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# ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

This past year has been one of significant changes and challenges for emergency management. Reorganization, welcoming four new employees, saying goodbye to four former employees and the fire season have had a major impact on the Disaster and Emergency Services Division. I look forward to this next year and to the many challenges ahead. We will be emphasizing the following to accomplish our mission and capitalize on opportunities:

- Continue developing partnership with local government
- Be responsive to requests for assistance
- Be trained, exercised and experienced
- Pro-active, striving for continual improvement
- Focus on priorities and propose solutions with problem identification

The Governor's Conference is shaping up to be an excellent one, both from the content and the quality of speakers. We look forward to seeing all of you at the conference and working together this next year.

James F. Greene  
Administrator

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## From the Newsletter Editor Fred Naeher

This is my first attempt ever to put together a newsletter. Thank you Monique for being the publisher and for your expertise in taking the articles and making them into a newsletter!

I know that not everyone "got the word" about this newsletter. Sorry about that! If you had something to get in this issue, please send it in for the next one. Read on...

The next newsletter will come out in May, 1995 so the deadline will be April 8, 1995. I would appreciate articles, information, activities, etc. that you think would be appropriate for the DES Newsletter. Send them anytime. I will put newsletter reminders and deadlines in the monthly calendar.

If at all possible, please put information on a disk using Word Perfect 5.1. I promise I will return the disk! Or, if you are using a modem, send them via E-mail. I am on METNET as F Naeher and Internet as [fnaeher@quest.arc.nasa.gov](mailto:fnaeher@quest.arc.nasa.gov) (no period after gov).

The following articles were submitted by:  
**Fred Cowie**  
HazMat Program Manager:

## NFPA 704 PLACARDS

By:  
**Clark Johnson**  
HazMat Trainer  
MSU Fire Training School

Kansas City, Missouri, 1989, fire fighters are killed and two engines destroyed when a blast occurred while the companies were responding to a reported fire. At stake were an old pickup used by a contractor and a wooden on-site storage shed that the blasting materials were stored in. The up-side result of all that tragedy was that the city began to require explosive storage areas to be fenced and a NFPA 704 placard placed on the fence.

In 1957 the NFPA Committee on Fire Hazards of Materials began working on what eventually became Standard 704. As originally conceived, the purpose of the Standard is to safeguard the lives of those individuals who may be concerned with fires occurring in an industrial plant or a storage location where the fire hazards of materials may not be readily apparent. The Standard was adopted in 1961 and amended several times after that date. Today, a really slow reader digests every word in about 20 minutes.

The State of Montana adopted the Standard in the form of the Uniform Fire Code in 1979. It appears in Volume 2 of the 1994 Uniform Fire Code.

Recently the Montana State University Fire Service Training School sponsored a seminar reviewing Article 80 of the Uniform Fire Code. That Article concentrates on hazardous occupancies. The class emphasized the tactics in performing inspections of these occupancies. Those of us who had previously attended were again reminded about how difficult it can be to comply with all government regulations and stay in business. We also saw that there are some real simple and inexpensive things that can be done to protect the citizens and specifically emergency responders.

NFPA 704 placards top the list of easy stuff to comply with. The placards range in price from \$7.00 to \$25.00. Looking around the state they are not seen very often. In Bozeman there is one facility where the placards are prominently displayed. These placards have no degree of hazard numbers on them. Actually, they have no additional information on them indicating what kind of danger exists. This is not the best system but it can be appreciated for the owners attempt to warn responders that standard conditions do not exist here. Every fire company

can, during its preplan activities educate our customers about warning systems like 704 placards and insist on compliance.

704 placards, DOT transportation placards, type of occupancy, signage, vessel and container presence and shape are all clues we learn to recognize when we first became "awareness level" trained in regard to hazardous materials. Once again it's back to the basics, clues should help govern our behavior.

"As is customary when a fire is raging in Butte" (or a lot of other places) "people were crowded around the burning building as close as they could get."

May we never see that kind of incident again. "Stay out of the product" does not just mean the flesh eating chemical, it also applies to things that go boom in the night. Your efforts to support code compliance may be the effort that saves lives.

