *"So happy to partner with CEPP." Kevin Klein, Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), Colorado Department of Public Safety.*



Denver EOC Tour March 20, 2018



Boulder EOC Tour March 28, 2018

Commercial Facilities Workshops

The ***Protective Security Measures Workshop*** on May 24th offered those commercial facilities with public gathering venues and office spaces tips on how to identify potential physical and procedural security measures. The ***Emergency Response Planning for Buildings Workshop*** on June 6th provided specific training and tools on how to build an emergency plan. Companies left with a standardized template to use to strengthen and enhance their existing emergency plans.

Invitees included representatives from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Denver Metro Chapter, International Facility Management Association (IFMA) Denver Chapter, and Denver Chamber.



Protective Security Measures Workshop on May 24, 2018

Chemical Safety Workshops

Three Chemical Safety Workshops for regulated industry were held in 2018 for Arapahoe, Douglas, and Routt Counties and for the City of Aurora. The target audience for these workshops were the facilities that store and/or use hazardous chemicals in these counties, their response organizations and their LEPC's. The workshops' goals were to promote frank conversation about what will happen when a company dials 9-1-1 after a spill or release: what public resources are deployed; how long those resources will take to arrive; and how a company can help during an event. The overall purpose in bringing these groups together was to promote joint emergency planning by encouraging coordination with the counties' Local Emergency Planning Committees.



Arapahoe-Douglas County Workshop on June 5, 2018

Testimonial: “Participated in a great Chemical Safety Workshop in Aurora this week. Thanks to Aurora OEM and CEPP for putting it together.” *Adams County OEM*



City of Aurora Chemical Safety Workshop on September 17, 2018



Routt County Chemical Safety Workshop on September 21, 2018

Colorado's Private Sector Subcommittee

CEPP continues to lead a Private Sector Subcommittee that reports to the State's Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC). This subcommittee serves as the voice for the private sector in Colorado's emergency planning efforts. It meets quarterly and is comprised of representatives from companies that are interested in helping to strengthen emergency plans in Colorado.

This subcommittee works on private sector issues of concern before, during and after an emergency, such as credentialing, information sharing, reentry programs for business, etc. In 2018, this group partnered with, and advised, DHSEM on how to create a Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) for Colorado. DHSEM has credited the Private Sector Subcommittee with driving this initiative and the BEOC will become operational in the first quarter of 2019.



Colorado Preparedness Coalition



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**Homeland
Security**

Four years ago, CEPP created this coalition to combine resources and to conduct free workshops around the state for private, public and philanthropic partners. This united effort directly impacts the preparedness of Colorado by using all of the coalition members' networks, thereby reaching more organizations throughout Colorado.

CEPP continued to lead this group in 2018 and it meets as needed to conduct planning for the workshops. The group is comprised of representatives from the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Infrastructure Protection, FEMA Region 8, the Colorado Federal Executive Board (CFEB), the American Red Cross Mile High Chapter, the Colorado North Central Emergency Preparedness and Response Region (NCR) and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM).

Each year, the group picks a theme for the workshops. For example, the Coalition chose Cyber in 2016 and the Active Threat in 2017. This past year, the group focused on Critical Infrastructure and worked on four specific sectors (Communications, Commercial Facilities, Chemical and Energy). Next year, the theme will be "Soft Targets".

These programs are always well attended and receive excellent reviews. Specific programs that have been held over the years include:

- Workplace Violence
- Public Health: Disaster Planning and Resources
- Cyber Risk Management and Insurance
- Active Threat Strategies for Healthcare Facilities
- State of Colorado Cyber Security Initiatives



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In 2018, 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. CEPP couldn't be successful without their support.



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