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Boulder City Introduces Emergency Management Plan

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BOULDER CITY – Disaster can strike at any time. Whether it is a natural disaster such as a massive storm or a man-made incident like an active shooter, the key to a successful response is preparedness. Adopting a municipal code for an Office of Emergency Management will leave the City of Boulder City better prepared to provide essential emergency response functions during a disaster.

The Council heard plans for establishing an Office of Emergency Management (OEM) last night. This is not a physical location and does not require any funding or hiring of additional personnel, it merely defines roles and responsibilities associated with the City's All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan. "One of the most important responsibilities we have as leaders is to prioritize protection of life and property," said Mayor Rod Woodbury. "When it comes to emergency disaster operations, we hope for the best but need to be prepared for the worst. Clearly defining the role of each player on our emergency response team will help us be ready to properly respond when disaster strikes our own community or our friends nearby."

"Establishing an Office of Emergency Management and the authority, roles, and responsibilities that are defined during its conception, will provide the framework necessary for the development of a comprehensive emergency management program and is an important first-step towards advancing the City's hazard mitigation efforts," according to Fire Chief Kevin Nicholson. The Council will vote on the code at the Council's September 11 meeting.

Establishing a comprehensive emergency management program will provide the guidance necessary to mitigate the various hazards the community could face. "Through adoption of codes related to emergency management and the development of an all-hazard emergency operations plan, residents can feel secure in knowing their first responders are taking the right steps to meet challenges before, during, and after a major emergency or disaster," said City Manager Al Noyola, who has worked closely with Boulder City Police and Fire Chiefs in recent months to ensure safety in City facilities. "We live in a safe community, but there are things we just can't control. This OEM will leave us better prepared and allow us to provide a place where residents and visitors feel comfortable as they live, work, and play."

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