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ALPHERA

Arizona Local Public
Health Emergency
Response Association

Newsletter #23

February 2016

BP4 - ALPHERA Meeting Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 7, 2016	In-Person	Cochise (Bisbee)
February 4, 2016	Teleconference	
March 3, 2016	In-Person	Maricopa
April 7, 2016	Teleconference	
May 5, 2016	In-Person	Apache (323 S Mountain Ave Springerville, AZ 86938)
June 2, 2016	Teleconference	

Committees

Nominations

Vacant

AAR/IPs

Elizabeth Lueck

Shelly Jacobs

Michael Fila

Capability Workgroup

All Members

Mass Care Workgroup

Elizabeth Lueck



ALPHERA Meeting

February 4, 2016

Conference Call #

1-712-775-7031

Passcode 139394570#

1000 to 1400

Cochise Health & Social Services

Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention (NPI)

This fall, Cochise County began revising the old NPI plan to encompass exotic and emerging infectious disease protocols under the Ebola funding. The scope of this project includes updating the current plan and incorporates a collaborative approach that involves healthcare partners in the process. The new plan will include current protocols for Ebola and other new and emerging infectious or exotic communicable diseases and will address both infectious waste disposal and environmental cleaning. By February of 2016, a draft plan will be vetted with the stakeholders. The project will conclude with a completed NPI Plan and a workshop for County Stakeholders with the intent to educate the local first responders on current Ebola and infectious disease protocols and practices.

Per PHEP Capability 11, NPI is defined as the ability to recommend to the applicable lead agency (if not public health) and implement, if applicable, strategies for disease, injury, and exposure control. Strategies include isolation and quarantine; restrictions on movement and travel advisory warnings; social distancing; external decontamination; hygiene; and precautionary protective behaviors.

Our NPI Plan will be organized to address the functions within this capability. In order to accomplish this, Cochise County has contracted with an outside agency who will research and write the plan, facilitate a presentation for a December Healthcare Partner meeting, then host a Q & A to glean NPI knowledge from local partners which will include a review of key concepts of the plan. In conjunction with the agent, Cochise will also incorporate pieces of the ADHS Statewide NPI plan for Ebola where appropriate. The final plan will include:

1. Roles and responsibilities of Public Health
2. Environmental Health assessment procedures
3. Protocols for conducting surveillance interviews
4. Registry and Tracking guide
5. Methods of non-pharmaceutical interventions
6. Protective equipment and actions
7. Isolation & Quarantine requirements

Local Healthcare Partner

The overarching scope of this plan is to work with jurisdictional agencies and organizations including healthcare, governmental, law enforcement, schools, federal entities, correctional facilities, and behavioral health agencies in order to outline the roles and responsibilities, information flow, and identify available resources. This plan is meant to be used in conjunction with any incident ancillary plans such as Pandemic Influenza, Continuity of Operations, Strategic National Stockpile, etc.

Cochise County welcomes any comments or feedback from local, county, or state partners and as always will be willing to share the NPI plan when completed.

December 2015

Elizabeth Lueck, B.S., M(ASCP)

