

PINEDALE CHAPTER BASIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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I. INTRODUCTION

This plan is an overview of the Pinedale Chapter approach to respond to an emergency. It will be an essential that all activities will be properly communicated and that all needed resources will be mobilized to impacted locations in a coordinated and timely matter.

This plan describes the guidelines the Pinedale Chapter will use for an emergency declaration, activate, and direct internal and external resources to impacted locations and/or to the entire community in response to emergency conditions/situations.

The Pinedale Chapter will provide the necessary assistance through the local identified resources (police department, fire department, hospitals, schools, local programs/departments etc.) The Pinedale Chapter will direct, control and coordinate emergency response activities from an established Incident Command Post [ICP].

II. AUTHORITY

Authority gives the Pinedale Chapter Official status and provides both authority and responsibility for organizations to perform their task. Public Law 93-288, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, provides the authority for the Federal Government to respond to disasters and emergencies with emergency assistance to save lives, protect public health, safety and property and natural resources.

In 1990, Navajo Nation Council (N.N.C) 12.661 established the Department of Emergency Management, and Navajo Nation Council Resolution 2 N.N.C.881 established the Commission on Emergency Management to jointly coordinate emergency and disaster relief services for the Navajo Nation.

26 N.N.C. Section 1001 (B)(1)(6) provides the authority for the Chapter Officials, specifically the Chapter President, to take action to protect life, property and natural resources of the members of the Chapter in case of an emergency or other crises.

III. PURPOSE

The Emergency Response Plan will be implemented before, during, and after an emergency in effort to save Human life, property and natural resources. The Basic Response Plan will be maintained, utilized, and implemented for the program,

community, families, livestock, etc., and for preparedness from the threat of terrorism, public health issues, and natural disasters of any kind and type.

The Pinedale Chapter will use the Incident Command System organizational structure, procedural guidelines and all resources in preparedness, response and recovery efforts to emergency conditions/disasters that impact its community.

The Pinedale Chapter will identify and describe potential hazards with specific roles and responsibilities and coordinate operations through the Department of Emergency Management [DEM] and Incident Command Post (ICP) established on site (disaster perimeter).

IV. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTION

A. SITUATION

The Pinedale community is located along the Lobo Canyon ridge in the west-central portion of the State of New Mexico. The community's geography includes the Timber Ridge, Lobo Valley, and Pinedale mesa which creates three different kinds of environment. Most of the roads throughout the community is dirt and unpaved, creating inaccessible roads during major storm activities.

Pinedale Chapter has an established Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) who has the capabilities to respond to any emergencies to save lives and properties. C.E.R.T will initiate emergency response, secure the incident areas, provide immediate assistance, collect information to support the first responder's effort when they arrive and proceed with the notification process with appropriate resources.

The following summarizes some of the potential for emergency situations in the Pinedale Chapter.

- a. Potential Hazards
 - Floods
 - Toxic leak via semi accident
 - Train derailments
 - Thunderstorms & Lightning
 - Winter Storms & Extreme Cold
 - Drought & Extreme Heat
 - High Winds
 - Structure & Wild Fires
 - Workplace violence

- Pandemic
 - Sinkholes
 - Oil & Gas leaks
 - Failed transmission line
 - Failed communication connection
- b. Vulnerable Critical Facilities
- *Pinedale Chapter*
 - *Pinedale Senior Center*
 - *Pinedale Head Start*
 - *Glory Road Ministries*
 - *New Life Christian Assembly Center*
 - *Pinedale Church of God*
 - *Pinedale Full Gospel Church*
 - *Tabernacle Church*
- c. Hazardous Material Routes
- *Navajo Route 1149*
 - *NM State Highway 566*
- d. Flood Plains
- *Rainbow Trail Road & Lobo Valley Road intersection*
 - *West Navajo Route 1149*
 - *Waterfalls Road*
 - *Uphill Road*
 - *Tabernacle Road*
 - *NM State Highway 566*
- e. Critical Resource Dependencies on Other
- *Pinedale Senior Citizen Center*
 - *Mariano Lake BIE Day School*
 - *Pinedale Head Start*
 - *Local churches*

Although, Pinedale Chapter enhances the traditional, cultured community members practice the concept of self-reliance; the Pinedale Chapter initiated and developed the Basic Emergency Response Plan according to a standardized format for appropriate response implementation. Most of the elected officials, staff, work and/or live within the community, and have contact numbers where they can be reached.

