

Risk Assessment Meeting #2

Goal 3: Ensure Continued Operation of Government and Emergency Functions in a Disaster.						
<i>Objective 3.1: Increase disaster mitigation management capability in local governments.</i>						
	Action Completed	Delete this Action	Continue (in progress)	Continue (not Started)	New 2019 Action	Progress Report or Justification
Action 3.1.1: Maintain a publicly accessible list of contact information for public safety positions and departments.			X			Most information is available online but needs to be updated as changes occur. <u>This action is not advisable as it creates security concerns.</u>
Action 3.1.2: Execute and maintain mutual aid agreements with all relevant agencies. Develop written agreements between agencies as documentation.			X			Some mutual aid agreements are put in place. There are more that are pending. For some jurisdictions issues such as liability can be a barrier.
Action 3.1.3: Provide training for officials and employees of the county and other local jurisdictions regarding the county hazard mitigation plan, emergency operation plan, and other disaster preparedness programs.			X			This is an established ongoing action for the county, but has not been started for most other jurisdictions.
Action 3.1.4: Continually update and monitor the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) for the county. As part of this process the local HMP will be reviewed annually or as needed.			X			The EOP is updated annually and reviewed by SEMA.
Action 3.1.5: Improve and expand communication capabilities of all first responder agencies including, but not limited to, fire districts, ambulance districts, and law enforcement.			X			Communication capabilities are always an issue for first responder agencies. There are several barriers, but the most common being funding and changing technology.
Action 3.1.6: Reassess the existing Natural Hazards plan annually using the committee-created Annual Assessment worksheet and report to the County Commissioners concerning the status of each mitigation action.		X				This action is combined with 3.1.4.

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Action 3.2.1: Provide guidelines to local jurisdictions and agencies to ensure the preservation of records in digital and/or off-site storage facilities.			X			Some jurisdictions have one or more off-site preservation facility (real and /or digital). Funding is an issue for jurisdictions lacking a back-up system.
Action 3.2.2: Encourage electric and telecommunications utilities to anchor or strengthen aboveground transmission lines, poles and similar structures.		X				The private utility companies in Nodaway County have done a great job of being pro-active on this action. This action is beyond the authority of the jurisdictions.
Action 3.2.3: Encouraging tree trimming by utility lines to offset damages from tree limbs.		X				The private utility companies in Nodaway County have done a great job of being pro-active on this action. This action is beyond the authority of the jurisdictions.
Action 3.2.4: Review critical buildings and infrastructure for needed upgrades or retrofits.				X		Little progress has occurred due to a lack of readily accessible, expert advice and funding.

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Action 3.2.5: Assess publicly-held facilities, distribution systems, etc. for vulnerability to natural hazards. If necessary, providers should make improvements to ensure continued service during a disaster when possible. Improvements may include equipment elevation, backup generators for power, and other infrastructure changes.			X			Some improvements have been made to various facilities. Funding is an issue for almost all jurisdictions.
Action 3.2.6: Utilize grant funds and county resources to purchase and install back-up generators for critical infrastructure sites including, but not limited to, water and wastewater treatment facilities and sheltering sites.			X			Several communities have purchased generators, but many critical facilities remain vulnerable to power outages. <u>Generators are very expensive and the need across Nodaway County is great.</u>