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Emergency Assets Key to Disaster Response

On May 22, Fargo Cass Public Health's Emergency Preparedness Division and the North Dakota Department of Health, held an assets training day for regional public health staff, as well as staff from hospitals and long-term care facilities. These assets would be used for disasters and evacuations.

In addition to the training, the staff was also able to go through displays of emergency response equipment from FM Ambulance, Red River Valley Radio Amateurs, Minn-kota Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the North Dakota Department of Health.



The RRVRA Communications Trailer is equipped with a three-story high antenna and room to house four radio communicators who would support emergency responder messaging.



This hospital tent can be set up for 20 beds.

The FM AmBus, similar to the one pictured below, has an 18 stretcher capacity with support equipment such as oxygen and IVs.



Housed inside hospital tents are lights, beds, medical supplies, dividers, oxygen, IV's and life support systems. The tents also have heating and air conditioning systems.

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We can schedule a speaker to talk to your group about preparing for emergencies. Call [Cass Fargo Emergency Management](http://CassFargoEmergencyManagement.org) at:

476-4068

CodeRed sign up

To register your information, visit www.cityoffargo.com/Emergencies/JoinCodeRed/. If you are unable to sign up online call **701-476-4068**.

CodeRED includes a severe weather warning notification option. If you are already registered for **CodeRED**, please go to the website listed above to sign up for this option.

19th Annual FPD Community Picnic
Island Park Tuesday, June 25, 5-8 pm.
Join local emergency responders for food, fun, and facts on how to be prepared for emergencies.

West Fargo Police Dept. Night to Unite
Tuesday, August 6, 5-9 pm at Elmwood Park 500 13th Avenue West, West Fargo. [Flyer \(pdf\)](#)

Get to Know Clay County Emergency Manager Bryan Green



Years as an emergency manager: Bryan has been in the part-time emergency manager position for five years and is also an administrative lieutenant with the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Previous/current occupation before becoming an emergency manager. Bryan served on the Fargo Police Department for seven years, a Deputy Sheriff Patrolman for two years, and a Detective for the Clay County Sheriff's office for 13 years. Bryan was then promoted to lieutenant and emergency manager where he has enjoyed the new adventures and challenges from emergency management.

How has the emergency manager role changed since you have taken the position? "Technology has changed dramatically, with cell phones and computers. Federal and State governments expect more to be accomplished with less resources, such as funding. Since 9/11, the importance of this job has come to light. Ten years ago, nobody knew who or what the emergency manager did. First responders were the main contact and now you have to incorporate all private and public entities in planning and preparing for a disaster."

What are you currently working on and future projects? A five-year mandatory mitigation plan for Clay County and updating the Clay County Emergency Operation Plan. All-hazard exercise, planning and training disaster for public and private entities, locally and region wide. Future projects will be the migration to Integrated Public Alert Warning System (I-PAWS) for Clay County.

Are you prepared....for an evacuation?

The recent mandatory evacuation of Cavalier, ND just a few weeks ago reminds us just how fast water can rise in the Red River Valley. If you or loved ones are ever in a position where an evacuation is ordered, here are some reminders of what to have on hand:

Watch and listen for messages from local media and social media outlets when an emergency arises. If local officials ask you to leave, do so immediately!

If you only have moments to evacuate, grab the following:

- Medical supplies—prescription medications, diabetes test strips, etc.
- Eyeglasses or contact lenses and cleaning solution
- Emergency preparedness kit
- Clothing and bedding
- Car keys

If local officials haven't advised an immediate evacuation, take these steps to protect your home before you leave:

- Turn off electricity at the main fuse or breaker and turn off water at the main valve.
- Leave natural gas on unless local officials advise otherwise.
- If high winds are expected, cover the exterior of all windows.
- Take important papers with you—driver's license, social security card, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates, stocks, wills, etc.
- Community shelters may be opened in certain emergencies or disasters.

Local media and social media outlets will announce shelter locations. In most cases the shelter will provide only emergency items such as meals, cots and blankets. Be aware that pets (other than service animals) usually are not permitted in community shelters for health reasons.