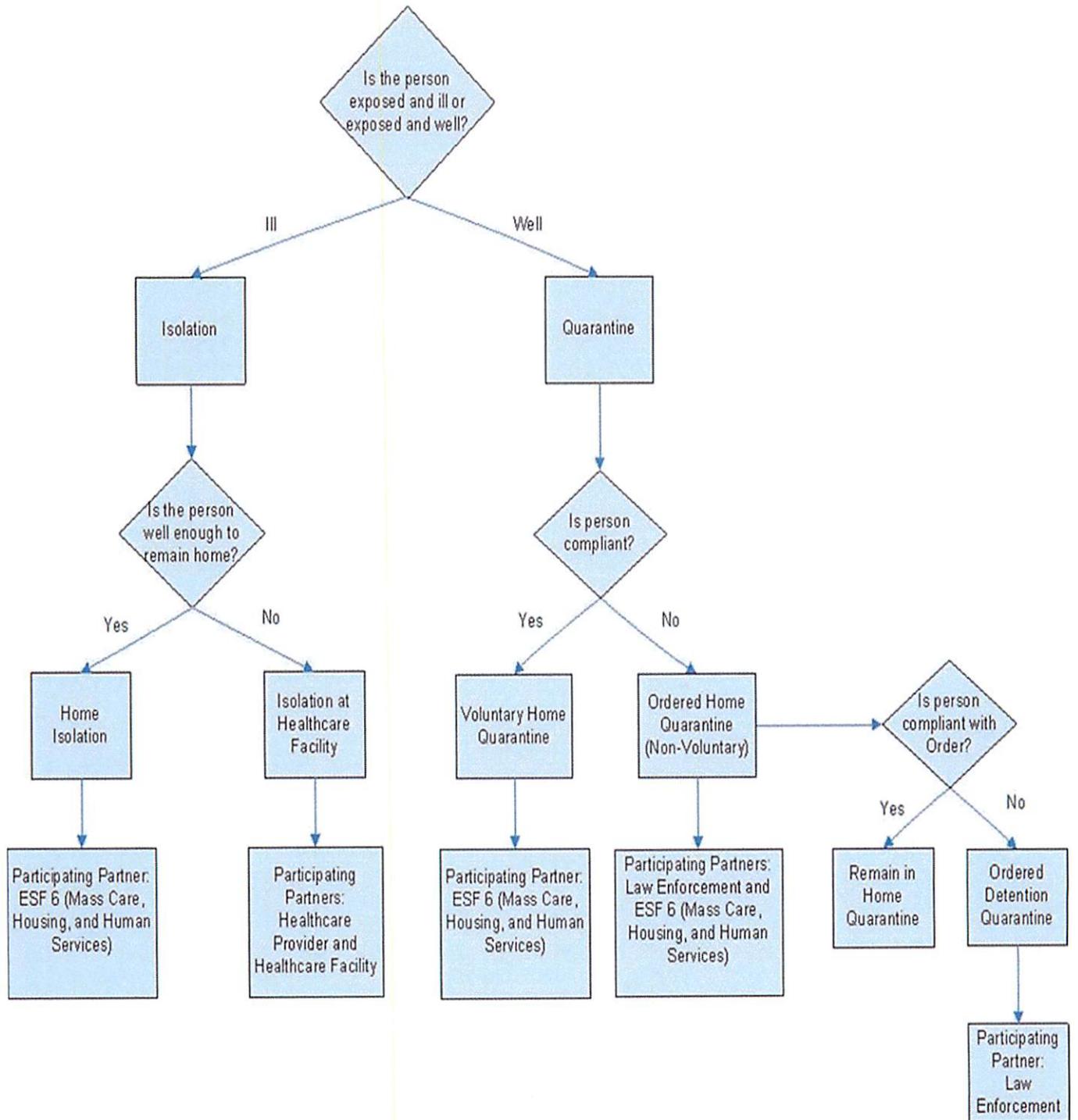
PHEP Program Director

Cochise County

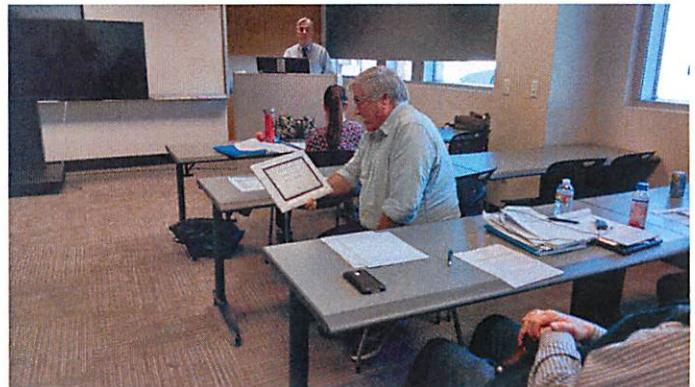
The plan will also include several matrices such as the isolation and quarantine decision tree: ↓

