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TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager
DATE: March 17, 2003
RE: Emergency Preparedness Update

COUNCIL SUMMARY

The staff has been updating the Council from time to time regarding emergency preparedness for our city. This evening I would like to present an update to both the Council and our residents on emergency preparedness.

Since September 11, 2001, substantial work has been done by our entire staff coordinated through the Emergency Preparedness Office with overview from the City Manager's Office.

Below are some of the issues that have been addressed:

- ? The emergency management ordinance and emergency operation plans have both been updated and adopted.
- ? A new and functional Emergency Operations Center has been located in the renovated Armory to accommodate both essential emergency staff and a larger staff if determined desirable or necessary.
- ? Each operational department has reviewed and, updated their plans including contingency operations.
- ? Special emphasis has been placed in the areas of public health and safety, utilities (especially water and power), and the airport.
- ? Specialized training classes have been performed.
- ? Simulated exercises and drills were conducted on an on-going basis and an activation of the Emergency Operations Center was practiced.
- ? Coordination with other agencies and entities has been ongoing; such as, University (hospital, power plant, public safety); Boone Hospital; Boone County Commission; Water Districts and, the Fire District.

Fiscal Impact

YES

NO

Other Info.

- Missouri Office of Homeland Security, State Emergency Management Agency, State Department of Health, and the Department of Justice have been working closely with the City providing information, training, and equipment.
- A special committee of Homeland Security including Police, Fire, Health and Joint Communications and the City Manager's office have been meeting on a regular basis.

Our City staff goal will be to continue to plan and be prepared for any emergency that might come up with an appropriate response. Additional information can be obtained from the City's website at www.gocolumbiamo.com.

