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RE: Progress Report-Southeastern Colorado RETAC
 FY11 \$20K Report SECRETAC Quarter ___1, ___2, ___3, _X_4

Current Issues

1. *Southeastern Colorado has had a very significant increase in the region's fires, which has impacted several programs, projects, personnel and mutual aid resources.

Quarterly progress narrative on \$20,000 increased funding

- First of four Farm Medic Course completed, Feb 25 , 26 & 27, 2011 Ordway with 17 participants. High Angle Rescue Course May 6, 7 & 8, 2011 **rescheduled** for June 3, 4, 5 in La Junta at the La Junta Fire and EMS Office.
- *Farm Medic Course's locations; Rocky Ford (6/24-25-26/11-**Cancelled** and will be rescheduled), Las Animas (6/3-4-5/11-**Cancelled** and will be rescheduled), and Eads (7/22,23,24/11).

The southeastern region of the state has had a very serious and severe fire season.

1. The Shell Fire in northeastern Las Animas County is currently estimated at 20,000 acres, with 10 percent containment. It is burning near Highway 109 and County Road 62. Evacuations are underway for the Shell Fire on County Road 197.6. Two firefighters have been hurt battling this blaze. One firefighter reportedly from northern Colorado was transported to the hospital for heat exhaustion. The second firefighter is a volunteer from Sugar City. That firefighter has reportedly been treated and released. Crews from Las Animas Fire say the conditions are too dangerous right now and are pulling back firefighters right now.
2. Firefighters are battling a three major fires in southeastern Colorado this weekend. Fire managers say a 9,890-acre fire north of Kim is about 30 percent contained. The 15-square-mile fire initially was estimated at more than double that size, but that has been revised. Fort Carson officials say

two wildfires burning on the Army's Piñon Canyon training site were each 75 percent contained Saturday. Together, those fires are burning on about 68 square miles. All are believed to have been sparked by lightning. Firefighters were dealing with forecasts of thunderstorms, hail and up to 60 mph gusts Saturday in parts of southeast Colorado.

3. CAMPO – A wildfire burning near Las Animas grew to about 11 square miles Sunday, leading authorities to call for some home evacuations in Hasty along U.S. Highway 50. Brandon Williams of the Colorado Division of Emergency Management said evacuation orders for about a dozen homes in Hasty on Sunday morning had been lifted by afternoon. The blaze is one of three that started Saturday in southeastern Colorado and the Oklahoma panhandle. In neighboring Baca County, Emergency Management Director Riley Frazee said a fatal rollover accident Saturday sparked a three-square-mile wildfire northeast of Campo that destroyed a home, a fire truck from a volunteer fire department, several outbuildings, vehicles, farm implements and machinery. Another home was damaged. The blaze, which prompted the evacuation of 10 homes in a rural area dotted by grassland and farm fields, was contained early Sunday, said Frazee. No injuries were reported in any of the blazes. The Colorado State Patrol is investigating the cause of the crash Saturday on a county road 11 miles northeast of Campo that killed a 15-year-old girl. Investigators say the car caught fire after it rolled over and landed in a field. Speed and road conditions are being investigated as factors in the crash. The blaze was one of three wildfires that volunteer fire departments from Baca County responded to Saturday as hot, dry and windy weather lingered in the area. Crews were about 25 miles south in neighboring Oklahoma near Boise City fighting a fire along the Cimarron River, and also about 60 miles north in Bent County battling the blaze near John Martin Reservoir south of Hasty when the crash sparked the blaze. "It's getting hotter every day, our crews are run to death out there," Frazee said. "It's been a wildfire about every other day." The county has six volunteer fire departments ranging in size from six to about 15 firefighters. Destroyed in the blaze Saturday was a fire truck from the Vilas Fire Department. Additional details were not immediately available. Frazee said the blaze in Oklahoma was contained Saturday.
- SECRETAC has had to work around these responses as most of the 220+ responders in our region have been either impacted directly, coverage's through mutual aid responses, and with no relief in sight, they just haven't had time to "catch" their breath. Several courses have either been cancelled, with hopes of rescheduling or put on hold for the current period. Mr. Steve Fleming, Instructor for the "High Angle Rescue," course in La Junta on June 3, 4 & 5 will provide a "newsletter" article that will exemplify the challenges, barriers and responses by the EMS community. We gratefully appreciate the state's willingness to provide the flexibility to meet and provide reports, deliverables and programs this spring and summer.