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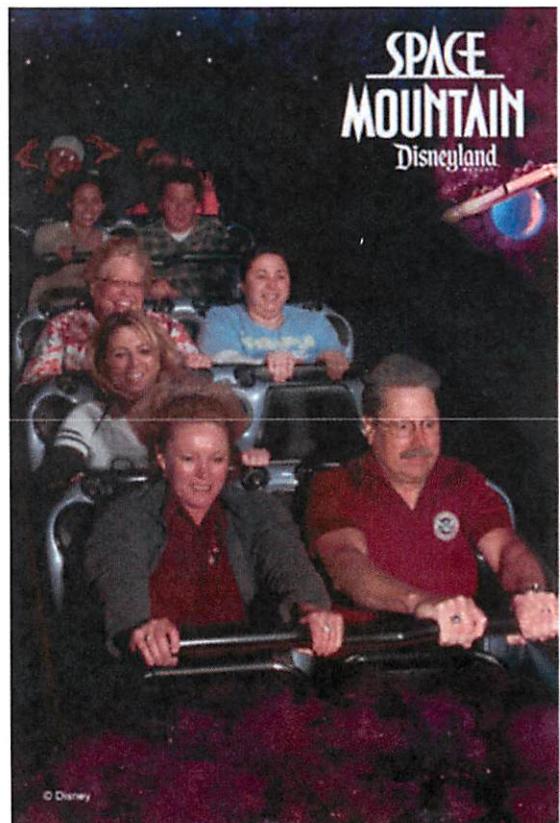


Bruce Leeming has Retired



Bruce was not in attendance at the November ALPHERA meeting, but Greg Bachman accepted the plaque for him and graciously acknowledged Bruce's accomplishments as BT Coordinator for the past 12 years in Mohave County and the work he did for the ALPHERA organization. Greg carried the plaque to Bruce and presented it to him.

Thank you Greg for doing this and Bruce for the work he has done for both Mohave County and the ALPHERA. Organization. We wish Bruce well in retirement as he enters into a new chapter of his life.



ALPHERA GOALS 2015/2016

GOAL #1

Include any opportunity that identifies potential shared resources at every in-person meeting, and incorporate a report of those resources in the ALPHERA newsletter at least quarterly (i.e. MOU templates, policies, procedures)

GOAL #2

At least quarterly, the ALPHERA meeting agenda shall include the review of one of the capabilities by the counties and tribes. This year's focus to be Recovery, EOC Coordination and Responder Safety and Health. The review will include best practices, innovative solutions and identified barriers to the capability.

GOAL #3

Include a "best practice" presentation at each in-person meeting. Presentations should reflect this year's Deliverables (or next year's expected deliverables, if known.)

GOAL #4

Identify opportunities that support the alignment of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Deliverables and Healthcare Preparedness Deliverables.

Cyber Security Workshop and Tabletop Exercise in Graham County

Graham County hosted the Essentials of Community Cyber Security course provided by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center on November 10, 2015. The course provided individuals, community leaders, and first responders with information on how cyber attacks can impact, prevent, and/or stop operations and emergency responses in a community.



AzCHER-S

2015 Meeting Schedule

Call In #: (520)222-1111 Passcode: 8686

	Time	Host(s)
January 13	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
February - TBD	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AzCHER-S and ADHS
March 10	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
April 14	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
May 12	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AzCHER-S and ADHS
June 9	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
July 14	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
August 11	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AzCHER-S and ADHS
September 8	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
October 13	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S
November 10	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	AzCHER-S and ADHS
December 8	9:00 am – 11:00 am	AzCHER-S