## CLEAR WARNINGS...

By:

**Butch Weedon, Director**  
MSU Fire Training School

While driving across North Carolina a few weeks ago, I couldn't help but notice from the interstate, NFPA 704 warnings on buildings and tanks. NFPA 704 is the Standard for the *"Identification of the Fire Hazards of Materials."*

When asked about the warnings, a North Carolina fire official indicated that code enforcement had gotten a lot better since 25 people died in Hamlet in a flash fire in 1991. Now I do a lot of traveling in Montana and it's a very rare occasion indeed when I see one of those colorful warning markers, intended to alert first responders.

The 704 markers have been required by Montana fire codes since December 1979. Maybe it's just that there are so many more just that beautiful things to see in Montana, and I just don't notice those warning labels. Then again, maybe we haven't had a serious enough recent tragedy to spur enforcement of existing safety requirements.

The following article was submitted by:

**Bill Thomas**  
DES District I Representative

## Local Governments Reimbursement Program

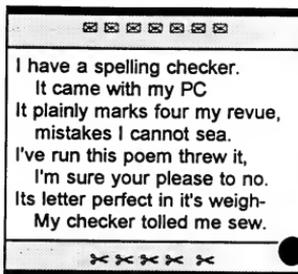
There was a case where a local government had been reimbursed \$25,000 for responding to and cleaning up a hazardous material spill. Recently EPA has been conducting an outreach program to inform local governments of the existence and availability of the Local Governments Reimbursement (LGR) Program. This program provides funds to help defray expenses incurred for temporary measures in responding to hazardous substance releases.

Basic information is contained in an application package which EPA wishes to distribute as widely as possible. It consists of an explanation of the program and instructions for filling out the application. The package may be obtained by calling the RCRA/CERCLA Hotline toll free number: 800-424-9346. The package is free and should be received within 14 working days.

Larger cities are entitled to participate in the program- with some limitations, "reimbursement may not supplant local funds normally provided for response." However, LGR funds may still be available for expenses that are not covered by the city's program. For

example, replacement of contaminated equipment or overtime may not be covered under the local program and may, therefore, be eligible for LGR funds.

If there are any questions about the LGR program call John Ferguson (703) 603-8712 or Elizabeth Zeller (703) 603-8744.



## One way to view the job as DES Coordinator:

Contributed by:  
**Bill Thomas**

The main objective of the coordinator during the planning and preparedness phases is to shorten the length of time between warning and mobilization. Any community can respond to a disaster—even without a plan or DES coordinator. The challenge to a coordinator, and therefore to local elected officials, is to ensure that the length of time it takes for government to make the transition from day-to-day operations to emergency

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operations is minimized. The less time it takes, the more lives and property can be saved.

During the response and recovery phases, the main objective of the coordinator is to make sure that correct and appropriate information gets to decision makers as rapidly as possible so priorities can be set and resources can be allocated.

The single best way to make sure the time it takes to re-organize is minimized and to ensure that the information flow works, is to exercise.

The following article was submitted by:  
**Wilma Puich:**  
Silver Bow County DES

Bill Murray, Cascade County DES Coordinator, was recently elected President of Region VIII National Coordinating Council on Emergency Management. He will succeed Joe Ashby from Castle Rock, Colorado.

By virtue of the position, Bill will become a member of the Board of Directors of the National organization. He was also elected the Member-at-Large Regional Vice President who will represent all vice presidents on the Executive Committee.

Bill attended the National meeting of the organization held in Chicago November 12-15th. Excellent programs and training opportunities were afforded the attendees at the conference. Legislation, always one of Bill's favorite topics, was discussed at length and we will be hear more about this later.

Bill has already set some major goals for Region VIII. He wants a State Representative in each state to become active and involved in obtaining new members. He will immediately start a Region VIII Newsletter to keep the members informed about the National Emergency Management activities. Bill wants to hear from members and non-members about their concerns, ideas, suggestions, etc.

**Congratulations Bill.....we are all proud of you.**



From our Exercise Training Officer:  
**Ed Gierke**

I would like to thank everyone for the support I have received since I was designated ETO in November. My background as a county coordinator will make the ETO position reflect the needs of local jurisdictions. I will design my new position to support coordinators and their programs.



My major responsibility is to the "Exercise Program". I have entered the backlog of exercise reporting forms into the EMERS reporting program. Region VIII should be accrediting exercises soon.

The ETO position is tasked to assist coordinators with exercise planning and implementation. Exercise requirements can create challenges and concerns. A coordinator's SOW (Statement of Work) reflects the need to test all twelve functions of your EOP (Emergency Operation Plan). There is a requirement to complete a four year exercise program consisting of three functional exercises and one full scale exercise. Tracking these exercises and receiving proper credit is a high priority of mine.

