

Chapel Valley Community Emergency Preparedness Plan

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Final

1. Introduction

The Chapel Valley Community is a unique residential subdivision in the West part of Rapid City. As the name implies, the subdivision is bounded on three sides (west, south, and east) by a high, heavily treed ridge and on the fourth side (north) by Rapid Creek. There is only one entrance to the area and that is from the north over a bridge across Rapid Creek. This Emergency Preparedness Plan is a blue print to follow in the event of an emergency for all residents who live south of this bridge. These emergencies include: fire, flood, severe weather, and other natural and man-made conditions.

The Ad Hoc Chapel Valley Emergency Management Task Force was formed in January of 2011 by Rapid City Mayor Alan Hanks in response to a request from the Rapid City Common Council. At its regular meeting on December 6, 2010, the Rapid City Council voted unanimously to approve the Chapel Valley Access and Route Alignment Study and to request that the Mayor appoint an Emergency Management Planning Task Force. The approved study did not include a provision for a second access. Mayor Hanks appointed Chapel Valley residents interested in pursuing emergency management strategies who were assisted by Agency representatives experienced in emergency management.

Members of the task force include residents of the Chapel Valley Community: Ron Bunnell, Marjorie Harlan, Zbigniew J. Hladysz, Jeanette Keck, George Larson, Margaret McIntire, Linda Sandvik, and Richard Tupper. Agency representatives were: Assistant Fire Chief Tim Behlings, Vicki Fisher from the Rapid City Department of Growth Management, Police Lt. Peter Ragnone, Anthony Carbajal from the Rapid City Office of Emergency Management, Dave Davis and Bill Waugh from the Rapid City Council, Richard Smith from the American Red Cross, Mike Derby, owner of the Canyon Lake Chophouse, Brent Kolstad from the Office of Emergency Management, and Fire Chief Mike Maltaverne. Jeanette Keck acted as chairperson for each session.