January ALPHERA Meeting

Bisbee, Arizona

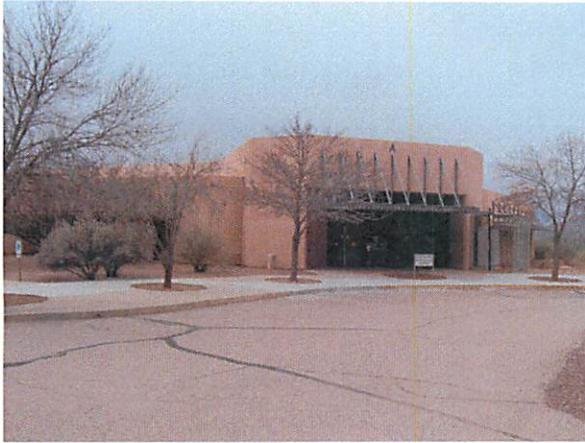
The January ALPHERA meeting was held at the Health Department in Bisbee in their Emergency Operations Center. At this meeting A.J. and Stacy gave an ADHS and volunteer update. Cochise County Emergency Manager Norm Sturm gave us a tour of the Cochise County RSS Warehouse and the new Emergency Operations Center. He also provided an educational training segment on the following:

- What are EOC's for?
- How can an EOC be used?
- Who should be in an EOC (staffing)
- EOC set-up types
- PIO responsibilities

We were also treated to a tour of the Queen underground mine in Bisbee. It was great to get back to meeting in the counties again and seeing the resources and progress that has been made over the years with hard work. Thank you Elizabeth and staff for providing a great meeting atmosphere and program.



January ALPHERA Meeting



Cochise County Health Department



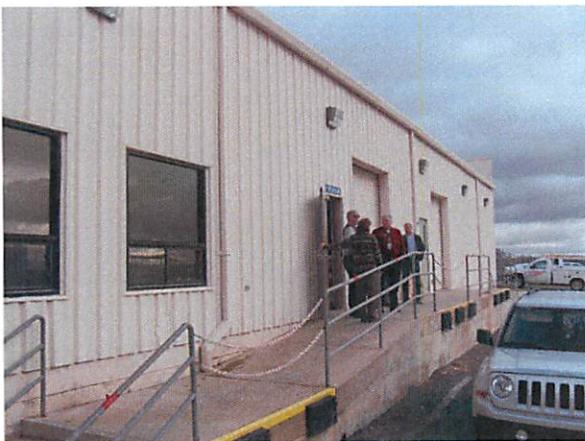
Nice workout room!