I am available to travel to your jurisdiction. I can offer support for planning, training, and evaluating of exercises. Please contact me through your District Representative so we can identify compatible dates for visitations.

## Adapted from "GSA Today" November, 1994

Article submitted by:

Fred Naeher

Earthquake Program Manager

Reports written by the National Research Council (NRC) on the Loma Prieta (1989) and Northridge Earthquake (1994) in California revealed 40 practical "lessons learned".

According to the NRC "one of the most jarring lessons from these [quakes] may be that earthquake professionals have long known many of the things that could have been done to reduce the devastation. The aftermath of these earthquakes should make clear the need to close the gap between what scientists know about earthquake mitigation and what is used by governments and individuals...it is hoped that governments in areas with high probabilities of quake occurrence to quickly take additional steps to reduce the risk of damage and injuries and to improve the ability of emergency services to respond to the needs of quake victims."

### Among the lessons learned are:

1. Investments made in earthquake preparedness and hazard and risk mitigation paid off.

2. Government and business leaders were greatly surprised that earthquake professionals knew so much about the potential hazards of areas... but that so little was done prior to the quake.
3. Uneven and inappropriate emergency responses resulted from the inability of emergency-response decision makers to know where the worst damage had actually occurred and from their dependence on news media reports.
4. Even where seismic geology was well-known, surprises occurred.
5. The intensity of seismic shaking is critically dependent upon the nature of the soil and shallow geologic structures.
6. Liquefaction mitigation methods worked, although significant liquefaction damage occurred in adjacent areas of unimproved ground.
7. Where specific geo-technical engineering measures had been taken to compact artificial fills, these fills performed well.
8. With the appropriate application of existing knowledge and with more attention to detail, professionals could have

significantly reduced the loss of life and damage.

9. Damage to many structures resulted from design or construction errors that should have been found during the building inspection process at the time of construction.
10. Extensive damage to transportation structures, such as older bridges, should be expected in other geographic areas in the event of an earthquake.
11. The results of earthquake research have not been transferred to many potential users.
12. Disaster recovery laws are biased toward returning to pre-earthquake conditions, even when those conditions represent high earthquake risk.
13. Preexisting social problems such as homelessness will be made worse immediately after a destructive earthquake.
14. There was an outpouring of unselfish concern even though the disaster response often created widespread confusion and coordination problems.

15. Rushed post earthquake inspections of damaged buildings resulted in some inaccurate and emotional assessments that led to inappropriate actions, such as demolition, in the spirit of public safety.
16. More effective public education is needed about risks related to natural gas leakage.
17. Many of the most successful mitigation efforts were the result of state legislation, yet many jurisdictions have not adopted seismic safety requirements to protect the local population.
18. Low income people were most seriously impacted because they typically live in old, seismically weak buildings that are not properly maintained.
19. International media coverage and increased earthquake awareness resulted from the quake coinciding with the World Series (Loma Prieta-1989).
20. The recovery from destructive earthquakes is expensive for everybody...but the most important message is that mitigation activities are cost effective.

For more information on the NRC report and this article write to:

Geological Society of America, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9140  
Boulder, CO 80301-9140



## 1995 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

By:  
**Larry Akers**

Planning for the upcoming Governor's Conference has now reached a fast pace around here, (Why did I ever volunteer to go to that PIO course at EMI)?

The conference will be held in Helena, Montana at the Best Western Colonial Inn from February 20-24, 1995. This year's conference promises to be the best yet. Guest dignitaries and speakers include:

### **Governor Marc Racicot**

**Mr. James Lee Witt**  
Director of the Federal  
Emergency Management  
Agency (FEMA)

**Mr. Michael Armstrong**  
Director FEMA Region VIII

**Ms. Shirley Mattingly**  
Director FEMA Region IX.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) and DES. Workshops and presentations occur throughout the week. MACo begins their conference on Monday, February 20th. The traditional Governor's Conference on Emergency Management will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22 and will conclude at noon on Friday, February 24, 1995. As is customary, the Governor will address the conference during the luncheon on Wednesday. The Wednesday evening banquet speaker will be Mr. James Lee Witt.

