



MAMEC NEWS

Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators

Who Are We?

MAMEC is a new association designed to bring together MEC's from all over Manitoba.

Our objectives are to share training, education, and best practices of being a Municipal Emergency Coordinator, and to build strength, community and succession planning for all of our communities across the province.

It is important MEC's have a voice and input in items such as legislative changes that directly impact our roles and responsibilities and to gain recognition and support from all levels of government.

The Association was started by a group of dedicated and long-standing MEC's who have a desire to provide more opportunities for professional development as well as the opportunity for new MEC's to learn more about their positions.

It is important the role of the MEC is recognized for the important part we play in municipal safety.

For more information, email us at info@mamec.ca

PET SPOT

The HEAT of summer is fast approaching. Please remember when traveling with your PETS to keep plenty of water on hand. Please DO NOT leave your pet in a HOT VEHICLE unattended.



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President's Message

The MAMEC Board is excited to launch its first quarterly newsletter to its membership. We hope you find the information contained here useful and informative. The Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinator's (MAMEC) is a new association which was created to share information, best practices, assistance and guidance with all MEC's in Manitoba. This new initiative was started by a group of long-serving MEC's who saw a need to help professionalize and advance our roles in community emergency preparedness in light of the many changes that were taking place. Our working group met throughout 2017 and we launched into a not-for-profit Association for all Municipal MEC's in 2018. It is our hope to use this newsletter to communicate with all of you and provide ideas, professional offerings, as well as useful articles to assist you in your jobs. We also welcome input and articles from all of you.

As we move forward, and the association grows in strength, we will require participation and support from all members. We are currently trying to fill District Director positions across the province. These important positions need MEC's who will be willing to lead a group of their area colleagues through quarterly meetings, share ideas on how to grow our profession, and keep their regions informed of upcoming events, training and changes. All information coming from the board and the District Directors will be coordinated and through our Executive Director, Shelley Napier. If anyone is interested in becoming involved, please contact Shelley directly.

We are excited to host our inaugural MAMEC conference on June 18, 2019 at Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg. Guest rooms are being held for the evening of June 17th for those of you travelling in and requiring a room. Please book early to avoid disappointment. We will be sending out more information on cost, registration requirement and speakers attending in the near future.

The Board had the opportunity to meet with Minister Jeff Wharton from Municipal Relations in December 2018. We had a very positive meeting and discussed the governments increased requirements placed upon municipalities while there is decreased support to assist us. Many MEC's are very new in their positions and the regulations, policy, procedures and checklists are proving arduous for many. Minister Wharton listened to our concerns, asked questions and passed along information to Manitoba EMO. We will report outcomes to all members as it becomes available.

We are excited to move forward, build a strong association that works for each and every one of you. Let's work together to provide the professional development and recognition that we all deserve. The MAMEC Board of Directors wish you all a happy and safe 2019.

Regards, Don Emes, President



RURAL MUNICIPALITIES NOW HAVE ACCESS TO MORE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

TC Energy and the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators Providing Life Saving Gear for Emergencies

TC Energy (formerly TransCanada) has provided an \$80,000 donation to the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators (MAMEC) to provide dedicated equipment for emergency responses.

“We are pleased to provide funding to help the municipal emergency coordinators with gear essential to emergency response,” said Steve Loney of TC Energy. “MAMEC will acquire the equipment and it will be stored at the Village of St. Pierre Jolys’ municipal yard, Mayor Raymond Maynard and his council generously offered secured space for the equipment. The TC Energy donation will be used to buy new equipment such as:

- large capacity water pumps, electric generators, light towers, VHF radios, a cell phone booster, tents that will serve as a command post or pet evacuation centres and two trailers to store the equipment; and
- the funds will also cover the cost of a Herman Nelson heater with capacity to heat a large area such as a reception centre, complete with tables, chairs, kennels, emergency operation centre leadership kits, cots for a reception centre and toy boxes to entertain children.

TC Energy has also donated a truck outfitted with loudspeaker, toolboxes and lights that can be used to haul the trailers.

The donation was made through TC Energy’s Build Strong program, which provides valuable tools and resources to first responders, helps fund educational programs, supports important community needs and strengthens environmental stewardship in the communities where the company lives and works. Visit tcenergy.com/buildstrong to learn more!

“This new initiative will aid communities who are members of MAMEC to utilize this equipment in times of emergency,” said Don Emes, President of MAMEC. “We thank TC Energy for their generous donation in helping us help people in our municipalities in times of trouble.”

For more information about MAMEC, go to: www.mamec.ca

MAMEC CONFERENCE

June 18th, 2019

CANAD INN - POLO PARK

Registration forms can be download
from our website: www.mamec.ca



EVERYONE
WELCOME!
REGISTER NOW!