Great wall of history in pictures

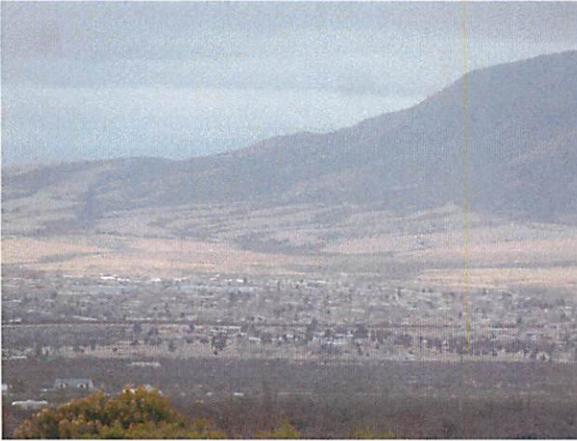


Meeting room and EOC



RSS Warehouse

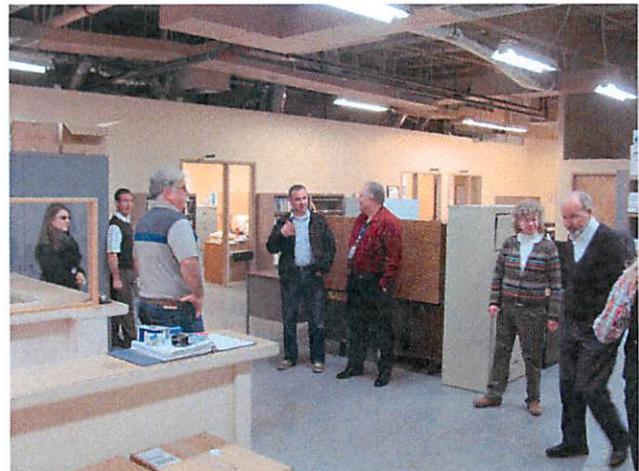
February ALPHERA Meeting



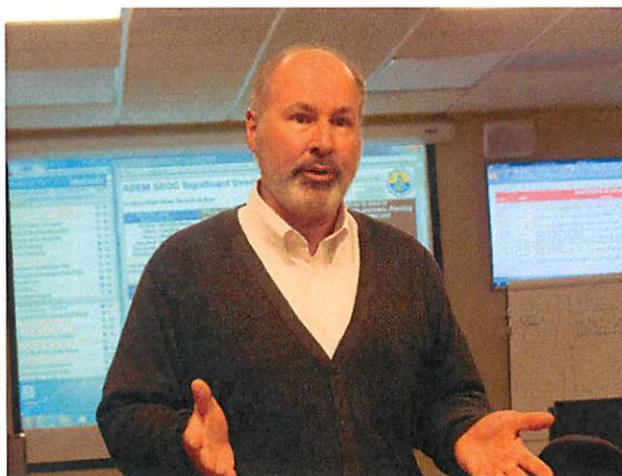
Left—Looking from Cochise County Health Department
South toward Naco

Until the 1960s, the towns of Naco, Arizona and Naco, Mexico were one, small, united town. When tensions rose between the two nations over illegal immigration, the community was split in two. In 1979, residents from both sides decided to use the rusted fence as a volleyball net and for the last 34 years, they've continued to celebrate the spirit of their community in the face of strict border control and political friction.

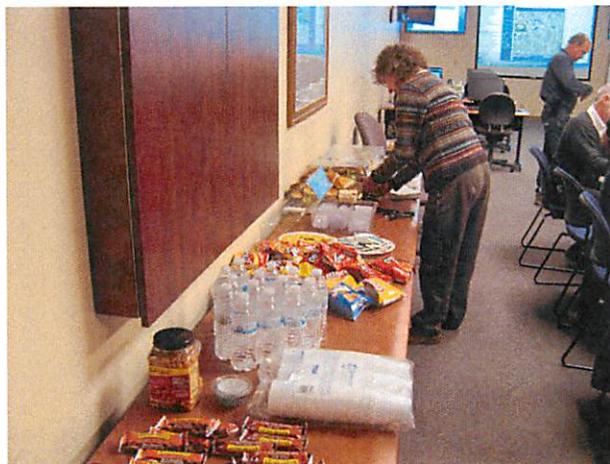
The US-Mexico border stretches 1,954 miles (3,145 kilometers) from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean. The political tensions of the international border are widely known, but the defiant residents of Naco - both in Arizona and Mexico - choose to show the world that a border cannot define their community nor break their spirit. Every year, they gather to draw their own lines in the brick-red sand, creating an improvised court with the border fence standing in as their net. Sure, they're unable to switch sides at halftime - as per the rules of the game - but that doesn't stop them from celebrating the union of their communities.



