

SWEETWATER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

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How will you be notified in a disaster?

Emergency notification to the population of Sweetwater County is a daunting task. Complications include the sparsely populated areas and variations of available technology. Sweetwater County has several systems in place to warn and provide information to the public in major emergencies.

Some of these systems include:

- **Emergency Alert Systems (EAS)**
 - Local Radio Stations and Cable TV

- **NOAA All Hazards Radios**
 - **NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR)** is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the [National Weather Service office](#) in Riverton. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Working with the [Federal Communication Commission's](#) (FCC) Emergency Alert System, NWR is an "All Hazards" radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information. In conjunction with Federal, State, and Local Emergency Managers and other public officials, NWR also broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards – including natural (such as earthquakes or avalanches), environmental (such as chemical releases or oil spills), and public safety (such as AMBER alerts or 911 Telephone outages).

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Upcoming Events:

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training

September 15-16th and 22-23rd at Sweetwater County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 731 C Street, Suite 131, Rock Springs

Special Needs/Unable to Self-Evacuate (UTSE) Seminars

Golden Hour Senior Center in Green River on September 19th from 2:00 to 3:30

Young at Heart Senior Center in Rock Springs on September 20th from 1:00 to 2:30

WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant)

Transportation Safety Program Road Show

September 25th at Western Wyoming Community College

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- Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service," NWR is provided as a public service by the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA), part of the Department of Commerce. NWR includes [1000 transmitters](#), covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a [special radio receiver](#) or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz):

162.400	162.425	162.450	162.475	162.500	162.525
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- Tune to the frequency or channel that comes in the best for your location.
- Can be purchased at local hardware, electronic, sporting goods and discount stores.
- **CodeRED**
 - One of the newer technologies we have obtained is the CodeRED notification system.
 - CodeRED is a notification system and service that enables Sweetwater Combined Communications Center to quickly, accurately, and automatically send emergency and informational messages to thousands of contacts, via phone, text messaging, and e-mail.
 - CodeRED will be used when Emergency Management needs to conduct mass notifications to the public where immediate information on safety precautions need to be taken (i.e., the need to Shelter-in-Place due to hazardous materials release or evacuate because of flooding).
 - CodeRED can be utilized to provide updated information regarding the incident (i.e., progress being made, where shelters are, evacuation routes, when event is over).

- If an individual would like to have their cell phone included in the database they need to sign up through Sweetwater Combined Communications. This can be accomplished online at <http://www.sweetwater911.org/>



- **RadioStat**

- Our newest method for communication is our RadioStat systems. Sweetwater County Emergency Management/Homeland Security has purchased three RadioStat systems. RadioStat allows us to place temporary signs advising of a radio frequency to tune to for more information. We have three radio frequencies that are reserved for our messages.
- RadioStat will be used to provide information regarding the incident (i.e., nature of incident, where shelters are, evacuation routes, miscellaneous instructions, and to advise when the event is over).

- **ICE (In Case of Emergency)**

- In case of emergency (ICE) is a program that enables first responders, such as paramedics, firefighters, and police officers, as well as hospital personnel, to contact the next of kin of the owner of a cell phone to obtain important medical or support information (the phone must be unlocked and working). A person can list multiple emergency contacts as "ICE", "ICE1", "ICE2", etc.



Community Emergency Response Teams, or CERT,

is organized under the direction and leadership of the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office/Emergency Management Division.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency professionals to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills, and then integrate them into the emergency response capability for their area. Should a disaster overwhelm or delay the community's professional response, CERT may provide vital services until emergency responders arrive.

CERT training enhances the ability to recognize, prepare for, respond to, and recover from a major emergency or disaster situation. Members are trained to take care of themselves, their families and their neighbors before, during and after a major emergency.

CERT's have been used to:

Search for lost or kidnapped children
 Staff emergency Operations Centers and monitor events
 Emergency Operations Center security; driving, information, assisting disabled visitors and minor first aid
 Manage "spontaneous/convergent" volunteers
 Assist volunteer organizations on mass care

CERT Training Will Teach Participants to:

- Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
- Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
- Take steps to prepare themselves for disaster.
- Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
- Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources; and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
- Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
- Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
- Perform head-to-toe assessments.
- Elect and set up a treatment area.
- Employ basic treatments for various injuries.
- Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
- Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
- Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
- Describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue operations.

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This is a 20 hour course designed to help local residents prepare for all types of emergency events occurring in their homes and communities. The course addresses basic “how to” manage disaster occurrences in the home and the neighborhood.

Introduction

Unit 1: Emergency Preparedness

Unit 2: Fire Safety

Unit 3: Emergency Medical Operations –
(Part 1)

Unit 4: Emergency Medical Operations –
(Part 2)

Unit 5: Light Search and Rescue Operations

Unit 6: CERT Organization

Unit 7: Disaster Psychology

Unit 8: Terrorism & CERT

Unit 9: Course Review

Disaster Simulation

Evaluation/ “Hot Wash”

Course Summary/Certificates

Pre-requisites for Sweetwater County

Volunteers: (CERT students are not required to become volunteers). Complete or have completed a Sweetwater County Volunteer application*. Be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver’s license with a good driving record. ****A background check will be performed on all volunteers***

For more information or to register, contact:

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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!



Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Transportation Safety Program Roadshow



WHEN: September 25, 2017 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Western Wyoming Community College, P.O. Box 1209
and West Parking Lot, 2500 College Drive, Rock
Springs, WY

WHO: Emergency Response (LE, Fire, EMS, HazMat)
Medical/Hospital
Public Health
Elected/Appointed Officials
City/County Agencies
Public

Sponsors: Sweetwater County Emergency Management Agency
Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS)
Western Governors' Association (WGA)
Department of Energy – Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO)

POC: Judy Roderick, SCEMA Coordinator
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There is no cost to attend.

The session will start with a 30 minute briefing on the program with another 15 minute Q&A. Then, there will be approximately 45 minutes for participants to get “up close and personal” with the transport vehicle (TRUPACT II) and drivers.

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