



## ***Torrance County***

### ***Local Emergency Planning Committee***

*Chair: Stephen Garrett*

*Vice-Chair: David Dean*

*Secretary: Maria Martinez*

*Information Coordinator: Tracey Master*

*Emergency Manager: Samantha O'Dell*

#### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

#### **FOR**

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025 @ 9:00am  
205 S. Ninth Street, Estancia, NM 87016**

1. Chairman Stephen Garrett called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introductions.
4. A quorum was not determined. So, no approvals were made.
5. Presentation:
  - New Mexico Health Department
  - DMORT-Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team
  - Medical Reserve Corps.
  - JuliMarie Sommers-505-469-0547
  - Created in the 1990's by Funeral Directors, Forensic Specialists and local ME's and Coroners to assist in cemetery washouts, 9-11, natural disasters such as hurricanes and flooding like in Kerrville, Texas.
  - Assist in Family and Information Resources
  - Assist in Portable Morgue Operations
  - Samantha O'Dell asked about de-contaminating deceased bodies. There is no clear answer.
  - Mayor David Dean asked about Federal Hwy's and who would have jurisdiction. Would the state be able to take control or would the Feds. It would depend on what kind of incident it was. Deliberate plane crash? Terrorist attack? Power grid failure?

- Suggested that we go into municipalities to access the needs of the communities. What resources do they have? What kind of help would they need?
- Plan for emergencies.
- Create a MOU for using public school buildings in case of emergencies.
- In Torrance County in the event of an emergency the Red Cross will take up to 48 hours to arrive.
- Therapy dogs are available through the Department of Health at no cost.
- Get the message out through the Code Red System
- Where would we store the deceased bodies in the event of a mass casualty?

6. Event Updates:

- August 5, 2025, Torrance County Fair
- August 5, 2025, National Night Out, 5pm to 8pm Torrance County Fairgrounds

7. Agency Updates:

- Samantha O'Dell-Emergency Management Specialist Position posted.

8. Website Updates:

- There's a place for the handouts on the website
  - (1) Torrance CoNM.org
  - (2) Emergency Management
  - (3) LEPC

9. Public Forum:

- Stephen Garrett asked if we had a Presenter for July.
- Stephen Garrett said that he would be the presenter. TBD/Electric Grid
- Mayor David Dean suggested CPR training for free. Samantha O'Dell explained that it is free for Torrance County employees only and \$60.00 for non-County employees.
- Mayor David Dean suggested getting CPR training into the schools.

10. Tier Two Reporting Analysis:

- Samantha O'Dell handed out the forms and discussed them.
- Next Meeting-July 22, 2025

11. Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am.