February ALPHERA Meeting

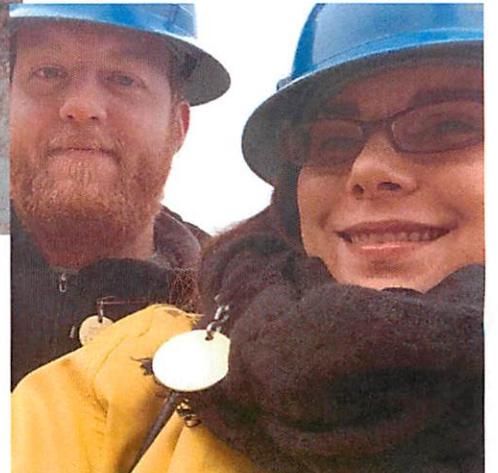
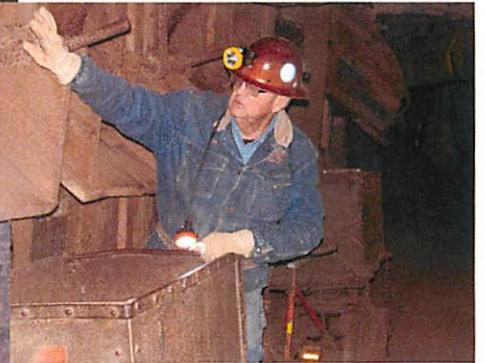
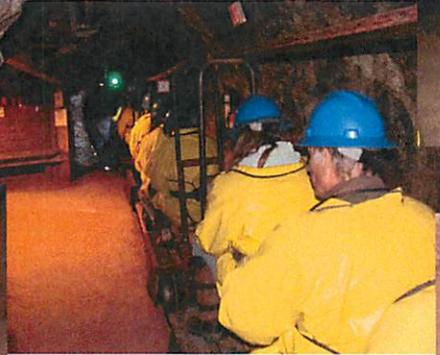
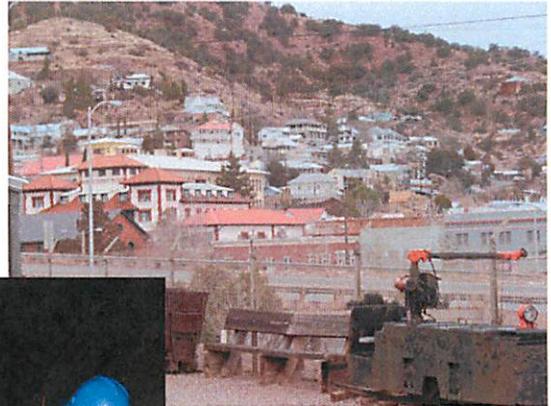
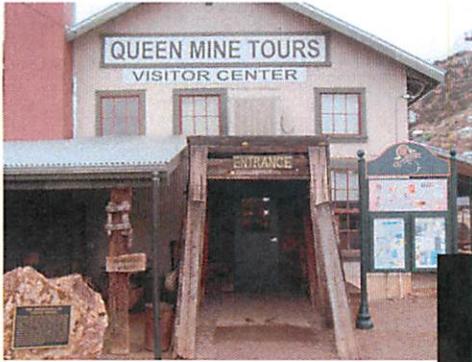


Elizabeth Lueck and Norm Sturm



Lunch

Queen Mine Tour

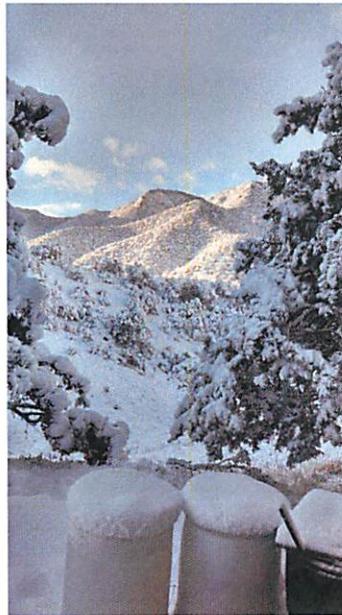


Snow in Globe



The Gila County EOC was partially activated 1/6 to 1/8 due to snow fall, flooding and road closures.

Snow in Bisbee



Pictures from Elizabeth's house in Bisbee

Just FYI; the night of the ALPHERA meeting, January 7th, it snowed 9" of really wet snow, I was snowed in for 72 hours, lost my old apricot tree, have a lot of damage to the oak and juniper trees, and will be filing a huge insurance claim for roof and gutter damage. Six days later, there is still snow on the ground at my house. The amazing part is that we didn't lose utilities! And yes, I had plenty of stored food and an adequate supply of emergency water, could have used several more sets of winter work gloves though. Elizabeth

Meetings/Conferences

RMSF and Mosquito-Borne Diseases Statewide Meeting

February 2-3, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix
Contact: Hayley Yaglom

State Training Offering

MGT447: Managing Food Emergencies: Strategies for a Communi- ty Response

ERMA Event #1005341

Abrams Public Health Center

3950 South Country Club Road

Tucson, AZ 85713

March 22 - 23, 2016

8am - 5pm

*** Register On-Line through ERMA at www.erma.az.gov using the above event
number ***

Lockdown! Planning for and Surviving the Active Killer Event

Location: 3300 N. Central, Phoenix Arizona 85012

16th Floor, Rooms 103 & 104

Date: February 12, 2016

Time: Sign-in 7:30 am to 8:30 am Training: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

