



Meeting summary for CTSI Safety and Emergency Mgmt/Mitigation Meeting (04/14/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting focused on safety concerns, emergency preparedness, and mitigation planning for various tribal office locations and communities. Discussions covered immediate safety issues like building security and emergency response procedures, as well as long-term planning for natural disasters such as earthquakes. The team explored potential projects and strategies to improve emergency readiness, including infrastructure improvements, training programs, and resource acquisition for sustaining the community during prolonged isolation.

Next steps

- Robert: Continue working on fixing the 911 routing issue for the Portland Area Office
- Priscilla: Notify Portland office staff to use personal cell phones for 911 calls until the phone routing issue is resolved
- CTSI Planning: Contact City of Keizer/Marion County police regarding illegal dumping and safety issues near Salem Area Office and Chemawa
- Jonathan/Ruby: Explore funding options for the proposed helipad/covered parking lot project at Siletz clinic
- Robert & CTSI Planning: Investigate satellite internet options for admin building as a backup communication system
- CTSI Planning: Obtain and send updated emergency exit plans/blueprints to Priscilla for the Portland Area Office
- CTSI Planning: Send training opportunities information email to committee members regarding emergency preparedness and response training

- CTSI Planning: Organize land navigation training sessions for emergency response team members
 - CTSI Planning: Send the approved 2025 mitigation plan to Kat or Robert for posting on the website
 - CTSI Planning: Follow up with Erich to schedule his visit in summer for mitigation planning guidance
 - Jaime: Determine a secure parking solution for the Portland elders' bus once the Stark Street property is sold
 - CTSI Planning: Follow up with Syd to review specifications of Max's existing water treatment equipment
 - Peter: Check with Buddy regarding his potential involvement in future meetings and report back to CTSI Planning
 - CTSI Planning: Send out meeting minutes to all attendees
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Summary

Safety Committee and 911 Routing

The meeting covers two main topics: safety committee and mitigation planning. CTSI explains that the safety committee focuses on CTSI-specific issues like active shooter scenarios and fire safety, while mitigation planning is a federal requirement for natural hazard planning. Priscilla from the Portland Area Office raises two concerns: the need for updated emergency exit plans for their new building and issues with 911 calls being routed to Lincoln County instead of Portland. Robert explains that the 911 routing problem is due to the phone system setup after the office move. As a temporary solution, CTSI suggests staff use personal cell phones for 911 calls until the issue is resolved.

Safety Concerns at Office Locations

The group discusses various safety concerns at their office locations. In Portland, a homeless person recently started a fire near the building entrance. Sarah reports ongoing issues with homeless individuals trying to enter their building, leaving drug paraphernalia and waste nearby. Robert suggests discussing fencing options with STBC. The group also addresses problems with illegal dumping and trespassing on tribal lands near the Salem office/Chemawa. They discuss potential solutions like fencing and working with local authorities. Priscilla raises concerns about the elders' bus currently parked at the Stark Street office, which is slated for sale. The group considers options for

securely storing the bus, with Priscilla suggesting fencing off an area in their current parking lot.

Safety Concerns and Mitigation Solutions

The team discussed safety concerns and potential solutions, including the installation of cameras and the implementation of a new system to deter after-hours gatherings. They also touched on the topic of mitigation, with a focus on the Siletz Area. The team considered potential projects that could help in the face of a disaster, with Jonathan suggesting a build-out at the Siletz clinic. The conversation ended with plans to continue the discussion on mitigation, with the possibility of involving outside experts for guidance.

Helicopter Landing Zone Expansion Discussion

Jonathan proposes extending the parking lot to create a covered parking area that would double as a helicopter landing zone, benefiting FEMA efforts and emergency medical evacuations. CTSI discusses the importance of a seismically retrofitted landing spot and shares liquefaction data, suggesting that finding a suitable location might be challenging due to potential ground instability during a major earthquake. They explore alternative locations, including a recently purchased 5-acre flat field in midtown Siletz, and discuss potential funding sources for the project, including emergency evacuation funds and life flight support.

Emergency Preparedness Training and Staffing

The meeting focused on emergency preparedness and mitigation strategies. CTSI discussed upcoming training opportunities, including the Oregon Prepared training starting on Wednesday and other courses in May and June. He also mentioned the potential hiring of an emergency preparedness person and the importance of identifying and training potential incident commanders. Peter suggested leveraging recent community experiences, like the ice storm, to identify and train individuals for emergency response roles. CTSI agreed, emphasizing the need for additional staff to handle the responsibilities left by departing employees.

Cascadia Earthquake Emergency Preparedness Strategies

The group discusses evacuation challenges and emergency preparedness for a potential Cascadia earthquake event. CTSI explains that the area would be an "islanded community" with bridges out and roads blocked, making evacuation by land difficult. They are planning for a scenario where the community needs to be self-sufficient for over 30 days before outside help arrives. Ideas discussed include establishing a helicopter evacuation pad, training tribal members as pilots, and using horses, mules, or dirt bikes

for transportation. The group also considers water treatment solutions and food storage to sustain the community during isolation.

Reliable Internet and Land Navigation Training

The team discussed the need for reliable internet connectivity, particularly in the event of a disaster. They considered the possibility of using satellite internet, with CTSI expressing a strong preference for this option. The team also discussed the importance of training in land navigation skills, with Jonathan suggesting that this could be particularly useful for those who may need to navigate logging roads. The idea of having a group of people trained in both emergency response and land navigation was proposed.

Portable Water Filtration System Discussion

In the meeting, Peter and CTSI discussed the need for a portable water filtration system to address potential water contamination issues in a disaster scenario. CTSI mentioned that they already have a container full of life straws that can filter out 99.9% of contaminants. However, they also acknowledged the need for a more advanced water filtration system that can handle widespread contamination, including fuels like gasoline. CTSI mentioned a small, generator-sized system that can remove all contaminants and process up to 400 gallons per hour. Jonathan suggested training people to identify fresh water sources, and CTSI pointed out that even if water sources are found, there would still be logistical issues in delivering the water to those who need it. The team agreed on the importance of having all these resources lined out in case of a disaster for concurrent solutions.