



**Colorado Emergency
Preparedness Partnership**
Preparedness through Partnership

2019 Annual Report





Message from the Executive Director

What a year 2019 has been! Ever since I took over as the Executive Director in January, I've experienced incredible support from the Emergency Preparedness community throughout Colorado. Public, private, and philanthropic sectors have worked with the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP) and the strategic work we engage in to make Colorado resilient in the face of disasters (natural and manmade). But I would be remis if I didn't acknowledge the hard work of my predecessors. The more I dug into this organization, the more I was impressed with the solid programs and connections that had been formed since CEPP's inception in 2008. And the results of this year are no exception.



CEPP facilitated and/or supported trainings, workshops, and conferences that reached over 1K people this year. Through the CEPP led Colorado Preparedness Coalition, we provided training and workshops on Soft Targets/Crowded Spaces. These included What is a Soft Target, Crisis Communications, and the Mile-High Dice workshop. CEPP sponsored the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Active Shooter workshop in Colorado Springs. CEPP was on the planning committee for the DHS Region 8 Infrastructure Resilience Conference in Loveland.

CEPP was well represented across the emergency preparedness community this year. Speaking engagements included the Colorado Emergency Management Association conference, Colorado Public Risk Management Association conference, Denver UASI Planning & Exercise workshop, Colorado Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) conference, American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS), International Facility Management Association (IFMA), and the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) Safety Summit to name a few. These connections with professional organizations ensure wide distribution of resilience resources.

An additional connection CEPP was engaged with this year was through my previous involvement with the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI). MDHI works with outreach service providers in the Metro Denver region with a goal of ending homelessness. One of the most exciting projects to come out of this sector this year was Denver's Bridge Housing and Shelter Improvements whose \$7M budget included philanthropic and private sector donations.

Thank you to everyone who I was able to engage with this year. It was only through your partnerships that CEPP was able to realize so many accomplishments.

Sincerely, *Eugene Wade*



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CEPP Mission

CEPP is a nonprofit 501(c)3 that promotes joint emergency planning between the public, private and philanthropic sectors in Colorado. We work with federal, state and local agencies, private sector entities and non-governmental organizations to strengthen Colorado’s emergency planning partnerships.

CEPP accomplishes this mission through

- Representation on Boards and Committees
- Training and Workshops
- Increased Information Sharing
- Promoting Situational Awareness



FEMA Region VIII and CO DHSEM Preparedness Roundtable

CEPP’s strength is its strong partnerships and far-reaching network of approximately 3200 members. Our members represent retail, critical infrastructure, commercial properties, sports and entertainment venues, hospitals, education, and a myriad of other industries throughout Colorado.

The CEPP network grew from 2,162 members in January 2019 to 3,045 members in December 2019. This equates to a 29% Increase!

Our network is made up of Public, Private, Philanthropic, and citizen stakeholders throughout Colorado who want to stay informed on the latest trainings and workshops as well as emergency threats and trends in the Emergency Preparedness community.

Membership is *FREE!* [Sign up here](#)



2019 CEPP Board of Directors

The CEPP Board of Directors represents the private, public, and philanthropic stakeholders focused on creating a resilient Colorado. Their support and guidance are vital to ensuring CEPP's work remains inclusive of all sectors.

Tim Gablehouse (President)	Environmental Lawyer, Gablehouse Granberg, LLC
Shawn Graff	Region VIII Director, DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
Gino Greco	CEO American Red Cross, Colorado and Wyoming
Bear McConnell	Former Private Sector Director, NORTHCOM
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Allan Wick (Vice President)	Enterprise Security Manager-CSO, Tri State Generation & Transmission Association
<u>Citizen Advisor</u>	
Christian Anschutz	Managing Director, Western Development Group

*Thank
you!*

Thank you to all our board members for your time and professional guidance to ensure our organization is meeting its full potential!

CO Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee



CEPP is a member of [Colorado's Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee \(HSAC\)](#). The HSAC is led by the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

CEPP chairs the **Private Sector Subcommittee** that reports to the HSAC.

This committee represents private sector entities on issues related to homeland security and emergency management within the State of Colorado.

Its purpose is to lead private sector engagement in the areas of prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery strategies developed in the Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee, and to assist in the identification, development and implementation of best practices related to private sector engagement and coordination to prevent the loss of critical information, disruption of critical services, or the loss of lives in the State of Colorado.

Efforts include, however, are not limited to the following:

- Carrying out and managing tasks in the [2019-2023 Colorado Homeland Security Strategy \(CHSS\)](#)
- Reporting progress of CHSS tasks and objectives to the HSAC.
- Researching best private sector engagement practices from private sector entities, local and state government and, other applicable institutions.
- Researching and making recommendations to the HSAC based on emerging threats or latest trends related to private sector engagement.
- Developing recommendations for training and education in the area of private sector engagement.

CEPP is also a member of the **Information Sharing Subcommittee** created in 2019. The purpose of this subcommittee is to assist in the identification, development and implementation of best practices related to information sharing to enhance the sharing of critical information, prevent disruption of critical lifelines, or the loss of lives due to planned or actual threats of terrorism or criminal acts in the State of Colorado. It is chaired by the Director of the Colorado Information Analysis Center.

Programs and Workshops

A. Chemical Safety Workshops

These workshops are made possible through a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant through the State of Colorado. The purpose of these workshops is to increase industry participation in the local hazardous materials planning efforts; ensure industry understands local response capabilities; and provide a high-level overview of the hazardous material threat from transportation and fixed facilities in the county/region.

