



## LEPC Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 1, 2025, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Divide Fire Training Room – 103 County Road 51

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 0800. Special thanks to Dawn of Hope for providing coffee and muffins

2. **Attendees:** The 41 attendees introduced themselves.

### 3. Welcome Remarks - Michelle Boley:

- Completed Teller County's first Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop. Priority areas identified: Planning, Public Information & Warning, Logistics & Supply Chain Management, Community Resilience, and Physical Protective Measures.
- Hazmat Technician Training with PPROEM scheduled for late summer/early fall.
- Beginning the Hazard Mitigation Plan update—community input needed to identify local hazards.
- Planning underway for the **Pikes Peak International Hill Climb** on June 22, 2025. 45 volunteers from Search & Rescue, Posse, and Reserves will support overnight camping and race day operations. [More info](#)

### 4. Presentations:

- Tier II Facilities – Jessica Flohrs:** Tier II facilities are facilities with hazardous chemicals. Teller County has 6 locations, 8 different hazardous chemicals housed in the county per the 2024 report on last year's number. Fire chiefs will have these numbers & locations for responses.
- USFS Project Updates – Christina Barba:**
  - Upcoming prescribed burns:
    - Crystal Reservoir – 234 acres
    - Rainbow Gulch – 750 acres
    - Mothball Springs – 950 acres
    - Fall: 3,000 acres north of Yucca Creek
  - [PSICC maps and info link](#). Burns aim to reduce slash and restore natural fire cycles. Goal: 10,000 acres/year.
  - [USFS website link](#). [USFS upcoming projects under analysis](#).
- Dawn Of Hope Ranch and Ministries – Mark Harrison:** Located on 36 acres, supporting the community through team-building, emergency response, events, and therapeutic activities. Wild Horse's Café & Cap's Pizza Shop. Services include meals, art classes, leadership training, ziplining, and horseback therapy. [More info](#)
- Colorado Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps. – Char Gonsenica:** Volunteer unit for large/small animal rescue and sheltering during disasters. Addresses public health concerns and supports evacuations. Volunteers do not need to be animal professionals. [More info](#)

- **Pikes Peak Community Foundation – Nicole Rivet:** Matchmaker between people doing community work & people who want to fund them. Emergency Relief Fund for Teller, since 2018, \$230k in donations, distributed \$163k. Governed by a committee of people impacted by the declared disaster. They will convene a committee w/in 48 hours of disaster declaration, intended to identify & fill gaps. <https://www.ppcf.org/> Regional Envisioning Initiative: Our Spacious Skies: Identify values, needs, gaps, and community priorities. <https://www.ourspaciousskies.org/>

## 5. Agency and Attendee Reports:

**Florissant Fire:** Fuel sampling oven received & will start monitoring fuel moisture-coordinating with OEM for data sharing.

**Cripple Creek:** Upcoming events include Mustang Rally and Donkey Derby. [Event Info](#)

**Cripple Creek Fire:** Firefighter academy ongoing

**TSCO:** Food drive at Walmart 5/17 1000-1400, TSCO Open House Event 6/7 1000-1400, during event there will be PeakAlerts training onsite in the training room.

**Colorado Springs Utilities:** Fire mitigation and logging at Crystal Reservoir paused for calving season.

S211/S212 classes in June/July.

**UPRAD:** Carrying whole blood on ambulances starting in May. Hosting a blood drive June 28 at the admin building. Upstaffing during summer.

**State Patrol:** Traffic Incident Management classes are upcoming, watch for motorcycles & improper lane filtering, might get a motorcycle for patrol.

**Posse:** 3 new members, need more volunteers

**Search & Rescue:** 54 current members, mock mission this weekend.

**CUSP:** CWPP draft almost ready, definition of wildland urban interface changed. Catamount Ranch 40 acres of mitigation soon and 60 acres south of 24.

**SWTCEMS:** Blood drive on 6/24. [Blood Drive Info](#)

**Teller County CART:** 2 trucks & trailers for evac, many volunteers & they are vetted and trained.

**Environmental Health:** Hosted food protection manager class in Teller, a requirement for all restaurants to have multiple certifications now.

**OEM:** ICS 300/400 Refresher: 5/8, 1200–1700 hrs. at NETCO & ICS 300 Class: 5/9–5/11, 0800–1700 hrs. at TCSO

**Mountain Amateur Radio Club:** VA Test: 5/3 at TCSO & International Field Day: 6/28–29, Lake George

**TCRAS:** Vaccination clinic: 5/17 in Cripple Creek, Spay/neuter event: 7/10 weekend, Pet supply donation event: 7/26. We have used pet supplies available for those in need.

**Forrest Ridge:** Conducting a disaster drill this month with resident evacuation.

**NETCO:** Fully staffed. All personnel are red card certified for the wildland season. Pine needle collection again this year. Partnering with the County, other fire departments, and Apex to fill 35 dumpsters. The county chipping program is active—contact the local FD to participate

## 6. Adjournment: 10:20 AM

## 7. Next Meeting

- Date/Time: Thursday, August 7th, 2025 @ 8:00 AM
- Location: Divide Fire Training Room