Registration this year will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, February 20th and run through noon on Friday, February 24th 1995 in the lobby of the Colonial Inn. The Montana Association of Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinators will sponsor a "No Host Social" at the Colonial Inn's Natatorium on Tuesday, February 21st, 1995 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. This will be a great chance to look up old friends and make new ones.

We hope your schedule will permit you to attend the conference and related activities. Your spouse/guest is welcome to attend all conference functions. Your points of contact at DES are Gail Dreher, Chris Christensen, or Jim Greene 406-444-6911.

# SCHOOL EARTHQUAKE SAFETY PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 9, 1995  
8:30AM- 3:15PM  
LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
POLSON, MONTANA

This program is for school administrators, teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers, secretaries and anyone involved with the day-to-day activities of running any school (K-12). This program is designed to provide a non-technical approach to earthquake hazards in Montana, specifically Lake County. The program will give you the information needed to take an integrated approach in developing a school earthquake safety and preparedness plan. By the end of the course day, you will have a draft earthquake plan for your school that will meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines for preparedness. All books and materials will be provided.

This program is supported by a grant from FEMA. We feel that this program is so important, that we will reimburse the school district for the cost of substitute personnel while you take this workshop. Funds are limited, so register early. Deadline for registration is February 3, 1995.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Mike Stickney, seismic geologist, Montana School of Mines and Technology, Butte. The draft agenda will be available by calling Fred Naeher at 406-444-6911 or the Lake County Coordinator, Dick Giffin at 406-883-7253.



## WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering a 4½ day program titled: "Seismic Sleuths Leadership Institute" (E439). This program provides hands-on/minds-on classroom activities on earthquake related topics that can be integrated into existing science, math and social studies curricula. The materials foster an understanding of how science, math and social studies concepts can be applied to reduce earthquake risks in the built environment through seismic safety design, construction, land-use planning and emergency management techniques. The purpose of this program is to introduce the package to educators who then will train teachers in their own districts.

Target audience: Master teachers of grades 7-12, with a minimum of 5 years teaching experience.

**NOTE:** Must have school/district administrator's approval to conduct workshops on the 7-12 teacher's package (Seismic Sleuth) by the end of the 1995-1996 school year.

Location of the program is the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. FEMA will provide all transportation, lodging, books and materials. Applicant is responsible for the meal ticket at \$73.50 which provides 3 meals a day for the duration of the program.

Course dates: July 17-21, 1995 (seats still available). If interested in applying contact your local DE emergency coordinator or call Fred Naeher at 406-444-4982.

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering a 4½ day program titled: "Earthquakes: A Teacher's Package for K-6 Train-the-Trainer" (E436). This program provides activities in art, geography and science to introduce earthquake phenomena and safety to elementary pupils. It also includes units on psychological trauma and earthquake hazard reduction. The purpose of this program is to introduce the package to educators who then will train teachers in their own districts.

Target audience: Elementary science coordinators, elementary curriculum coordinators or kindergarten and elementary classroom/mentor teachers.

Location of the program is the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. FEMA will provide all transportation, lodging, books and materials. Applicant is responsible for the meal ticket at \$73.50 which provides 3 meals a day for the duration of the program.

Course dates: June 19-23, 1995 (seats still available)  
July 31-Aug 4, 1995 (seats still available)

Credit Hours: 1 hour UD or G  
Curricula: Sciences

If interested in applying, contact your local DES emergency coordinator or call Fred Naeher at 406-444-6911.



WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering a 4½ day program titled: "Earthquake Safety Program for Schools Train-the-Trainer" (E434). This program has been developed to better prepare school systems to face the threat of earthquakes. Topics will include planning, safety, non-structural mitigation techniques, post-earthquake operations, recovery, crisis counseling and adult education techniques.

Target audience: school superintendents, administrators, principals, facility managers, risk managers and others concerned with the physical plant and operations of a school system.

Location of the program is the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. FEMA will provide all transportation, lodging, books and materials. Applicant is responsible for the meal ticket at \$73.50 which provides 3 meals a day for the duration of the program.

Course dates: March 20-24, 1995 (14 seats open as of this date) and August 7-11, 1995 (23 seats open as of this date).

Interested in applying, contact your local DES emergency coordinator or call Fred Naeher at 406-444-6982.



## WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

### RAPID VISUAL SCREENING OF BUILDINGS FOR POTENTIAL SEISMIC HAZARDS (ATC-20)

March 3, 1995  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Federal Reserve Building  
100 Neil Avenue - Helena, Montana  
(406) 447-3815

The target audience for this program is: local building officials, professional engineers, registered architects, building owners, emergency managers and interested citizens. Topics will include the nature of earthquakes, earthquake behavior of buildings, visual screening and survey methods for potentially seismically hazardous buildings, data collection and practical exercises.

Mr. Robert Bruce, Technical Director of the Applied Technology Council, Redwood City, California will be the guest instructor. Other instructors will be Dr. Jerry Stephens, P.E. and Dr. Joe Fedock, P.E. from Montana State University-Bozeman, Civil Engineering Department and Mr. Mike Stickney, seismologist from the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology-Butte.

There is a \$50.00 registration fee payable to Disaster and Emergency Services Division. Books and course materials will be provided along with a continental breakfast and lunch. Due to the nature of the program and security requirements at the Federal Reserve Building, class size is limited.

For more information contact your local DES emergency coordinator or call Fred Naeher at 406-444-4982.



## More Earthquake Information:

For those of you that have a modem, earthquake information will soon be on an E-mail bulletin board system with METNET, Internet and the State Bulletin Board System (BBS). If on Internet, you can "finger" the Montana earthquake information that is posted by Mike Stickney. That address is: quake@mbmgsun.mtech.edu. To logon to METNET call the "on line" number at 406-444-4851 or call the administrator at 406-444-1626. The on line phone number for the state BBS is 406-444-5648. If you use the system, please let me know how it works. We should have the bugs worked out by February.

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The following articles were submitted by:

Dan McGowan  
Planning Bureau Chief

## DROUGHT IS STILL ALIVE

The 1994 drought took its toll on several Montana counties last year. The Governor submitted Natural Disaster Determination requests to the Secretary of Agriculture for the following eleven counties:

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Big Horn     | Cascade    |
| Custer       | Garfield   |
| Lake         | Pondera    |
| Powder River | Rosebud    |
| Sanders      | Stillwater |
| Sweet Grass  |            |

As of this date, a designation has been issued for Sanders county. Producers in five counties contiguous to Sanders are also eligible to submit applications for FmHA assistance: Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral and Missoula.

Producers in Carter and Powder River counties are also eligible to submit FmHA applications based on the contiguous rule. These counties were contiguous to a Wyoming county which was issued a determination early in the fall. Our office will continue to monitor the status of the counties which have requested a determination. As soon as we hear any news from the Secretary of Agriculture, the commissioners in the respective counties will be notified of the decision.

## NEW ADDITION TO THE PLANNING BUREAU

Jens Bolstad joined the DES staff on December 12, 1994 as the second Emergency Management Specialist in the Radiological shop. Jens comes to us from the Department of State Lands where he resided for nine and one-half years. He was the lead dispatcher and was involved in planning, resources and statistics for all fires. He will be assisting Dan Poore with the instruments and handling the planning issues with regard to the RADEF program.

## CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS DEBRIEFING

The steering committee for the development of a statewide Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Network is really making some progress. The committee mission is to:

*Coordinate a statewide network of local CISD teams in Montana and identify and/or provide resources for new and existing teams.*

The committee has formulated several goals over the next three years dealing with various issues such as: education, communication, resources, funding and model

development. They are currently working on by-laws for the committee structure. An educational task force has also been formed in conjunction with the Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officers.

Montana will have its first certified trainer for Basic CISD by February. Carol Staben-Burroughs, mental health contingent on the steering committee, has been accepted to the trainer certification program by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation.

Advanced CISD training will be offered on May 25th & 26th in Great Falls at the Vo-Tech Center. The registration fee is \$95/person. Registrations need to be in by May 10; if you would like to register please call Sheryl at 771-1180 extension 211.

## PLANNING BUREAU

The planning bureau is working on several issues such as: Governor's Conference, Mitigation Plan, Mental Health Plan, DPI administrative plans, State EOP, exercising the State EOP, RADEF program review, safety program, Exercise Design Course for dam owners, volunteer plan, disaster staffing matrix for the state office, Catastrophic Plan, agency Five-year Plan, mutual-aid examples, Hazard

Vulnerability Analysis and a local plan review process.

The local plan review process is being done in conjunction with the District Representatives. We are really interested in the coordinator's plan review needs; if you have any specific requirements or comments, please forward them to your District Representative or Dan McGowan.

