

Nebraska Association of Emergency Management



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JERRY R. BRETTHAUER

DIRECTOR OF REGION 22 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Currently Jerry Rue Bretthauer is the Director of Region 22 Emergency Management under the supervision of the Scottsbluff Police Department and the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska. His career in law enforcement began as a clerk/dispatcher on a work-study program for the Chadron Police Department (1969-1971), and a patrol officer and acting police chief for the Bayard Police Department (1976-1977). At the Scottsbluff Police Department he has worked as a clerk/dispatcher (1977-1978), patrol officer (1978-1988), shift lieutenant and special operations lieutenant (1988-2006), and emergency management coordinator (2006-2008). He began his career with Region 22 Emergency Management in 2008. He is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (1999).

Emergency Management Director Bretthauer is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve (1971-2008). He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Officer Training Corps (1972) and began as a helicopter pilot trainee. Bretthauer held positions as a Defense Preparedness Officer/Operations Management Staff Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VII, as a Mobilization Designee/Individual Mobilization Augmentee, with a specialty in Radiological Defense for Region 21 Common Civil Defense (1977-1987) and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (1987-1997). He was the Liaison Officer Commander/Director for the Nebraska Admissions Liaison Officer Program (1997-2000), which recruits for the United States Air Force Academy and United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Colonel Bretthauer is also a graduate of Squadron Officer School (1982), Air Command and Staff College (Outstanding Graduate, 1989), Reserve Forces Course (1992), and Air War College (2000).

Bretthauer holds an Associate of Arts degree from Western Nebraska Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree from Chadron State College. He has completed 14 additional undergraduate hours from Michigan Technological Institute and the University of Virginia, plus 35 graduate hours from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Virginia.

Brian Woldt

DIRECTOR DAWSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Brian has been the Emergency Management Director in Dawson County since 2001 in South Central Nebraska which is headquartered in Lexington.

Brian has been a volunteer firefighter with the Cozad Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department since 1988 and an EMT in Nebraska since 1989. Brian is an American Heart Association CPR Instructor. Brian has held numerous offices within the Cozad Fire Department which include Assistant Rescue Chief and currently the Secretary/Treasurer.

Brian is currently seeking election in Cozad as Mayor.

Hobbies include being at the cabin at the lake and chasing the kid to basketball games and track events. Brian has two sons, Brandon a Junior at Southeast Community College in Lincoln and Rylee a sophomore at Cozad High School.



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

November brings falling leaves, cooler weather and Thanksgiving on which we take time to remember what we have and what we are thankful for in our lives.

I love this time of year when family and friends get together share good food and great times together.

The last year has been a busy one for me with lots of changes and every day I remind myself how lucky I am to have a job that I really love. I am thankful for the knowledge and insight that I have gained from new work colleagues, fellow emergency managers and good friends.

I am so thankful for my 3 beautiful sons, daughter-in-law and 2 precious grandchildren. Nothing is more memorable, satisfying and gratifying than when my granddaughter Brooklynn runs to meet me hollering "Grandma" and that is a reason for thanksgiving regardless of the season, month or day.

Please take a few moments to remember those who struggle with life's difficulties and have less to be thankful for and take a special moment or two to give thanks for, and to, those who serve our country and can't be with their families on this holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving



REMEMBER THE DATE

Annual NAEM Conference
Nebraska Association of Emergency Managers
April 8-10, 2011
Kearney Ramada Inn

This year's conference will feature:

"Panel Discussions" as well as presentations on local events, local agencies and much, much more . . .

Take advantage of the networking opportunity!

For additional conference information please go to:
www.naem.us



Do you have an idea for a presenter or a vendor?
Contact Tim Hofbauer at p cem@megavision.com

Mission Statement: The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its *Congressional Charter* and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide the relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.



As I sit and ponder on the different topics that I could talk about, and trust me after 13 years of doing this job (not many to some) I could go a lot of different ways, I keep going back to the thing that I live for...Partnerships!!

If it weren't for the wonderful partnerships that I have personally encountered over the last few years, I would not be as successful in my job. I cannot stress enough the importance of creating partnerships for your organization. It doesn't matter what part of response you fall into, you can't do it alone! We all work to make the next guy look better and work toward a common goal of clean and efficient response. Some of us look at the material side of the emergency and some of us want to make sure that the personal/human side of that emergency is taken care of.

Emergency Managers, Public Health officials, Fire Chiefs, Law Enforcement and so many others (governmental, non-governmental and private sector) need to make sure that they are building working relationships and working with their local Red Cross Chapter. You should know them well enough to be comfortable calling them in the middle of the night. Your Red Cross representative also needs to be included in the planning processes and the training that is available to them. It helps each of our organizations respond better when we know what details are important in an event to each individual organization.

