

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.
~~ Margaret Mead

Why All Hazard?

Many of the very features that make North Idaho a desirable place to live (such as rugged terrain and secluded homesteads) can lead to potentially serious problems. Identifying those issues and assisting residents with preparedness planning helps reduce the strain on local resources.

Being able to focus those resources (whether manpower, equipment, supplies, or tax dollars) exactly where they are needed provides the most efficient and economical service.



What are the Hazards?

- ◆ Wildfire
- ◆ Flood
- ◆ Winter Storm
- ◆ Hazardous Materials
- ◆ Transportation Accident
- ◆ Windstorm/Tornado
- ◆ Dam Failure
- ◆ Volcanic Eruption
- ◆ Nuclear Release
- ◆ Earthquake
- ◆ Landslide/Avalanche
- ◆ Extended Power Outage
- ◆ Civil Unrest/Terrorism
- ◆ Water Contamination
- ◆ Disease Outbreak



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Planning for
Emergency through

Mitigation
Preparedness
Response
Recovery

How the LEPC Began

The idea that the more informed the community is, the better prepared they will be to cope with potential hazardous materials problems led to the passage of the SARA Title III Community Right-To-Know-Act.

Under this federal law, each state was required to set up a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) composed of persons with technical expertise in the emergency response field. They established emergency planning districts and oversaw the formation of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs).

By an act of the Idaho legislature, the name of the State Emergency Response Commission was changed to "Idaho Bureau of Hazardous Materials" (BHM), effective July 1, 1997.

Kootenai County expanded its LEPC to include all hazards in order to provide more comprehensive and useful information to the residents.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Kootenai County Local Emergency Planning Committee is to promote public safety during any natural or human caused incident.

Goals

To ensure public safety, the Kootenai County Local Emergency Planning Committee will:

- Foster public awareness of any hazard; encourage public involvement in mitigation and emergency planning by publicizing committee activities; and welcome community input.
- Assist with the updates of the Kootenai County Emergency Operations Plan.
- Assist local responders as requested with emergency and hazard planning.
- Respond to inquiries according to Community Right-To-Know regulations.
- Provide information, training and/or workshops for SARA Title III compliance within the county.
- Assist industry in complying with federal and state regulations through information and planning.
- Promote National Incident Management System (NIMS) implementation and compliance.

Accomplishments of the Kootenai County LEPC

KC Emergency Operations Plan
All Hazard Mitigation Plan
FireSmart™

Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
Hazardous Materials Flow Survey

Multi Hazard Mitigation Task Force
Wildland Urban Interface
Fire Mitigation Task Force
Homeland Security Task Force
Water Quality Task Force
Evacuation Plan Task Force
Risk Analysis Task Force

SARA Title III Community Right-To-Know
Information

Family Preparedness Committee
Community Education
Telephone Emergency Pages
Emergency Preparedness Information
Broadcast and Print Media
Community Events
Pet Preparedness
Brochures

Storm Ready Community

For information on how to become
a part of your local LEPC contact:

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Who Belongs

Membership in the Kootenai County LEPC is a matter of choice, concern, and commitment. The common element among members is the desire to promote public safety through personal involvement in the community.

- Elected and appointed Officials
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Services
- Business & Industry
- Transportation Agencies
- Utility Companies
- Local Environmental Agencies
- Fire/EMS
- Tribe
- Health/Hospital
- Education
- Broadcast/Print Media
- Community Groups
- Government Agencies
- Concerned Citizens