Following articles were contributed by:

**Homer Young:**

### To Give Away

Are you looking for an Auto-Transfer switch for your emergency generator? KTVH Television has a used 450 Amp 3 phase auto-transfer switch to give away. Call Allen Knuth at 406-443-5050 in Helena if you are interested in this item.

### State Resource List

The State Resource List has been updated for 1995. Copies will be distributed at the Governor's Conference in February. If you do not get your copy there, you can obtain a copy from your District Representative or you can call the State Office at 444-6911 and we will send you a copy.

## FCC REPLACES EBS WITH EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)

The FCC announced on November 10 that the current Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) will be replaced with a new Emergency Alert System (EAS). EAS is a digital based system that will work with both new and existing communications technologies, including satellite, broadcast, and cable, to make disaster warning more effective.

In addition to broadcasters, cable operators will also be required to participate in EAS, as mandated by the Cable Act of 1992. The participation of satellite and other public service providers will be voluntary pending resolution of a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Some of the new features of EAS include: (1) a digital system architecture; (2) multiple source monitoring; (3) a shortened alert tone; (4) automated and remote control operations; (5) a weekly test that is unobtrusive to viewers and listeners; (6) provisions for the hearing and visually impaired; and (7) a mandated standard protocol for sending messages.

Radio and television broadcasters will be required to replace their current EBS equipment with new EAS equipment by July 1, 1996.

Existing EBS equipment must be modified by July 1, 1995 to operate with a shortened eight second version of the two-tone alerting signal currently used by EBS.

Cable systems with 10,000 or fewer subscribers must provide an interrupt and audio on all channels and a video message on at least one channel. Cable systems with more than 10,000 subscribers must provide an audio and video message on all channels. All cable systems are required to have the new EAS equipment installed by July 1, 1997.

The following article was contributed by:

**Chris Christensen**  
Training Bureau Chief.

### Northern Cheyenne Mass Casualty Exercise

The Montana Army National Guard, DES Division, Rosebud County DES, and Big Horn County DES have been working with the Northern Cheyenne Nation to develop a Mass Casualty Full Scale Exercise. The Northern Cheyenne are concerned about the safety of over 400 school children who are bussed to school daily.

A combination of training sessions and planning meetings have taken place in preparation for the exercise. The final phase has begun. The Controller and Deputy, Evaluator and Deputy and

Incident Commander have been selected. The late May early June time frame has been chosen for the exercise.

Excellent support and participation has been received from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rosebud County, Big Horn County, Montana Department of Transportation, Montana Highway Patrol, Colstrip Schools, Dull Knife Memorial College, and Busby Schools.

### Welcome Ed to the DES Training Bureau!!

For those of you who do not know Ed, he is the former Pondera County DES Coordinator and is now the Exercise Training Officer in the State Office. He replaces Nancy Jo Ilminen who has transferred to Wyoming's Emergency Management Agency and is employed as their new Training Officer.

Very Abbreviated biosketch:  
Experience:

- 2 years: County DES Coordinator  
- Pondera County
- 4 years: Classroom Teacher,  
Montana Public Schools
- 8 years: Self-Employed  
Insurance Agent
- 9 years: Small Business Owner,  
Photography Studio

Training:

College Graduate: Eastern Montana College, Education DES

Training: 350 certified hours

Personal Accomplishments:

Married and Father of Two (daughter, son), built my own home, award winning photographer

Desires: To charge my new position as "Exercise Training Officer" with the same level of high energy and dedication as I did when I developed a strong DES program for Pondera County.

The following article was contributed by:

**Dan Lieberg**  
Administrative Officer

### Position Status for District II Representative

We have begun the hiring process for the Montana DES District II Representative position. The announcement for the position went out the third week of January, 1995, and had a closing date of February 7, 1995. Our existing budget will not allow us to actually fill the position until around May 15, 1995, due to termination pay for Bill Bishop and required vacancy savings. However, we are actively seeking contingency funding to hire a person for the position earlier than May 15. Hopefully we will have additional information by the Governor's Conference.

The following articles were contributed by:

**Bob Fry**  
District Representative

### TIDBITS FROM DISTRICT III

We have a couple of new additions to the district over the past few months. Kirby Danielson is the coordinator in Musselshell County. Kirby has been working on his EOP review, resource list, 9-1-1, LEPC, exercises and several other things. A substantial list

of things for a part-time coordinator trying to get a program up and running again. Ray Pidcock has just joined Wheatland County as the new coordinator replacing Ward Beley who retired at the end of December. Ray is retired military with a background in computers and disaster planning. I have enjoyed working with both in getting their programs established and am sure any advice or help from other coordinators around the state will be greatly appreciated.

