



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 October 28, 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 determined.
5. Approval of Agenda-Vice-Chair David Dean made the motion and Phil Terry-Smith Seconded.
6. Approval of September Minutes-Phil Terry-Smith made a motion for approval and Amy May seconded.
7. Presentation: None
Chairman Stephen Garret asked members to make a list of viable threats to our communities that are of their concern for discussion at the November meeting.
Example: Hazmat
8. Event Updates:
November 20th, 5:30pm Emergency Resource Partners of Torrance County Volunteer Meeting/Mass Casualty Speaker
November 29th, Small Business Saturday, Moriarty
9. Agency Updates:
Mountainair Ranger Station, Implement the "Expresso" prescribed burn.
Samantha O'Dell, TC Emergency Manager, New Critical Incident Notification
AG Cattle Growers, Screw worm on the rise
Solid Waste, 4 million tons of brush on the landfill, has reached out to the Moriarty Fire Dept to help with burning.

Emergency declaration for Melody Ranch. 70 homes without water since June. They are on a private well and it can't keep up with the demand.

The only backup power known to the LEPC now in the county is the 911 Dispatch, Moriarty Fire Department, City of Moriarty main well and TA Truckstop.

Energy Tabletop Exercise Discussion:

- Power grid
- Generators, what kind of fuels to use to operate.
- Each County has its own power grid to be self-sufficient.
- Prioritize facilities: shelters, medical, backup
- Talk to Duke City, Mountainair Clinic, and Estancia Clinic about using their facilities in case of an emergency in the county.
- Look more at the private sector for resources.
- Make a list of county resources:
 - Properties for livestock
 - Hazmat techs?
 - Citizens that have resources to share.
- Make a survey/list for citizens to fill out so that we can compile a list of resources.
- Ham Radio people, identify where you want them to be stationed.
Example: dispatch, fire, depending on situation.

10. Public Forum: None

11. Upcoming General Meeting: November 25, 2025 9am

12. Website Updates: None

13. Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am.