



~Promoting Community Resilience through Collaboration~

Greater Spokane Emergency Management

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Mission

Working with our community to ensure the Greater Spokane area is prepared to protect against, respond to and recover from major emergencies and disasters



Duty Officer On-Call 24/7, 365

Emergencies: provide incident management support

- ✓ Mobile Command Vehicles
- ✓ Port-O-Pottis



Disasters: monitor issues and become liaisons to jurisdictions affected. Provide coordination and facilitation of response to be sure community needs are being addressed.



What is a Disaster?

Any event that overwhelms local resources and requires the assistance of outside organizations in order to respond to or recover from it.



Emergency vs Disaster

Emergency

- ▶ Dial 9-1-1
- ▶ Help 3-5 minutes
- ▶ Confined area
- ▶ Food & water
- ▶ Utilities
- ▶ Limited number of victims

Disaster

- ▶ No phones
- ▶ 3-5 days
- ▶ Large area
- ▶ No food, water
- ▶ No utilities
- ▶ MANY victims
- ▶ RESOURCES OVERWHELMED!



What are the main hazards here?

- ▶ Fire
- ▶ Snow & Ice
- ▶ Rain & Snowmelt—Flooding
- ▶ Wind
- ▶ Hazmat
- ▶ Medical
- ▶ Current News Issues: terrorism, cyber attacks, oil train derailment



- ▼ Fires:
 - 2008 Valley View Fire
 - 2014 Watermelon Hill
 - 2016 Spokane Complex
Yale Rd and Wellesley Rd

- ▼ Storms:
 - 1996 Ice Storm
 - 2008-2009 Snowmageddon
 - 2015 Windstorm

- ▼ Flooding:
 - 2012
 - 2016
 - 2017

- ▼ Haz Mat Responses:
 - 2014 I-90 spill
 - 2016 Pacific Steel
 - 2016 Oil barrels

- ▼ Local terrorism:
 - 2011 MLK March attempted bombing

- ▼ Medical:
 - 2016 & 2017 Norovirus



GSEM In Action

**Examples of recent events
that we facilitated...**



2015 November Windstorm

Forecast
Confidence



Impact





10:30

Partner
Briefing

12:30

Joint
Press
Release

13:00 – 14:00

Voluntary
Office
Closures

16:00

Press
Release
Shelter-in-
Place
Advised

16:30

Shelter-
in-Place
Alert

17:00

ECC
Planning
Meeting
for next
day

20:00

Shelter-
in-Place
Alert
Lifted



2016 Spokane Complex Fires

Duty Officer

- ▶ Situational Awareness
- ▶ Coordination with Area Coordinator
- ▶ Identify Gaps
- ▶ Information Sharing

Results

- ▶ Coordination
- ▶ Animal Shelter
- ▶ Evacuation
- ▶ Alert & Notification
- ▶ Damage Assessment
- ▶ Fire Management Assistance Grant



2016 Norovirus

Duty Officer

- ▶ Brought agencies with jurisdiction together
- ▶ Identified Gaps
- ▶ Information Sharing by providing situational awareness to partners
- ▶ Big picture understanding

Results

- ▶ Daily meetings
- ▶ Resource Management
 - Tents
 - Shelters
 - Supplies
- ▶ Next Steps
- ▶ Closure

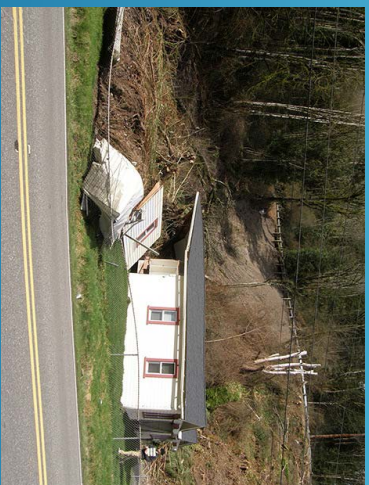
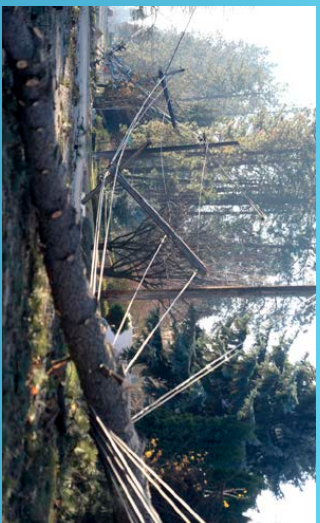


Deceptive Killers

- ▶ Carbon monoxide poisoning
- ▶ Exhaustion and heart attacks from over exertion
- ▶ Hypothermia and asphyxiation
- ▶ Secondary fires
- ▶ Heat related and other illnesses
- ▶ Auto accidents
- ▶ And more...



So, Why Prepare?



Disasters can happen anytime, anywhere...



**Because after a
disaster, YOU as a
citizen will become
the first responder!**



And after the disaster, things won't be normal

- ▶ First responders are inundated by calls for help; urgent requests for assistance may not be met for hours or even days
- ▶ Most people are initially “on their own” dealing with the effects of the disaster
- ▶ Power outages—most likely
- ▶ Banks may be closed
- ▶ Grocery stores may sell out
- ▶ Gas stations may not be able to pump gas or may be out of gas
- ▶ You may be stuck



Build A Kit, Make A Plan Stay Informed, Get Involved

- ▶ Start with a basic kit—if you like to go camping, think about items you prepare for camping—many preparedness items are the same
- ▶ Discuss a basic plan with your family, and remember to include pets
- ▶ Sign up for Alert Spokane notifications
- ▶ Get to know your neighbors
- ▶ Sign up to be a volunteer during disasters—visit volunteerspokane.org



Got \$20 in Your Pocket?

What:	Where:	Price:
▶ Utility Knife	Dollar Tree	\$.36
▶ Radio	Walgreens	\$.81
▶ Whistle	Dollar Tree	\$.19
▶ Food (3 days)	Walmart	\$6.50
▶ Water (1 Gallon)	Dollar Tree	\$1.00
▶ Basic First Aid Kit	Dollar Tree	\$1.10
▶ Pencils (2) / Paper	Dollar Tree	\$.64
▶ Leather Gloves	Walmart	\$2.17
▶ Waterproof Matches	Walmart	\$.52
▶ Flashlight	Dollar Tree	\$1.10
• AA Batteries (2)	Dollar Tree	\$.27
▶ Survival Blanket	Walmart	\$3.17
▶ Backpack / Bag	Goodwill	\$2.20
Total:		\$20.03

Please Note: We are NOT endorsing specific companies. This list just a reference of what we found and where we found it. You may have the same, or even better, results with these or other stores because prices are ever changing.





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