The hazards experienced by the Chapter include:

Natural Hazards

Pinedale Chapter experiences winter storms, melting snow creating muddy conditions, high winds during the winter months; thunderstorms, drought, sandstorms during the summer months. During the winter paved roads become icy due to extreme cold, and dirt roads in some areas of the community become impassable.

Human-Cause Disasters

The Pinedale Chapter experiences some structure burnouts, and wildfires. In recent years the community experienced a deadly pandemic that lasted over three years, that hit worldwide.

Technological Failures

- Telephone Land Lines / Cellular Tower signal loss
- Computers and Fax Machines
- Power lines, Natural Gas line ruptures, Water and Waste Water line freezing / rupturing
- ATM

Hazardous Materials

Commercial trucks travel over the community rural roads not constructed to sustain their weight. As a result, trucks carrying hazardous materials pose a potential threat to homes/communities located next to these highways. The Pinedale Chapter has some members that are certified in HAZMAT. They will coordinate with an outside HAZMAT TEAM should there be any chemical/hazardous material spills.

B. ASSUMPTION

1. The Pinedale Chapter C.E.R.T's Emergency Response Plan makes certain assumptions about emergencies in general and about preparedness. It is assumed that the C.E.R.T can respond to these certain emergencies, but if an emergency is beyond their capability or exhausts their local community resources, they will request for assistance outside the local community.
2. Pinedale Chapter C.E.R.T have the capability to respond to any emergency and will aid if deemed necessary.
3. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the McKinley County Department of Emergency Management shall provide support as when requested by the Chapter.
4. Assistance from outside the affected Chapter will be needed for emergencies or disasters exceeding the Pinedale Chapter span of control.

5. The experiences and technical expertise of Coordinators called to the Incident Command Post during an emergency will be included in emergency planning.
6. Pinedale Chapter who are responsible for emergency response and coordination shall become familiar with this Emergency Response Plan.
7. Chapter C.E.R.T, communities, Navajo Nation Officials, and response agencies shall be trained in the Incident Command System (ICS 100 and 700), EOC Management and Operations [IS-775]and Introduction to Emergency Management, Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Mass Care, and HAZWOPER.
8. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be sufficiently organized and equipped to coordinate emergency resources; telecommunications equipment, and computer based management information systems. These are assumed possible through Home Land Security (HLS) Fund.
9. Incident Command Posts are equipped with critical information about the community, potential hazards, risks and procedures. A laptop is to be available to keep data on hand.

Natural Disasters

1. Landslides and mudslides are virtually possible anywhere along the mountain slopes within the community. Heavy snow melts, runoffs, flash floods or the actions of Humans can cause an otherwise stable slope to slip and result in serious damage to property.
2. Flooding could be a problem should a severe thunderstorm develop or stagnate over watersheds, causing a flash flood.
3. Snow storms are a common occurrence in the mountainous areas of the community.
4. Range and forest fires are a threat during the summer months.
5. Sand storms can cause limited visibility, damage properties, etc.

Human Made Disasters

1. Trucks transport certain materials across the Pinedale community sometime. Some of these materials may be hazardous to nature and if released into the environment it could cause personal injury and/or property damage. Local Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) will respond to the given hazardous situations, requiring an immediate assessment of the situation, followed by a recommendation of the C.E.R.T Commander in coordination with the Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management regarding the full or partial implementation of the basic plan. Proper resources will be contacted.
2. A given disaster situation may require an evacuation of residents from the immediate area to protect them from further injury or death. The evacuation will depend on the direction of the Prevailing wind to maintain order, residents should be evacuated in accordance with this plan.

Nuclear Crisis

A nuclear attack on the United States would likely be preceded by a period of increased international tension and crisis. During this 'crisis period' there would be sufficient time for the local residents to take protective actions enhancing their survival. The Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T) will initiate the emergency response plan and proceed with notification process with appropriate resources if necessary; inform the community through TV, Radio Stations, by, Command Staff's Public Information Officer, and/or activate the school siren to warn the people. These actions will include the temporary relocation of residents from the 'high hazard' target areas to an established Safe Zone. The evacuation and relocation from the high hazard areas will require a maximum of seventy-two hours after the initial warning. The community will be encouraged with their personal belief such as cultural awareness, Faith-based, and crisis counseling.

V. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Emergency Declaration

The Emergency Response Plan will be implemented when the Commission on Emergency Management officially declares a State of Emergency with the concurrence of the President of the Navajo Nation. The chapter will initiate its Basic Plan, based on the complexity of the incident request to activate the Incident Command Post and notify the resources as required. Once the State of Emergency Declaration is issued, all of the resources will be notified to be on Ready-Standby status in order to be called up as the need arises or as required by the severity of the emergency and/or incident. When a resource is ordered the Incident Commander will implement the ICS functional organization.

B. Graduated Response

The Pinedale Chapter will use a graduated response plan from the Chapter community level to the Department of Emergency Management level. It is expected the Pinedale Chapter will provide the first line of response to any local emergency and/or incident within the capability of their resources. Should they be unable to provide the necessary resources, the Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management will respond with the assistance of the Internal Navajo Nation Resources. Should the resources of the Chapter or program exceed their span of control to deliver the required resources; the Chapter will contact the Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management for assistance in coordinating with other available resources.

C. Before an Emergency

The Pinedale Chapter to coordinate with key emergency response agencies such as law enforcement, fire and rescue, emergency medical services, Navajo Department

of Transportation, Navajo Environmental Protection Agency and Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire and Aviation Management to:

1. Establish and monitor programs to reduce the potential for hazard events in the community through planning, review, and training.
2. Assist the local Department of Emergency Management in developing and maintaining the **Emergency Response Plan** for the community.

E. Overall Plan Priorities

The following priorities are listed in order of importance. Whenever demands for emergency resources (personal or equipment) conflict, the operational demand that is highest on this list will prevail.

- Human Life Safety
 - Save human lives
 - Treat the injured
 - Warn the public to avoid further casualties
 - Evacuate people from the effects of the emergency
 - Shelter and care for those evacuated
- Protect Property
 - Save Property from destruction
 - Take action to prevent further loss
 - Provide security for property to prevent looting, especially in evacuated areas.
- Natural Resources
- Transport of Livestock and domestic animals to safe zones
- Provide for hay, feed and water to animals
- Provide for veterinary services if needed.

F. After an Emergency

The Pinedale Chapter and Administration will prepare and maintain short and long term recovery plans to restore the community to normal through:

- Damage Assessment
- Accountability
- Restore essential facilities (chapter house, trading post, etc.)
- Restore community infrastructure such as roads

- Help restore economic basics of the community (development, production, management of material wealth as of household, business enterprise.)
- To centralize coordination of additional resources when needed.

VI. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Establish the emergency organization that will be relied on to respond to an emergency and/or disaster. It includes a listing by position and organization of what of resources ordered of specified tasks are to be performed.

The following organization reflects the Chapter community two fold strategies for responding to emergencies/disasters.

1. Depending on the incident complexity request to activate the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to centralize support coordination when needed.
2. Use the Incident Command System (ICS) at an emergency and/or disaster site.

The general emergency strategy of Graduated Response means that some or all of the ICS functions listed may be needed, depending on the scope or complexity of the emergency.

DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPORT AND RESOURCE
ADVISORS

Navajo Police Dispatch Center:

Chinle District – 928-674-2111 / 2112
Crownpoint District – 505-786-2050 / 2051
Dilkon District – 928-657-8075
Kayenta District – 928-697-5642 / 5600
Shiprock District – 505-368-1350 / 1351
Tuba City District – 928-283-3111 / 3112
Window Rock District – 928-871-6113 / 6111

Navajo Fire and Rescue:

Chinle Fire Station – 928-674-2105
Fort Defiance Fire Station – 928-729-4062
Tuba City Fire Station – 928-283-3007
Twin Arrows fire Station – 928-856-7299
Window Rock Fire Station – 928-871-6913

To report range and forest fires

Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire & Aviation-928-729-2307

Navajo Natural Resources Contact:

Tribal Forestry – 928-729-4007
Navajo Rangers – 928-871-7336
Department of Agriculture - 928-871-6605
Fish and Wildlife – 928-871-6451
Historic Preservation – 928-871-7198
Water Resources – 928-729-4003

Navajo Department of Transportation:

Roads – 505-371-8334
Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads – 928-729-7222

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority

1-800-528-5011 [to report an outage]

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