

# CSEPP *update*

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THE CHEMICAL STOCKPILE  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
PROGRAM

## *Preparedness Matters!*



With thousands in Texas without power and entire towns devastated by Hurricane Ike, the message of personal responsibility becomes as important a message as ever! Families without power can't cook on their stoves, cool the food in their refrigerator, or light and cool their homes in the ways that we all take for granted. Flood waters make it unsafe for them to drink water from their tap (assuming they still have a kitchen sink). Our thoughts and sympathy go out to citizens in those communities.

While Pueblo County can pretty much rule out any chance of hurricane effects of this magnitude, the threat of other disasters does exist in our community. These threats include tornados, flooding, blizzards, and fire. This prompts a question. Are you prepared?

CSEPP Update often offers information on 72-hour kits, winter-supply kits and family plans. In fact, in September we surveyed the community to see what messages about preparedness you would like us to share more often. While the results of the survey aren't in, we do want to take this chance to remind you of a few simple things you can do to help your family stay safe during a disaster.

- ✓ Learn the names of roads and highways where you live in case emergency officials tell you to evacuate.
- ✓ Know how to turn off your heating/cooling systems and all of your home's utilities.
- ✓ Keep a 72-hour kit (three days of food and water, first-aid kit, hygiene products, clothing, flashlight, blanket, radio, and comfort items in a portable container.
- ✓ Learn the emergency plan at your child's school or day-care.
- ✓ Select a meeting place near your home and one outside your neighborhood as a family gathering place during an emergency.
- ✓ Always keep at least half a tank of gas in your car in case you need to evacuate.
- ✓ Post emergency contact numbers by your home phone and make sure at least one line in your home is not a cordless (they don't work if the power is out).

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*Congratulations to **Newport, Indiana** on their successful completion of Chemical Stockpile Destruction!!*

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In August there was a Tornado Warning in Boone. My Tone Alert Radio didn't go off, but I thought those radios were supposed to notify us of weather emergencies too. Should it have gone off?



Yes. The Tone Alert Radio's or TAR's we provide free of charge to homes inside the Emergency Planning Zones (and if you live in Boone, that is you!) are also weather radios, the National Weather Service Warning set them off on August 17th at 6:13 p.m. Check the volume on your radio to be sure it is turned up and test it to be certain you can hear it from every room in your home. It may also have been the battery, most radios were issued several years ago and the batteries need replaced in many of them. It is important to us that you and your family are safe in the event of an emergency. Call us, if it wasn't the battery, we will know right away. In fact, everyone should check their radio for a sticker that indicates the battery has been replaced. No sticker? Let us know, winter weather is coming up. It is important to have a radio that works even when the power is out, and heavy winter snow on a power line makes that possibility more likely.

*Do you have a question about the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program?*

*Ask us. 719-583-6222 You may see it printed here!*

## COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY

### Special Needs

|                                 |  |                |  |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Name:                           | (Check all that would apply in an emergency.)<br>Special notification is needed because: |                |  |
| Business Address:               | Hearing Impaired   | Sight Impaired |  |
| Mailing Add.:<br>(if different) | Does anyone at this address need assistance during an evacuation? Yes No                 |                |  |
| Home Phone:                     | If Yes, please specify type:   |                |  |
| Bus. Phone:                     | Ambulatory   | Wheelchair     |  |
|                                 | Unable to Drive  | Other:         |  |

## Why fill it out?

Soon the 2009 Emergency Preparedness Calendar will be at your door. The calendar is packed full of emergency preparedness information. Along with all of the potential natural disaster information (floods, tornados, fire, etc), there is quite a bit of Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness information inside. Each year we include a "Community Needs Survey" card attached to the cover. It is our hope that anyone with special considerations during an emergency fill out the card. We keep the information confidential and, while it doesn't guarantee help will arrive, it can provide emergency responders with a list of citizens who, for one reason or another may need special assistance during

a disaster. From citizens with visual, mobility, or hearing impairments to those who may not have a vehicle and cannot evacuate on their own, this specialized list of residence inside the Protective Action Zones surrounding the Pueblo Chemical Depot allows responders an opportunity to be proactive in their efforts to get these residents to safety. It is important to know that filling out this card is no substitute for personal responsibility; it is an extra effort to ensure your safety. So take the time to prepare a 72-hour kit, make a communications plan with your family, get to know your neighbors, and learn what to do in different types of emergencies. Finally, when your calendar comes in December, if you have a special need, fill out and mail back this card. It may make all the difference.

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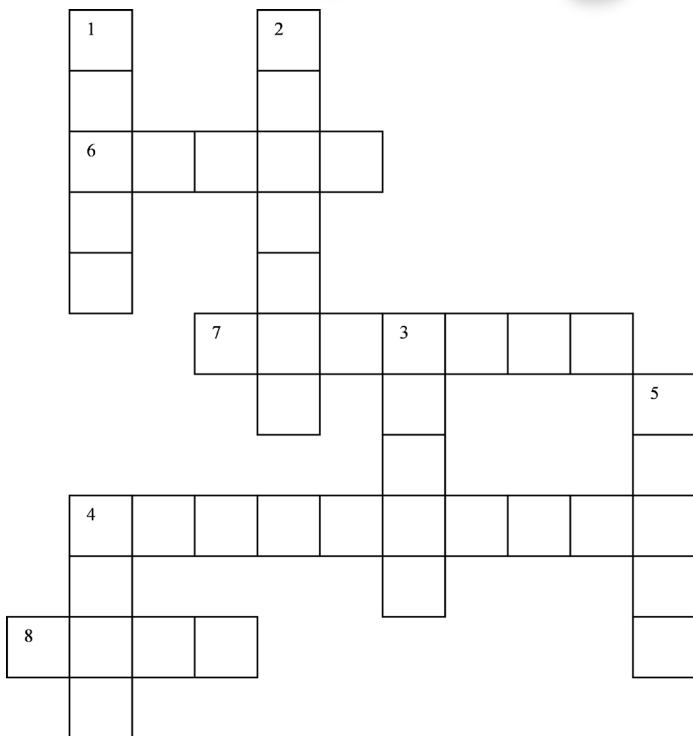
## McHarg Park Community Center

*7 Years and going strong!*



**C**SEPP was proud to co-sponsor the celebration of MCHARG Community Center's 7th Anniversary. The event this year was a great success. Staff from the Rural Fire Department and AMR offered tours of their emergency vehicles. Pueblo County Sheriff's, Officers Vic Boley and Brandon Talton, offered K-9 demonstrations, kids could get their faces painted and play games. There were raffles, food and plenty of information booths where community members could find more information on all kinds of stuff! Even the County Commissioners stopped in to celebrate. MCHARG Community Center offers something to everyone and is a real asset to the community. We wish it's staff and all it's visitors another seven plus 100 years of community togetherness!

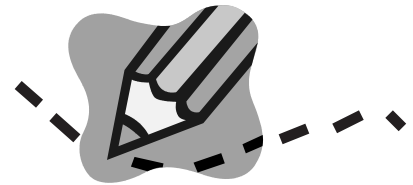
## Kids Page



OK! Earlier in the year we gave you a list of what to put in your 72-Hour Kit, some of those things are listed in this crossword. Can you remember them all?

**Down**

- 1 a deck of these helps pass the time
- 2 to blow in when you need help
- 3 just in case you need to fix something
- 4 Examples: crackers, trail mix, canned goods, peanut butter
- 5 1 gallon, per person, per day



**Across**

- 4 helps if the power goes out
- 6 tells you what your supposed to do
- 7 in case what your wear- ing gets wet or dirty
- 8 makes you clean

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