

SWEETWATER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

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Emergency Management

The Sweetwater County Emergency Management Agency analyzes the hazards, assesses capabilities, plans for the potential events then responds to, recovers from, and mitigates against the emergency or disaster. We coordinate with response agencies, industry, elected officials, and volunteer agencies to accomplish our mission of limiting injuries, reducing loss of life and damage to property.

Sweetwater County Emergency Management is available to train and provide preparedness information to groups and individuals to enable them to be better prepared. Please pass this information to your family and friends.

Happy Easter



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Upcoming Events:

***April 13:** G-251 WEM Amateur Radio Resources

***April 19:** Good Friday

***April 21:** Easter

***April 23:** Weather Spotter Class

***April 26:** Managing Search Incidents

***Sept. 12:** MGT-452 Physical and Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure

Pork Chops with Scalloped Potatoes

3 tablespoon butter

3 tablespoon flour

1 ½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

1 can (14 oz.) chicken broth

6 pork rib or loin chops (¾" thick)

2 tablespoon oil

Salt and pepper to taste

6 cups thinly sliced peeled potatoes

1 medium onion, sliced

In small saucepan, melt butter; stir in flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Add broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for one minute or until thickened. Remove from heat and set aside.

In large skillet, brown pork chops on both sides in oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper if desired. Layer potatoes and onion into a greased 13X9 baking dish. Pour broth mixture over layers. Place pork chops on top. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for one hour, uncover and bake for additional 30 minutes until meat and potatoes are tender.

G-251 WEM Amateur Radio Resources

Presented by Wyoming Office of Homeland Security Training

Saturday, April 13, 2019, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sweetwater County Justice Center

50140 B US Hwy 191 S

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! Rock Springs, WY 82901 FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

Selection Criteria: State and local elected officials, emergency managers, and other public officials; amateur radio operators.

This 4-hour course will provide state and local elected officials, emergency managers, and other public officials with an understanding of how these volunteer communication groups can help in supplementing telecommunication and warning systems. The instructor is providing an additional 4 hours of hands-on training in the afternoon for a total of 8 hours.

Course Objectives

- Explain the importance of amateur radio for emergency communications.
- Describe the amateur radio groups that can provide emergency communications.
- Explain the capabilities of amateur radio resources.
- Explain how to achieve a successful Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) organization.
- Determine a strategy for coordinating with amateur radio resources in the community.

Please register on-line at: www.evenbrite.com

MGT-452: Physical and Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure**September 12, 2019****Sweetwater County Justice Center****50140 B US Hwy S****Rock Springs, WY 82901****This is a FREE course**

The national and economic security of the United States depends on the reliable functioning of critical infrastructure. This course provides participants from throughout the various levels of government, private industry, and community an understanding of the interdependency between physical and cybersecurity disciplines and opportunities to collaboratively formulate enterprise risk management strategies to enhance infrastructure security and resilience efforts.

Course Objectives:

- Identify physical and cybersecurity concerns impacting overall infrastructure security posture.
- Classify integrated physical and cybersecurity incidents and the evolving risks and impacts they pose to critical infrastructure.
- Apply key concepts and resources to improve security within an organization or business.

Please register on-line: www.eventbrite.com

Weather Spotter Class

April 23, 2019 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Fire District #1, College Drive

----- Training is FREE! -----

All are welcome! You will learn:

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety



Did you know?
The Grand Canyon can hold around 900 trillion
footballs

Managing Search Incidents (MSI)
April 26, 2019; 6:00 PM-10:00 PM
April 27, 2019; 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sweetwater County Justice Center
50140 B US Hwy 191 S
Rock Springs, WY 82901

This course consists of 12 hours of classroom instruction lecture and table top exercises addressing the Strategy and Tactics for managing a search for missing persons using the principles of the Incident command System (ICS).

It includes the basic steps and procedures for organizing a search.

Twelve Hour Course of Instruction For: Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement and Homeland Security.

- Legal Issues in SAR
- Philosophy and Concept of Search Management
- Search Theory Implementation
- ICS Organization
- The Six Step Process
- Planning Activities
- Information Requirements (Planning and Searching Data)
- Lost Subject Behavior
- Establishing the Search Area
- Initial Tactics
- Search Area Segmentation
- Assigning Probability of Area (POA)
- Briefings
- Clue Orientation
- Callout Procedures
- Applying SAR Resources (deployment)
- Debriefing/Evaluation (checklist)
- Establishing Probability of Detection (POD)
- Mission Suspension
- Demobilization (plan)
- Managing External Influences
- Stress Management (CISM)

Please register on-line: [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Flood Safety

Before a Flood

- ✓ Stay informed– visit weather.gov or tune into your local news for the latest forecast
- ✓ Determine whether your home, school or work is in an area likely to flood.
- ✓ Learn which roadways are likely to flood and find an alternative route so you can avoid them.
- ✓ Create a communications plan so your family will know how to connect during an emergency.
- ✓ Assemble an emergency kit.
- ✓ If you might be evacuated, pack your bags and include items for your pets so you're ready to leave at a moment's notice.
- ✓ Charge all essential electronics.
- ✓ Be proactive–leave before the flooding starts to avoid getting stranded.

During a Flood

- ✓ Stay informed–tune into your local news for updates on flooding in progress.
- ✓ Get to higher ground if you are in an area that is subject to flooding
- ✓ Follow evacuation orders and heed warning signs.
- ✓ If you have time before you evacuate, disconnect utilities and appliances.

- ✓ Avoid flood waters. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk through flood waters.

After a Flood

- ✓ Stay informed–tune into your local news for updates on affected areas and the safety of your drinking water.
- ✓ Avoid floodwaters–standing water can hide chemicals that can make you sick, power lines that can cause electrocution and sharp debris that can seriously harm you.
- ✓ Avoid disaster areas–your presence may hamper emergency operations.
- ✓ Heed road closure and cautionary signs.
- ✓ Wait for the “all clear” before returning to an area that was impacted by flooding
- ✓ Contact your family and loved ones to let them know you're ok.

For more information visit:

www.weather.gov/floodsafety/



If you would like more information on this or any of our other programs
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Attention Sweetwater County Employees!

If you are the first to answer the following question correctly and email the
answer to coveye@sweet.wy.us you may win a prize!!

In what year was the Slate Creek Cutoff (15 miles
west of Green River) opened?

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jeremy Thompson and Shelly Rust** for being the first person to submit the correct answer for the March 2019 quiz. The answer is Trona.

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