For the past five years, CEPP has facilitated Chemical Safety Workshops throughout Colorado. The first two years were focused on federal regulatory requirements. The last three years were focused on the chemical threats in specific counties that include Arapahoe, Douglas, Denver, Adams, Mesa, Colorado Springs, El Paso, Routt, Aurora and Larimer. In 2019 Boulder county and the six counties that make up the San Luis Valley (Saguache, Alamosa, Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla and Mineral) were added to this list.



Boulder County

Workshop held on July 10, 2019 in Boulder. We had 58 attendees.





San Luis Valley
Workshop held on July 23, 2019 in Alamosa. We had 38 attendees.



Thank you!

A special thank you to Carol Way, our HAZMAT subject matter expert, for partnering with CEPP to make these workshops possible!

B. Colorado Preparedness Coalition



CEPP leads the Colorado Preparedness Coalition that plans preparedness training opportunities throughout Colorado. This group is comprised of representatives from the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, FEMA Region 8, Colorado Federal Executive Board, Colorado's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Counter-terrorism Education Learning Lab, American Red Cross, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, and the North Central Region. Working together, we pool our resources and talent to provide free preparedness programs throughout Colorado. In 2019, we focused our training's on *Soft Targets/Crowded Spaces*.

What is a Soft Target | 99 attendees

Held on September 17, 2019 at the Lone Tree Arts Center, Lone Tree, CO.

This training was led by a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Protective Security Advisor and Analyst and a Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL) Representative. It covered the following topics:

- What is a soft target?
- Evolving threats facing soft targets across multiple industries.
- Common vulnerabilities of soft targets.
- Best practices for emergency/security planning for soft targets.
- Procedural and physical security measures.
- Resources to assist soft targets pursue additional actions.



Crisis Communications Workshop | 76 attendees

Held on October 8, 2019 at Independent Electrical Contractors – Rocky Mountain (IECRM), Northglenn, CO

Thank you!



A special thank you to [IECRM](#) for hosting and providing food and beverage during the morning of this event!

This training was led by Patricia Billinger, Public Information Officer for Colorado's Department of Public Safety and Micki Trost, Strategic Communications Director for the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. It covered the following topics:

- Why Crisis Communications are important.
- Case Studies – recent examples of crisis communications.
- Starting your Plan – you will start developing a plan.
- Resources – applications that can assist with crisis communications.
- Cybersecurity – briefed by Brandi Simmons, Chief Communications Officer & Public Information Officer for Colorado's Office of Information Technology.



Thank you!

A special thank you to the [American Red Cross](#) for their volunteers who assisted with set-up, registration, and just being wonderful ambassadors of our preparedness community at all of our events!

C. Supported Partner Programs and Workshops

CEPP attended, sponsored, or assisted with the planning of many of our partners organizations events in 2019. Below are a few examples of these events;

- Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) Conference
- Colorado Pharmacy Medical Countermeasures Advisory Group
- US EPA Emergency Drinking Water Supply Workshop
- Denver Large Venue Mass Casualty Incident Tabletop Exercise
- Annual Threat Liaison Conference
- DHS Region VIII Infrastructure Resilience Conference (Planning Committee)
- DHS Active Shooter Workshop, CO Springs (Sponsor)
- Mile High Dice workshop (Planning Committee)
- FEMA Region VIII Regional Interagency Steering Committee
- FEMA Region VIII and CO DHSEM Preparedness Roundtable

D. Speaking Engagements

CEPP was invited to speak at many different events throughout 2019. The message of preparedness is universal. It is extremely rewarding to tailor this message to specific organizations and share our expertise with their members. Below are a few examples of these events;

- Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) Conference
- Denver UASI Planning & Exercise Planning Workshop
- Certified Public Manager Program’s Leadership in Emergency Coordination and Response
- Colorado Public Risk Managers Association (CO PRIMA) Conference
- Colorado Local Emergency Planning Committee (CO LEPC) Conference
- Colorado Outreach Exchange (CORE) Meeting
- CO Springs American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) Meeting
- CO Springs International Facility Management Association (IFMA) Meeting
- Comcast Preparedness Day (pictured above)
- American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) Safety/Security Committee





Committees and Associations

CEPP maintains membership in many federal, state, and local committees and associations to stay abreast of emerging trends and threats as well as to share our program model across the preparedness community. Below are a few examples of these committees and associations;

- Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN)
- Denver Metro Infragard (FBI)
- Arapahoe County Emergency Management Advisory Group
- Colorado Emergency Planning Committee (CEPC)
- Colorado Emergency Operations Center Liaison
- Denver Emergency Planning Committee (DEPC)
- Regional Consortium Coordinating Council (RC3)
- National Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) Engagement Committee
- Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) Program
- Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) Board Member



Acknowledgements

CEPP is only able to fulfill its mission through the generous contributions from our sponsors. Contributions were in the form of monetary support, use of venues, providing food and beverage, and/or offering their expertise to create and present at our programs. Below are our featured sponsors of 2019.

- Alamosa County
- The Anschutz Foundation
- American Red Cross
- ASIS
- Boulder County
- Colorado State Patrol HAZMAT
- CO Information Analysis Center
- CO DHSEM
- CO Federal Executive Board
- CEPC
- CO PRIMA
- DHS/CISA
- EPA
- FEMA
- IECRM
- IFMA
- NORAD/Northern Command
- OSHA
- Tri State Generation



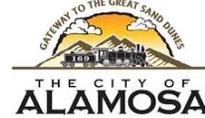
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