

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.

Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems MGT-345

Participants will learn to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, or mitigate against threatened or actual natural disasters, act of terrorism, or other man-made disasters affecting electric power facilities and systems.

Topics:

- *Threats to electric power systems*
- *Preparing for disasters*
- *Mitigating risks*
- *Responding and Recovering from disasters*
- *Handling public information requests*

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Upcoming Events:

- **Paint the Town Pink-Ladies Night Out Broadway Theater
October 5, 2018
Doors open at 5 p.m.**
- **Jamboree on the Air
October 20, 2018
9 a.m.-4 p.m.**
- **Election Day
November 6, 2018**
- **MGT-345 Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems
Green River Fire Department
November 8-9, 2018
8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Cheesy Potato Slow Cooker Soup

4 Cups Chicken Broth
 1 ½ Cups chopped onions
 5 Cups diced peeled russet potatoes
 3 Tablespoon Cornstarch
 2 Cups Shredded American Cheese
 4 medium green onions

Spray 4 quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Reserve ½ cup broth in small bowl. In cooker, mix onions, potatoes and remaining broth.

Cover: Cook on low heat setting 8 hours
 Increase heat setting to High. In small bowl, beat cornstarch and reserved broth until smooth. Add to cooker; stir. Cover, heat to simmering and cook 10 to 15 minutes longer or until thickened.

Stir in cheese until well melted. Sprinkle servings of soup with green onions.



Enjoy a night out in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

Grab your friends for an evening with the ladies at the Broadway Theatre for a free Ladies Night Out even hosted by the Sweetwater Regional Cancer Center.

Starting at 5 p.m., cocktail hour will consist of wine, hors d'oeuvres, gift bags, and information on breast cancer awareness. Afterwards, we'll gather in the theatre for a showing of **MAMMA MIA!**

Did you know? Between 2011-2015

- 103 women in Sweetwater County were diagnosed with breast cancer.
- 1,829 women in Wyoming were diagnosed with breast cancer.
- 15 women have succumbed to breast cancer in Sweetwater County.
- 34% of breast cancer diagnoses were in late stage.

Data provided by the Wyoming Department of Health.

Evening guest speakers:

Dr. Zachary Nicholas, MD
 Radiation Oncologist
 Dr. Banu Symington, MD
 Hematology Oncologist

**November 6 2018
 Election Day**

State and local elections are the ones that have the most significant impact on our daily lives. Your vote could be the deciding vote!



Did you know:
Honey is the only natural food
that never spoils

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER STORMS AND EXTREME COLD?

- **STAY INFORMED!** Listen to weather reports and storm warnings on TV or the local radio station. Be prepared!
- Have a NOAA All Hazards Radio to receive alerts and updated information.
- Have ice melt ready to melt icy walkways. Keep a bucket of sand ready to spread to help with traction.
- Keep snow removal equipment ready for action!
- Keep a sufficient amount of fuel at all times! (Oil, gas, wood, etc.)
- Winterize your home and car.
- Dress for the weather!
- Keep at least a 3 day supply of food and water in case you cannot leave your home for a few days.
- Know the symptoms of hypothermia and frostbite.
- Drive only if necessary. Take precautions and carry supplies should you get caught in a snowstorm or are off the road. Keep a blanket, first aid kit, water and snacks in the car.



Jamboree- on-the-Air

JOTA uses amateur radio to link scouts and hams to the community, nation and around the world. This event is open to the public, especially all Scouts and will take place on October 30th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please contact your local scout council or local ham radio operator or local amateur radio club for information on location.

Plan Ahead For Any Emergency

Smart 911



Safety Profile

Provide additional information to 9-1-1 so they can help you faster in an emergency.



Alerts and Notifications

Stay informed of weather, traffic, and other emergencies in your community.



Vulnerable Needs Registry

Alert emergency managers that you need special assistance when a disaster strikes.

Emergencies can create a very chaotic environment and there could be a lot of panic involved. Smart 911 is a free 9-1-1 service. **Sign up at <http://sweetwater911.org>**

Smart911 Saves Time And Saves Lives

With Smart911, you can provide 9-1-1 call takers and first responders critical information you want them to know in any kind of emergency.









When you call 9-1-1, your Smart911 Safety Profile displays on the 9-1-1 screen and the 9-1-1 call takers can view your addresses, medical information, home information, description of pets and vehicles, and emergency contacts. You can provide as much or as little information as you like.

Smart911 is a national service meaning your Smart911 Safety Profile travels with you and is visible to any participating 9-1-1 center nationwide.



Your entire household. One account.

Safety Profiles can include:

-  **People living in your household**
-  **Phone numbers associated with your family**
-  **Pets, service animals, and livestock**
-  **Medical conditions and allergies**
-  **Medications and medical equipment**
-  **Property details, layout, and utility information**
-  **Vehicle descriptions**
-  **Emergency contacts**

Happy and Safe Halloween

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

- ✓ Walk safely, cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- ✓ Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- ✓ Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
- ✓ If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- ✓ Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- ✓ Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- ✓ Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- ✓ Parents need to inspect candy before indulging. Throw away anything that is unwrapped or homemade, unless you personally know who made it and gave it to you.

Safety on the home front

- ✓ Clean up. Put away anything trick-or-treaters could trip over.
- ✓ Turn the lights on.
- ✓ Control your pets as your pet might be frightened and chase or bite a child.



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!!

What is the highest elevation in Sweetwater
County?

CONGRATULATIONS to **Tracy Hafner** for being
the first person to submit the correct answer
for the September 2018 quiz.

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