FAQ for Weld County OEM Emergency Preparedness Guide:

Q: Is it 56 English/62 Spanish pages or sheets?
A: The documents are set up as double-sided sheets, so the sheet count, printed double-sided, is 28/31, including the front and back covers.

Q: What color binding do you want?
A: We would prefer black binding, but will also accept clear.

Q: Is it the same copy on every page, or different copy on each page?
A: There is different copy on each page.

Sample Pictures To Follow:
INTRODUCTION

This guide is designed to provide a brief overview of disaster information, and to help you get started with your emergency plans for protecting yourself and your loved ones before, during and after a disaster. In the first part of this guide you will find general preparedness and planning information. In the second part you can learn about specific hazards in Weld County, and find resources that may be helpful. A full electronic version of this guide can be accessed at www.weldcoom.com.

For most people, disasters and emergencies are not a part of everyday life, so when something happens, they are taken by surprise. The reality is that disasters happen every day and can have lasting effects – injuries, property damage, loss of essential services and disruption of community and business activities to name a few.

Why Prepare for a Disaster?

- Understanding how a disaster may affect you and taking steps to protect yourself and your family can minimize the negative effects of a disaster and help you to recover more quickly.
- In a disaster, emergency responders may not be able to reach you immediately. If you are prepared and self-sufficient for the first few days after a disaster (or longer), your preparedness will allow responders to take care of those in the most immediate life-threatening situations. You may also be able to help others during a disaster.
- Being prepared and knowing what to do will reduce fear and anxiety, and may help you to avoid dangers altogether.

PLANNING FOR DISASTER

Learn about the natural hazards and other risks in your area and near your home, and talk to members of your household about what to do in each case. Ask yourself questions such as: Do you live in a flood-prone area or near a stream or river? Are tornadoes a possibility (in Weld County, they are), and how often do they occur? Assemble disaster supplies for sheltering in place, and in case of evacuation (see Disaster Supplies section for ideas). Gathering supplies for sheltering in your home doesn’t have to be an overwhelming task. Decide what you and your family need, and add to your supplies over time.

Plan how members of your household will stay in contact if you become separated. Identify at least two meeting places – the first near your home, and the second away from your neighborhood in case you can’t return home. Also choose an out-of-town friend or family member as a single point of contact, and make sure everyone knows how to reach this person by phone, text or email.

Draw a floor plan of your home and designate two escape routes from each room.

Make sure everyone has access to emergency phone numbers. If you still have a home telephone, post these numbers near it. Make copies for everyone in your family to carry (in a wallet, purse, backpack, or in the car). Have each member of the family update their emergency contact information in their cell phones, if this is their primary means of communication.

Gather important papers and make copies of them, or take pictures of documents with your phone. You may also want to save electronic files, such as photographs, on a USB drive. Here are some documents you may want to have access to during an emergency:

- Family emergency health information, including medical and veterinarian records, and a list of medications for each member of the family. Trip periodically take pictures of your prescription labels – medication, dosage, prescribing physician and pharmacy are all included.
- Insurance documents (life, auto, home)
- Legal documents (marriage, birth, death, divorce, court proceedings)
- Drivers license or state issued Identification Card
- Social Security Card