Southeastern Colorado Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council, Inc.
Progress Report:

1. current balance for Farm Medic Courses: \$13,426.39
 2. current balance for High Angle Rescue: \$ -775.00
 3. Total Grant Funds:\$ 20,000
- Total Current Balance:**
\$12,651.39

SECRETAC respectfully request the carry forward of the balance \$12,651.39 for the continuation of the project. We have had several factors that have either caused us to cancel or reschedule the trainings. We are still working with the agencies, the region and the providers to provide the identified goals and objectives. We anticipate that we will accomplish the programs on or before Jan. 1, 2012.

Programs original goals and objectives and budgets are provided. Updated budgets for programs is also attached. Please advise if we can provide any additional documentation.

Thanks, Mike Merrill, SECRETAC Coord.

Goals/Objectives & Performance Measures:

A. Education and Preparedness Training:

1. The Farm Medic and High Angle Rescue Course was identified as one of the regional courses by the Clinical Education Committee
2. These specific courses addresses specific targeted areas of specialized training and education for EMS providers.
3. Both were two and half day courses that also provided over 20 hrs. of continuing education at a reasonable cost.
4. Outcome Performance Measure: The courses provided the rural fire/rescue responders with a systematic approach to rescue procedures that address the safety of both patients and responders.
5. Outcome Performance Measure: They provided course content and materials concerned with the patient and with the hazards that have injured and killed rescuers.
6. Outcome Performance Measure: Farm/rural rescue results in better patient outcomes and reduces the likelihood of rescuer injury or death.
7. The Training Program positive outcomes are: shorter notification, response, and extrication times; improved first aid, EMS, and hospital care; and fewer rescuer injuries.
8. The Ordway Farm Medic Course (20 participants) was held in Ordway Feb. 24, 25, 26, 2011 at the Crowley County Fire & EMS Office and through the efforts of the EMS Director, Larry Reeves, several farms/ranches, including Council member Gary Gibson's ranch for important parts of the course curriculum.

B.BUDGET : 4 Farm Medic Courses-Budget: \$17,995:

Provider Course (4 Sites: Bent, Crowley, Kiowa and Otero Counties):

Text Books/Certificates:\$45eachX20ea. \$900/courseX4=\$3,600
Instr.: (2) \$30 per hour @ 20 hours per course X 4 courses: \$2,400
Instr.: \$20 per hour @ 20 hours per course X 4 Courses: \$1,600
Travel: (2) four counties: Springfield base to counties: \$1,505
Equipment for hands on: 4X\$200=\$800
Delivery and clean up of Equipment: 4X\$300=\$1,200
Course enhancement materials and development: \$300X4=\$1,200
RETAC Coordinator Travel: 4 courses \$1,140
Food: 4X\$700=\$2,800
Equipment: 4X\$350=\$1,400
Farmer and Equipment Dealers: 4X\$25meal ticket=\$400
Initial Estimated Budget: \$18,000

4 Farm Medic Courses: Approved Proposed Budget FY 2011-2012

	LOCATION	Bent County	Crowley County	Kiowa County	Otero County
EXPENSES					
Course Coord. / Instructor	\$30.00/hr	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Asst. Instructor	\$20.00/hr	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Travel Expenses	Room & Mileage	\$320.00	\$435.00	\$350.00	\$400.00
Course Texts/Certificate	\$45.00/Text	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Equipment for hands on	\$200.00/Cours e	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Delivery/Clean Up	\$ 300.00/Course	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Course Enhancement Material	\$300.00/Cours e	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
RETAC Coordinator Travel	Room & Mileage	\$310.00	\$275.00	\$285.00	\$270.00
Food					
Friday 1/Break	\$5.00 X20	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Saturday 2/Breaks	\$5.00/20X2	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Sunday 2/Breaks, sack lunch	\$5.00X20X2/\$ 10.00X20	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Equipment		\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$300.00
Farmer and Equipment Dealer	25.00 Meal ticket	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$100.00
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		\$4,080.00	\$4,160.00	\$4,085.00	\$4,070.00