MAMEC
MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL
EMERGENCY COORDINATORS
INAUGURAL CONFERENCE
ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

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SPEAKERS & TOPICS

- JACK LINDSAY**
MAMEC AND HOW IT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN CANADIAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- PAUL WHITE**
MEDIA & THE MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE

- NANDY HULL**
WHY PLANS & PROGRAMS FAIL
- NGO PANEL**
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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS

TUESDAY | JUNE 18TH
CANAD INN POLO PARK, WINNIPEG, MB
TO REGISTER: INFO@MAMEC.CA
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TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY
there is for TRAINING.

What is a 72 hour TO GO bag?

Your TO GO Bag should be a sturdy and easy to carry backpack or duffle bag containing things you would want to have with you if you have to leave in a hurry. Items to consider for your TO GO Bag include:

- Bottled water and non-perishable food, such as granola bars
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, wet wipes, etc)
- Flashlight, hand-rank or battery-operated AM/FM radio, and extra batteries
- Portable cell phone charger
- Notepad, pen/pencil, and marker
- Local street maps (paper version)
- Spare home/vehicle keys
- Whistle or bell
- First aid kit
- Dust mask to reduce inhalation of dust and other debris
- Work gloves
- A change of clothing (long sleeve shirt/pants, rain gear, sturdy footwear, etc.)
- Copies of important documents (insurance/medical cards, contact lists, identification, marriage and birth certificates, etc.) in a portable, waterproof container or plastic bag
- Back-up medical/assistive equipment and supplies
- A list of the medications you take, why you take them, and the dosages
- Supplies for your service animal or pet
- Water
 - One gallon per day, per person. This provides for both drinking and sanitary uses.
 - Include additional water for pets, as needed
- Food
 - Non-perishable items
 - Ready-to-eat canned foods, and a manual can opener
 - Ensure adequate supply for each family member
 - Consider special dietary or other needs
- Include pet food, if applicable
- Sleeping bag/blankets
 - Adequate supply for all family members



Emergency Car Kit Crossword Puzzle

In an average year, winter weather is directly or indirectly involved in 400,000 vehicular accidents in the United States leading to 1,300 fatalities. We've created this crossword puzzle to help you when building your emergency car/van/suv kit for the winter. You can always add more or substitute items for ones you find in your home. Print more copies from PGWard.org

Across

2.  Not just for the kids.

4. Because your sandals aren't warm enough. 

8. Most vehicles have these. 

9.  1 gallon for each member per day.

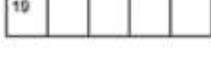
11. Listen to the weather.

12. 

13. 

17. 

18. 

19. Moist towelettes 

21. 

23. Road signal. 

26.  Be sure it's inflated!

29. 

31. 

32. A red colored cloth tied to the antenna for rescuers to see.

34. 

36. 

37. 

39. 

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41. 

Down

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15.  from a can

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20.  for sanitation

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33. 

Items which will sustain life 35. such as MREs or snacks.

Don't let heat escape your head.  38.

Winter Deaths...Nationally
(Related to ice and snow)
1. About 70% occur in automobiles.
2. About 25% are people caught out in the storm.
3. Majority occur when going for help, so don't leave your car.

Maps and Other Four-Letter Words in the EOC

Emergency management programs are a lot like a roller coaster – expensive to build, maintenance is really important and once it starts moving everybody starts yelling.

Maps are just a visual representation of *data*. Every Municipal office I have ever been in has a property ownership map because those names are the ones who pay the taxes. Maps come in various sizes and formats. They can be on a laptop screen if you have the skill and an Internet connection, they can be simple poster sized line maps or even color aerial photos if you have the budget and the time. The province will give you free road maps so you can find most cities and towns. Maps can be paper that you ruin with a marker, computer displays that go dark or they can be custom printed and plastic covered that you can draw or spill coffee on.

The rules of thumb for maps are simple;

1. The more you need one, the less time you have to get the right one.
2. The bigger they are, the better they are.
3. You can never have too many.
4. Maps don't get confused or forget where things are.

Think of a four-letter word you aren't really supposed to use. Say the word out loud, then shout it, say it slowly and deliberately, say it four times as fast as you can, now go drop a very expensive bottle of Scotch or Crown Royal (go Gimli go!!) onto your cement steps and say it again. Now think about winning a new (snowmobile, ATV, fishing boat, trip or a VLT jackpot) and say that word.

If anyone heard you a minute ago, would they have known which of those words meant you were happy, sad or angry? It's always the same word but your *emotion* makes it sound different, it *changes* the *meaning* every time.

