Emergency Response
Estes Park Flood

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Overview
- Why is Emergency response so important?
- What are the steps to take to get started?
- How to pull resources?
- Why is it important for communication in times like this?
- Start the courses of Action.
- Continual review of the progress
- Questions

WHY EMERGENCY RESPONSE IS SO IMPORTANT?
Response is timely due to lives involved

WHY EMERGENCY RESPONSE SO IMPORTANT?
Protecting our environment and our water ways

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO TAKE TO GET STARTED?
- Assess the situation.
- What are the immediate needs.
- Once we recognized that we were in for a long road we took steps to start a plan of action and contacting resources.
- Building relationships with Larimer County and Estes Park Sanitation for a smooth transition

HOW TO PULL RESOURCES
- We got our communications team involved and they started working with the Town of Estes Park to see what the immediate needs were.
- Got with Stephen Gillette with Larimer County Landfills to review alternatives for transportation of waste out of Estes Park
- Worked with Estes Park Sanitation District for placement of Portable Toilets because of the no flush zones
- Reviewed our options as a company for internal and third party resources
- Always knowing what our options were through communications
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR COMMUNICATIONS IN TIMES LIKE THESE?

- This is for mass education and public awareness so everyone knows what’s at hand and how they’re going to function
- Us as a company so we can get resources in quickly to help everyone involved
- We had daily calls so we could operate affectively to get personal and equipment in to help
- To always know what your plan is to provide the proper relief to a disaster
- So we knew what roads to travel getting debris and trash out

START YOUR COURSE OF ACTION

- Once we had a plan on getting resources in we started working with other Districts within WM and third party companies to provide assistants where needed
- Working with local hotels for personal coming in for lodging
- Getting the waste and debris out from the Larimer County Transfer Station
- Using alternate roads due to closures on Hwy 34, Hwy 36 and Hwy 7.

CONTINUAL REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS

- We had daily calls so we could review adding resources or taking them away
- What can the public dispose of and how much could the Transfer Station handle was a big concern
- What were our daily options because they could change on a moment’s notice
- If we made a change we had to think about how it communicated to the public so they understood processing

CONTINUAL REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS

- Some of the challenges:

  PORTABLE TOILETS

  PLEASE:
  - Do NOT bag your waste and empty it into the portable toilets.
  - Do not use plastic bags, kitty litter or any harsh chemicals in your waste. Chemicals used for RV holding tanks are acceptable.
  - Be respectful of your neighbors when emptying your waste and try to keep the toilet as clean as possible for others to use.

CONTINUAL REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS

- The Larimer County Transfer Station hours of operation.
- All recyclables can now be accepted at the Estes Park Transfer Station.
- Trash drop off and wet loads because we had to stay in weight compliance meaning we couldn’t haul as much
- We couldn’t take hazardous waste (paint thinner, spray cans, batteries), tires, any type of electronic waste
- Space was limited because of the amount of volume coming in.
- We had to stay within DOT hours service compliance and a round trip load was about 9 hours

CONTINUAL REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS

- Used needles, medical waste
- Scrap metal
- Plastic bags, film
- Dirt, mud, gravel
- Large rocks, concrete
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