Total	\$16,875.00				
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C. High Angle Rescue Course was provided after initial rescheduling on June 3, 4, 5, 2011 in La Junta at the La Junta Fire and EMS Office. The specific goals and objectives achieved are:

1. The 2.5 day intermediate/advanced level high angle/confined rescue course. A prerequisite for this course was the ropes/knots and basic rappelling class.
2. NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standard 1670 Technical Rescue was followed.
3. The first evening class was directed toward the "Operations" level of this NFPA 1670 standard.
4. Over the two full days of training was focused on the "Technician" level of the standard.
5. Outcome Performance Measure: 4 hours training-2.0 hours: Introductions, Objective Review, Equipment Overview 1.5 hours: Hands-on review low angle rope rescue setup and concepts .5 hour: Review Q&A for the next 2 day-objectives review-Class Schedule / Outline: Day 1 – 9 hours training-2.0 hours: Objective Review, Equipment Overview 3.0 hours: 25% Classroom sessions-75% Hands-on4.0 hours:100% Hands-on
6. Outcome Performance Measure: Equipment review, rigging set-up for low angle rescues, patient assessment and packaging. Raising system set-up options and concepts. Vertical rope set-up options reviewing anchoring, edge protection and rescuer harness options and uses.
7. Outcome Performance Measure: Rappelling review, safety systems and victim rescue options. Vertical rigging systems for highline.
8. Outcome Performance Measure: Confined Space Awareness, Entry and Rescue Equipment Uses and Options-Technical Rope Rescue as it pertains to Confined Space Situations / Rescue Day 2 – 9 hours training 2.0 hours: Classroom to review presentations on actual case uses and actual rescue situations. 7.0 hours: 100% Hands-on.
9. Outcome Performance Measure: Atmospheric monitoring and confined space definitions. Breathing apparatus uses, options and limitations.
10. Outcome Performance Measure: Confined space rescue equipment review, rigging set-up for vertical rope systems as it pertains to confined space situations.
11. Outcome Performance Measure: Patient assessment and packaging options in litters and harnesses.
12. Outcome Performance Measure: Raising system set-up options and concepts.
13. Outcome Performance Measure: Rope rescue set-up options reviewing anchoring, edge protection and backup systems.
14. Outcome Performance Measure: Safety reviews, rescuer positions and responsibilities in several simulated rescue scenarios.

D. TRS Budget \$3,125.00: includes all instructor expenses, lunch for students. Certificate of course participation / successful completion. The host will receive all photos and videos taken by TRS during the course, useful for future team training. Total cost for 1 – 4 hour evening class and 2 – 9 hour days: \$2400.00

1. Budget: \$3,125.00 This cost for the 2.5 day intermediate/ advanced level high angle/confined rescue course. A prerequisite for this course would be a one day ropes/knots and basic rappelling class. The \$500.00 equipment expense covers the cost of life line ropes used during the class. The In-Kind (\$300 @ \$100/day) is also providing the facilities for the training evolutions.
HIGH ANGLE RESCUE CLASS BUDGET FY2011-12

EXPENSES		
Intermediate/Advanced Rope Rescue Class	2400.00	2400.00
Instructor: Steve Fleming		
Poudre Fire, Fort Collins and Technical Rescue Systems, Inc.		
Equipment for hands on	500.00	500.00
Food		
Friday 1/Break	\$5.00 X25	\$125.00
Saturday 2/Breaks	\$5.00X25X 2	\$250.00
Sunday 2/Breaks	\$5.00X25X 2	\$250.00
Site: In-Kind @ \$100/dayX3	\$300	
Registration Fee \$20 each @ 20		400
Total		\$3,125.00

Summary Priority One: Budget

Farm Medic Courses: \$16,875(with registration fees)current balance: \$13,426.39

High Angle Rescue: \$ 3,125 (with registration fees) current balance: \$ -775.00

Total: \$ 20,000 **Total Current Balance: \$12,651.39**

Sincerely

Larry Reeves, Chair SECRETAC

cc:d SECRETAC Council