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Klickitat Emergency Planning for Schools

10/18/2025

Goal:

Standard Reunification Method County-Wide Adoption

NEXT MEETING: 11/17/25

Attendees:

Centerville & Lyle: Ann Varkados
Glenwood: Bob Rogers
Klickitat: Jeff Dillon
Trout Lake: Jerry Lewis
White Salmon: Rich Polkinghorn
Wishram: Tye Churchwell

KCDEM: Jeff King; Frank Hewey; Fil Ontiveros
KVH: Linda Reeves;
ESD 112: Corina McEntire; Travis Effinger

Meeting Notes:

- **Handle With Care -**

- Fil at KCDEM will create a simple Google Form for LE to complete when a student has been impacted by an incident. KCDEM will then notify the correct school.
- The ESD 112 contact is now Jennifer Hines (Jennifer.hines@esd112.org)

- **Reunification Discussion -**

- Concerns about how to apply the Standard Reunification Method to small school districts with limited staff and resources
- Specific concern about using the Parent Card when schools are small enough that everyone knows every student. Acknowledgement that there still needs to be a documented process for accounting for students.
- Someone from the school should join Unified Command when an incident happens
- Planning should be made with an all-hazards approach (not just a violent incident)
- KCDEM can help schools identify secondary access roads needed for evacuation
- KCDEM could use the same Alert system when a reunification event is happening, and help is needed from other schools.
- Transportation needs to be a consideration, with Mt. Adams buses as potential community assets.
- If volunteers help, there must be a vetting process in place per school district policy. Community volunteers can assist without direct contact with students (directing traffic, staging the site, etc.) Small communities with limited resources will need help and support from multiple community partners.
- Help driving into impacted communities can follow a process similar to how utility companies access incidents (i.e. badges, ID, etc.)

- **HOMEWORK - Action Items**

- Bring a list of potential locations for reunification sites to share at our next meeting
- Corina will work on drafting a county framework for Klickitat to present at the next meeting