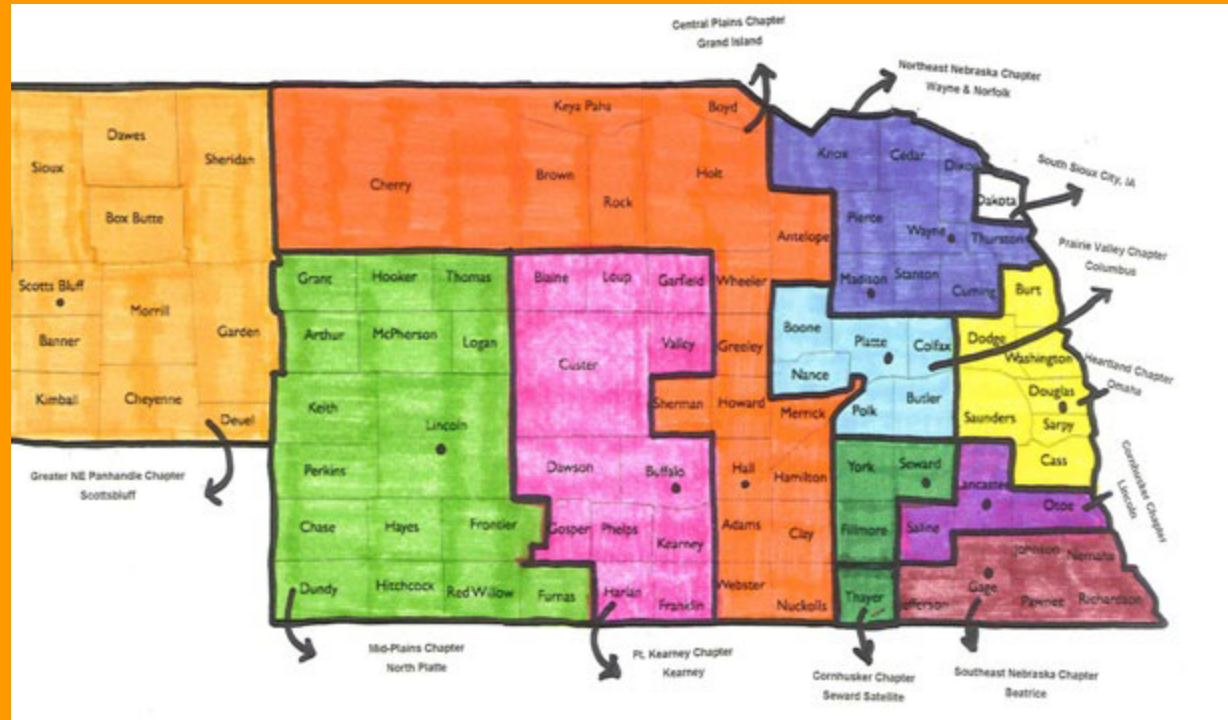
The Red Cross has pre-determined shelters in each of your communities. Contact your local chapter if you are unsure of these locations. The American Red Cross is listed in the LEOP as being responsible for Mass Care. Therefore, it is extremely important that we are sitting at the table in the planning, training and exercise processes that go on.

The American Red Cross plays a crucial part in the new Functional Needs Support System, in which there are some major sheltering changes that pertain to the clients coming in. Along with this, FEMA just signed an MOU with the American Red Cross taking major steps towards developing a more comprehensive and collaborative approach to planning and assessing mass care services. This strengthened partnership will enhance collaboration between voluntary organizations and government response partners by bringing together the federal resources of FEMA and the mass care expertise of the Red Cross.

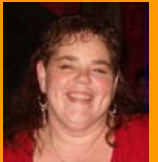


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Over and above the disaster and emergency responses that we at the American Red Cross do, we are also able to support your agency on many other levels. We can help with CPR/AED & First Aid training, Military support for active duty families and their soldiers.



This map tells what counties are in which Chapter area. If you haven't taken the time to get to know your Chapter representatives, please do so. This is a win-win opportunity.



Jan Zurcher
Emergency Services Director
Prairie Valley Red Cross

NEBRASKA WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS DAY

Dangerous winter weather can strike quickly and with such ferocity, it can stop any of us in our tracks – literally. Do your best to prevent that from happening to you or your community. November 4th has been designated Nebraska Winter Weather Awareness Day. Use this year's Winter Weather Awareness campaign as a chance to learn something new about winter, educate those around you or just jog your memory regarding the hazards of winter weather. Despite our recent fine fall weather, last year should still be fresh in your mind. For many of us, even a well coordinated response pushed resources to the limit last year. While no one knows what the winter of 2010-2011 will bring, and we hope it's nothing like last year, we can be ready to meet the challenges.



The 2010-2011 Winter Outlook is below. Most of Nebraska has a slightly better chance of warmer than normal temperatures. No strong trends for precipitation and the state should expect generally near normal precipitation



BASIC SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING



The Central Region Citizen Corps held a Basic Search and Rescue training in Columbus October 8-10. The class was instructed by Bob Hessler with Randy Kleager and Randy Olson assisting, all are from the Scottsbluff CERT Search and Rescue Team. Members of the Albion Fire Department, Platte Center Fire/EMS and Emergency Management, Boone County Emergency Management and CERT, Platte County Sheriff's Department, and Platte County Emergency Management/CERT attended. The group is in the process of forming a regional Search and Rescue Team to be called upon for missing person or evidence searches. Topics covered were, basic land navigation, search and rescue resources, clue consciousness, and search tactics. The training culminated with a morning exercise on the third day looking for 2 lost individuals along a heavily wooded area along the Loup River. Bob Shepherd, Chief Deputy with the Platte County Sheriff's Department said "I was impressed with the training and I know I can speak for those attending that no one realized the amount of planning and training that is involved in a missing person search". Prairie Valley Chapter of the Red Cross served the food during the training and exercise to simulate their role in this type of activity. Plans are underway to offer an additional Basic Search and Rescue Class next spring and hopefully an advanced class next Fall.



SUE KROGMAN

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR

Sue Krogman has been with NEMA for 25 years and serves as the Information Technology and Communications Supervisor. Her department includes a Geographic Information System/ Information Systems Specialist, a Communications Specialist and two state-wide Communication Network Analysts.

Krogman is in charge of the NEMA website which is currently being redesigned, the Enterprise Software Solution Essential Suite (ESS) and she works with connections to devices in the field and in the office.

Sue is married to Doug, has two children, two step children, three grand children and one on the way. Her hobbies include horses and Harleys. She has one of each.





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