

February 28th Interagency COOP Workgroup

We started out with introductions

Training at Camp Murray.

There was training being conducted at Camp Murray EMD on “Cyber Security Exercise Design”

Doug Selix from DES said he would report on it during our next meeting.

Communications during power outages

We discussed a number of ways agencies contacted their employees during the last major snow event.

There has been discussions State Agencies to share toll free contact numbers to find out who is closed or not.

Have a single location to contact to let them know what agencies are closed.

The Capital Campus is working on how to share information about closures.

Cell phone chargers should be available for cars

Facebook and other social media should be used to get the word out about closures to employees and the public

Post what is being said on the emergency phone messages.

DSHS has built an online tool that has Green/Yellow/Red to indicate if they are open.

Texting works more than calls if the lines are overwhelmed. Even with one bar you can still text where you may not be able to make phone calls.

Use signage at the main entrance to let the public and employees know the agency is closed.

People have personal responsibility if they can make it to work safely and to contact the agency before trying to come to work.

Use the telephone tree method to let employees know about closures.

Pinning is another means of communications for blackberries.

Essential personnel need to give good contact information.

“My State USA” is a company that you can have messages sent out to phones throughout the agency.

Agency Round Table

A group is working on printing and gaining efficiencies for printing and copying.

COOP working groups are working to share information about Alternate sites for Disaster Recovery.

IT needs to work with the business side of the house and the business side need to work with IT. Together they can understand how to understand the work each area does and the perception of work required for recovery.

Department of Health National Recovery Framework will be presented by FEMA in Bothel.

Emergency Preparedness Fair will be in Seattle March 21st.

When snow is being moved out of parking lots there was a question where do we put the snow to add to the parking?

We always need to watch out for black ice.

The next meeting is March 27th at 8:30 at the Department of Transportation, Capital Professional Center

719 S;eater-Kenney Rd SE Lacey Wa Upstairs Conference Room.