Now look at your RM map and plot the location of the crashed tanker truck of anhydrous ammonia, the wind driven bush fire. Can you locate the school, the nursing home or the houses and farms that are right downwind from it? Now you should know how many people to evacuate and a safe place where to send them. Look at that *map* and say that bad word every way you can. The *data* stays the same, the place is still the place. The map has no emotion, it only has what you need to *save those people*.

Now really look at all the maps in your EOC and say that word out loud. Was it a happy word or a sad word? Do we need to talk more about this?

Preparing a Pet Emergency kit

When you are forced to evacuate your home due to a natural disaster, typically you will not have the opportunity to pack a bag. It's important to have emergency kits already packed and stored by the door for a quick departure.

Consider the following items for your pet's emergency kit:

Food – Several days' worth of your pet's food will help bridge the gap before you are able to purchase more. Your pet will already be in a stressful state, so keeping his diet as consistent as possible will be important.

Water – During a natural disaster, clean water may be at a premium, so stock up on bottled water.

Collar with ID tag & leash – During an emergency, your pet may have the instinct to want to flee. Having an extra collar and leash are important to make sure you are able to secure your pet, and ID tags should always be attached in case the pet gets free.

Medicines – If your pet is on any medication for existing medical problems, it's important to have at least a few days to a week's worth in your emergency kit to cover you until you are able to get to a veterinarian. Make sure to consistently rotate these medications out of your emergency kit so the medication is never past its expiration date.

Medical records & other important documents – Keeping a copy of all medical records and other important documents (like purebred papers or city registration papers) in an emergency kit will ensure that any veterinarian you need to see will have a detailed history of your pet and you are able to clearly prove ownership in case there is a question.

Favorite things – Pets can sense stress, so to keep them as comfortable as possible, include items that are familiar to them — such as toys, treats, or blankets and smell like home.

Place to stay – Please remember when making your Emergency Plan that it needs to include a place for your pet to stay. Reception centers and most hotel-motels DO NOT ALLOW PETS.



RM Whitemouth SIM Exercise

Saturday March 23rd, the RM of Whitemouth had the opportunity to conduct an advanced level functional EOC exercise. It was a 5-hour exercise in which the RM opened the EOC, activated our phone system, utilized radio communications and operated the fictional site from a simulation room near our EOC. In attendance was the entire EOC team, council, reeve, CAO, fire department and the RCMP. The objective was to test a working EOC with problems created from an overturned tanker with a spill of chlorine gas.

This simulated exercise tested our response team in every way possible. The exercise caused staff and council to work with responding agencies and provide resources for assistance. We had to notify residents to shelter in place, evacuate their homes, as well taking care of security issues, media news releases as well as problematic issues that arise with the news media, road closures, communication concerns only naming some of the issues created through injects. It pleases to me to say that my team stepped up to the plate during this event. The event was very successful, very educational and it was wonderful to hear all the positive comments and feedback with regards to our capability of handling this event from team members, council members, fire dept, RCMP and members of Napier Consulting.



This exercise was led and supervised by Shelley Napier and team and it ignited so much more enthusiasm amongst the team members to continue on their journey of response education. It was so well planned out, offered tests to each and every member of the team, a lot of fun but most of all a huge learning experience of being a leader as a new MEC. We all came away exhausted but feeling very satisfied that should there be an actual event, we could and would be able to conduct ourselves in an organized and timely manner.

Don Emes
DMC's 'MEC of the Year' 2018

**TRUST YOURSELF.
TO KNOW MORE THAN
YOU THINK YOU DO**



**District Director position for District #5 is
VACANT.**

Any M.E.C from the following municipalities
interested please contact Shelley Napier at
shelley@mamec.ca

Alonsa, Rural Municipality
Elton, Rural Municipality
North Cypress- Langford, Municipality
Rosedale, Rural Municipality
Cornwallis, Rural Municipality
Glenella-Lansdowne, Municipality
Neepawa, Town
Westlake-Gladstone, Municipality
Ellice-Archie, Municipality
Harrison Park, Municipality
Minto-Odanah, Municipality

Oakview, Municipality
Riding Mountain West, Municipality
Yellowhead, Rural Municipality

Clanwilliam- Erickson, Municipality
Hamiota, Municipality
Minnedosa, Town
Prairie View, Municipality
Russell- Binscarth, Municipality
Rosburn, Municipality

A blue speech bubble graphic with the text "join our team" in white, lowercase letters. The bubble has a white shadow and a tail pointing towards the bottom right.

Interested in contributing to this newsletter?
Contact Nyla at sproket@tcmsnet.com