### Incident Command System Working Team

The ICS Working Team had its second meeting in Great Falls during the SERC/LEPC and Fall Training Conferences. Two objectives were discussed with the primary being the proposed training and experience standards for type III all-risk management teams. Also discussed were terms and definitions for all-risk applications. Anyone interested in more information or minutes on the meetings can call me at 406 222-0562 and I will send the minutes and any other pertinent info. If you have any helpful ideas or opinions please pass those along also.

The Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Disaster and Emergency Services Division. It is funded, in part, by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Contributions of articles and ideas are welcome. Deadlines for submission are January 8 for the February issue; April 8 for the May issue; July 8 for the August issue; and October 8 for the November issue.

The editor reserves the right to edit for clarity and length. The articles in this newsletter do not constitute official policy. Questions regarding articles may be addressed to the DES Newsletter Editor.

# State DES Training Calendar

## February 1995

| Class Code | Course Title  | Dates      | Location        |
|------------|---|------------|-----------------|
| G386       | Mass Fatality Incident Response                               | 2/7-10/95  | Cheyenne, WY    |
| G130       | Exercise Design & Evaluation Course                           | 2/7-10/95  | Pocatello, ID   |
| G242       | Effective Communications                                      | 2/8-10/95  | Sioux Falls, SD |
| G130       | Exercise Design   | 2/22-24/95 | Fargo, ND       |
|            | Governor's Conference   | 2/22-24/95 | Helena, MT      |
|            | Procedures for Post Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings | 2/15/95    | Pocatello, ID   |

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|------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| G244 | Developing Volunteer Resources       | 3/1-2/95   | Boise, ID        |
| G191 | ICS-EOC Interface Course             | 3/3-4/95   | Grafton, ND      |
| G261 | Instructional Presentation Skills    | 3/7-10/95  | Bismarck, ND     |
| G244 | Developing Volunteer Resources       | 3/8-9/95   | Twin Falls, ID   |
| G242 | Effective Communications             | 3/8-10/95  | Rock Springs, WY |
| G130 | Exercise Evaluation                  | 3/22-24/95 | Pinedale, WY     |
| G230 | Introduction to Emergency Management | 3/27-31/95 | Poison, MT       |

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| G230 | Introduction to Emergency Management | 4/3-7/95       | Idaho Falls   |
| G610 | Training Needs Analysis              | 4/11/95        | Helena, MT    |
|      | Radiological Officer Refresher       | 4/13/95        | Boise, ID     |
|      | 4/18/95                              | Coeur d'Alene  |               |
|      | 4/20/95                              | Lewiston, ID   |               |
|      | 4/25/95                              | Pocatello, ID  |               |
|      | 4/27/95                              | Twin Falls, ID |               |
|      | Exercise Design/Dam Safety           | 4/19-21/95     | Helena, MT    |
| G191 | ICS/EOC Interface                    | 4/26-28/95     | Spearfish, SD |

## May 1995

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| G235 | Emergency Planning                   | 5/9-12/95  | Cody, WY   |
| G230 | Introduction to Emergency Management | 5/22-26/95 | Pierre, SD |

## June 1995

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| G130 | Exercise Design & Evaluation Course | 6/13-16/95 | Boise, ID |
| G242 | Effective Communications            | 6/20-22/95 | Boise, ID |

## July 1995

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| G240 | Leadership & Influence | 7/11-13/95 | Lewiston, ID |
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## August 1995

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| G240 | Leadership & Influence            | 8/1-3/95   | Boise, ID   |
| G240 | Leadership & Influence            | 8/2-4/95   | Helena, MT  |
| G386 | Mass Fatalities Incident Response | 8/7-11/95  | Douglas, WY |
| G235 | Emergency Planning                | 8/14-18-95 | Boise, ID   |



This calendar will be updated every three months to keep jurisdictions abreast of training opportunities available through the State Training Bureau. The update includes courses available from neighboring states.

Please submit a FEMA Form 75-5 through the County DES Coordinator and/or DES District Representative. Scholarships (expense reimbursement) are available for many of the courses. It is encouraged to travel in groups (car pool) to out-of-state courses to conserve training expenses.

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