

# Emergency Evacuation Ordinance City Council Briefing

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# Presentation Overview

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- Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) – Emergency Response Overview:
  - Emergency Response Overview
  - Evacuation Zones
  - Emergency Evacuation Plan



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- Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPROEM):
  - Emergency Response Support



- Colorado Spring Police Department (CSPD):
  - Emergency Response
  - Respond and Assess



# Fire Chief Randy Royal

# Emergency Response Overview

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## All Hazard Response Overview:

- Incident Notification – Dispatch
- Dispatch the appropriate First Responders
  - Fire/Law Enforcement/Medical
- Arrive on Scene – Establish Incident Command
- Evaluate Situation (People, Property Environment)
- Determine Immediate Actions and Priorities:
  - Unified Command with CSPD
  - Activate PPROEM
  - City Communications Notified/Activated
  - Policy Group
- If Evacuation is Required:
  - Determine Zones/Routes
    - CSPD Executes Evacuation
- Public Notification
- Contain Event
- Demobilize

# Emergency Response: Relevant Ordinance Sections

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## **8.7.108: EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES:**

C. During an emergency evacuation, either the Police Department or the Fire Department shall establish an incident command and designate an incident commander pursuant to NIMS protocols.

D. The incident commander shall conduct emergency evacuation procedures according to Incident Command System principles, NIMS principles, and through City emergency operations plans and City department standard operating procedures.

# Evacuation Zones

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- Purpose of Evacuation Zones:
  - Immediate evacuation of those zones in immediate threat area
  - Decreases stress on the evacuation routes (large area exodus)
  - Conduct public information campaigns for the public to “Know Your Zone”
  - Provides public more accurate notifications through zones vs. roads
- Increased Technology:
  - Simplifies evacuation notifications
  - Public facing, real time zone evacuations through multiple media outlets
  - Pre-evacuation zones can be readily identified
  - Common Operating Picture among first responders in real time
  - Evacuation Zones
  - Evacuation Routes
  - Traffic Access Control Points

# Evacuation Zones: Relevant Ordinance Sections

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## **8.7.206: EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN:**

C. The AHEP shall include evacuation operations, re-entry, and evacuation zones pre-determined by the Police and Fire Departments.

D. The AHEP shall divide the City into evacuation zones. The evacuation zones shall be developed by taking into consideration, natural topography, existing neighborhoods, and major roads.

E. The Fire Marshal shall conduct a public information campaign to inform residents of the importance of evacuation planning and of the existence of evacuation zones.

F. The Fire Department shall notify the public of the existing boundaries of the evacuation zones and any changes to the evacuation zones.

G. The Fire Department shall acquire and maintain software to assist with real time emergency management and evacuation preparedness. To the extent practicable, the software should provide a publicly available interface that informs the public of the location of evacuation zones and the current evacuation status of each zone.



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# **PPROEM Deputy Director Andrew Notbohm**



# Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management

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- Support Incident Command
- Preplan/Coordinate Shelters and Feeding
- Resource Support
- Facilitate Response Planning
- Facilitate Plan Reviews and Updates
- Community Outreach and Education
  - Evacuation Preparedness
  - “Know Your Zone”
  - Evacuation Processes
- Recovery
- After Action Review/Report

# PPROEM: Relevant Ordinance Sections

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## **8.7.108: EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES:**

A. The City's evacuation procedures shall be documented in the City's All-Hazards Evacuation Plan.

## **8.7.206 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN:**

A. The OEM shall be responsible, in conjunction with operations input from the Police Department and Fire Department, with the review, development, and adoption of the AHEP. The AHEP shall be evaluated, maintained, and revised pursuant to standard operating guidelines adopted by the Police and Fire Departments. The AHEP shall be reviewed annually by the OEM, the Police Department and Fire Department and undergo full review by the City Engineer, the Public Works Director, the Traffic Engineer, the Director of Planning and Community Development, and Colorado Springs Utilities every five (5) years. During review and development of the AHEP, the City may obtain and utilize such tools and resources as are deemed necessary or desirable, including but not limited to consultants and software modelling programs.



# Police Chief Adrian Vasquez

# CSPD Emergency Response

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- Law Enforcement Response (Large Incidents)
  - Incident Notification - Dispatch
  - Arrive on Scene - Establish Command
  - Establish Safe Emergency Evacuation
  - Determine Response Based on Incident Type
  - Determine if Evacuation is required or Shelter in Place
    - Establish Zones Impacted
    - Determine Evacuation Zones (if needed)
    - Establish Safe Evacuation Routes (if needed)
  - Notify Public - Dispatch
  - Coordinate with City Communications
  - Coordinate with PPROEM for any additional resources
  - Execute Evacuations
  - Contain Event
  - Demobilize

# CSPD: Relevant Ordinance Sections

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## **8.7.108: EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES:**

B. In an emergency evacuation, the Police Department shall be responsible for evacuating civilian populations from a hazardous area, determining the level of closure, and staffing traffic control points.

# Questions & Discussion