No Fee to Attend

Training Topics:

- Components of an effective lockdown
- How to realistically drill and assess your lockdown plan
- Planning for best and worst case scenarios
- Using technology to protect lives and decrease attack time
- Planning for transportation and staging issues
- Developing necessary skills for increasing chance of survival in an active shooter situation
- Appropriately communicating the crisis to students, staff, parents, law enforcement, fire, and the media
- Identifying actions students and staff took during high-profile school shootings that led to their survival

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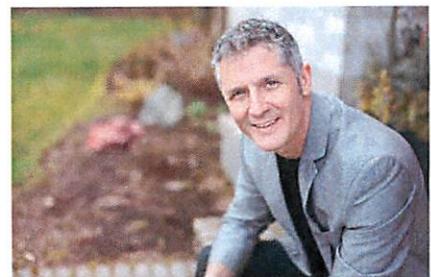
School Safety and Prevention

602.364.2818

Trainer: Jesus M. Villahermosa, Jr.

Founder and President of Crisis Reality and retired Deputy Sheriff

Sent by Dezirae Williams



Gila County News

Gila County was awarded a HEMMY Award for their work on the Pinal Creek Trail Health Impact Assessment. Last month Dezirae Williams received a spotlight award from the Gila County Board of Supervisors for co-managing this project.



Dezirae Williams has been selected to participate in the NACCHO Roadmap to Ready Program

Dezirae has been enrolled in the NACCHO Roadmap to Ready Program and will be given access to a variety of resources designed specifically for local Health Department staff new to their roles as Public Health Preparedness Coordinators. She will also be given access to a mentor who has served in this role and was selected for their knowledge and leadership in Public Health Preparedness. The program will also allow her to network and connect with other new Preparedness Coordinators from across the country with a diverse range of backgrounds and interests.



Dezirae Williams

State Training Offering

MAG300: Intermediate Incident Command System

ERMA Event #1005180

Payson Police Department

303 N. Beeline Highway, #B, Payson, AZ 85541

January 26th – 28th, 2016

8:00AM – 5:00PM on January 26th & 27th

8:00AM – Noon on January 28th

* Register On-Line through ERMA at www.erma.az.gov using the above event number *





Free, Online Packaging & Shipping Div. 6.2 Materials!!

- Sponsored by the CDC & NLTN.
- Supports Initial Certification & Renewal Training Requirements.
- Category A & B Exercises.
- Case Studies (including Ebola).
- Regulatory Requirements.
- Documentation Training.
- Numerous Job Aides.

Locate this course online at: www.cdc.gov/labtraining to register

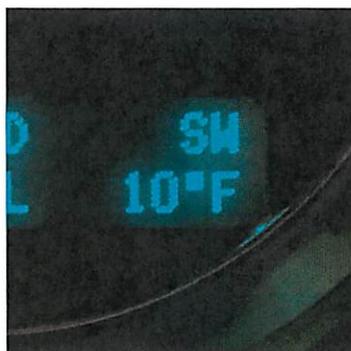
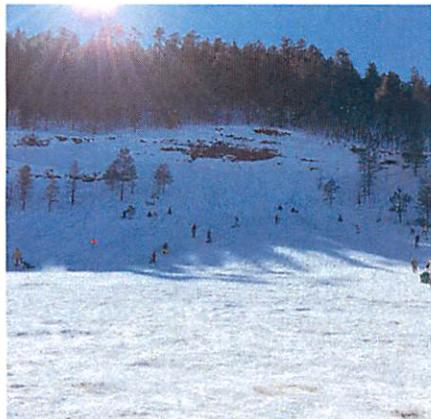




Drive home from ALPHERA
Cochise County



Hannigan Meadow—Greenlee County



Navajo County



Alpine—Apache County



Mt. Graham—Graham County